

TCMSnapshot

Week of September 27, 2010

The faculty and staff of Terrace Community Middle School will treat parents and other members of the public with respect and will expect the same in return. TCMS is committed to maintaining orderly educational and administrative processes in keeping schools and administrative offices free from disruptions and preventing unauthorized persons from entering school/district grounds.

The aim is to promote mutual respect and orderly conduct within the schools, thereby setting a model for children and others in the community. It is not meant to deprive any person of the right to freedom of expression. Volatile, hostile or aggressive actions and words are discouraged, and individuals who engage in these activities may face legal penalties

Signing out your child for an appointment?

Please contact the front office by phone or e-mail by 9AM (e-mail attend@tcmstornadoes.com) to notify us if your student will be picked up during the school day. [Please plan to have your student in the office during passing time or lunch time as we will not interrupt a class to pull out a student.](#) When you arrive, your child should be waiting for you in the front office. This will make your early sign-out experience go smoothly so that you can get to your appointment on time. Thank you for making these arrangements so that we do not interrupt classroom instruction.

What if I need to request an excused absence?

Just a reminder that all [pre-planned](#) absences must go through administration for approval. Please e-mail Mrs. Bennett at kris.bennett@tcmstornadoes.com

Curriculum Bullet Points 7th Grade

In Language Arts, students are:

- Learning about the 5 different types of conflict in a story and making connections to their own lives.
- Reviewing how to compare and contrast using a Venn diagram and distinguishing between what are strong similarities and difference versus weak ones.
- Learning literary terms: point of view, foreshadowing, and symbolism, and finding examples in [The Outsiders](#).
- Tackling the reading strategy of the week: QAR: Question-Answer-Relationship.

In Math, students are beginning to:

- Solve one-step and two-step equations using addition/subtraction and multiplication/division
- Solve equations with rational coefficients
- Understand and use the properties of equality

They can look forward to working with:

- Proportions
- Similar figures
- Perimeter and Area

Our Biology students are:

- Understanding and applying the scientific method
- Completing scientific investigations dealing with symmetry
- Practicing metric conversions

In History:

- Students recently presented beautiful "State Relief Maps" and some were even edible. Overall they did an "awesome" job showing they understood elevations and representing them in relief models.
- We have been reading through the US Constitution and Declaration of Independence in celebration of Constitution Day and Freedom Week. Ask your child what s/he has learned. It has been fun!
- We will be studying our neighbor to the north-Canada-its geography, government, and industries.
- We will then move on to Central and South America geography with historical focus on the Inca, Maya, and Aztecs.

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at least 3 days in advance for any upcoming, pre-planned absences for your student. Thank you for your cooperation!

TCMS FAMILY NIGHT @ SHAMROCKS!

Every Thursday night...a portion of TCMS family purchases will be donated to TCMS.

7805 Temple Terrace Hwy.
Temple Terrace, FL
813-988-4908

7-Digit Student ID Numbers

If you do not know your child's student number, it can be located on your child's report card. We recommend making a note of it and keeping it in an easily accessible place, as it is needed for completing admissions documents, checking student grades online and, in 8th grade, for completing high school applications.

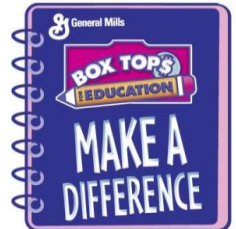


Respect, Responsibilities and Results!

TORNADOES OF THE WEEK

For the week ending
September 24, 2010

Grade 6 – Varun Singh, Micaela Torres, Jose Cortez, Kashav Shah, and Alexis Collister and Alex Nieves



TCMS BOX TOP/SOUP LABEL COLLECTION

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another fantastic year at TCMS!. We had a great year last year by collecting a total of \$1,590 with box tops alone! With your help, TCMS can make this year the best ever! This year we'd like to raise the stakes quite a bit and make our goal \$2,000 to purchase supplies for our school.

To encourage participation, we will have monthly contests with the winning homeroom receiving a non-uniform day. At the end of the year the class with the most participation will be awarded an extra treat.

It's super easy to do! Just, clip box top coupons from the hundreds of participating products and send them to school in a bag labeled with your child's homeroom teacher.

Look for this label and clip to earn money for our school:



It is important that the expiration date is completely legible and current. If any part of the date is missing, the box top is void. Also, make sure that your child's homeroom teacher is listed on the bag/envelope so their class gets credit.

The *Labels for Education*™ program is a great way to get FREE merchandise for our school. Participating in the program is easy — simply save proofs of purchase from participating Campbell products and send them to our school in a bag labeled with your child's homeroom teacher.

Look for this label and clip to earn supplies for our school:



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Grade 7 – Jeffrey Weidlich, Shalini Pandey, Julia Aiello and Adam Hutson

Thank you so much for your support. Together with *Box Tops and Campbell's Labels for Education* — we can build a better school for our children.

Grade 8 – Sarah Molina, Anthony Nolfi, Jackson Danner and Patti Beisler

Sincerely,
Bonny Wilming, wilmings@msn.com
Tammy Ellis, tellis01@aol.com

Electives – Patti Beisler, Amanda Walther and Elijah Shin

Administration – Jake Keyser



**HELP SPREAD
THE WORD!**

TCMS is currently accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year.

The deadline for applications to be eligible for the lottery is January 28th at 3:30PM. The application is located on the Enrollment page of the website.

Remember...the best advertisement is word of mouth!

**FOOD AND FUN OLYMPIAD
FALL, 2009 SPONSORS...**



Reminder: TCMS does not follow the District's early release days. Check our website for our annual calendar, which is located on the 2010-2011 page or Click on the link to view: [Calendar](#)

Dear 7th Grade Parents:

It is not too early to think about the 8th Grade Washington, DC field trip next year for your students. If you are thinking about sending your student on this trip, please visit www.worldstrides.org...their website is very user friendly, and I recommend that you read the Parents section. There is great deal of information available on the website regarding scholarship and grant opportunities to assist you. There is also a lot of great information about what we do and how they look after us while we are on the trip.

There will be a parent meeting during the first week of December (date and time TBA) in order to review the trip and begin the process of registration and setting up your payment plan. Remember, the sooner you register, the longer you have to make payments. Be watching for that date and I hope to see you at the meeting!

Linda Shivers
linda.shivers@tcmstornadoes.com

2010-2011 8th Grade Trip to Washington DC

There will be a Mandatory DC meeting for parents and students on November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Contact Mrs. Shivers at linda.shivers@tcmstornadoes.com if you have questions.

CLOTHES CLOSET SALE!!!

The Clothes Closet sale will take place Tuesday, October 5th 2:30pm-4pm. Do not miss this opportunity to purchase quality uniforms at an extremely reduced price.

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STUDENT PICTURES

LUPTON'S BUFFET AND CATERING



**Carrabba's
Hop for Fun
Will Massaro, DJ**

Thanks to our sponsors who made the 2009-2010 TCMS Food and Fun Olympiad a huge success!!

Please contact Gigante Productions at 907-1078 if your child has not received his/her student pictures.



TCMS Tornadoes now on Twitter!

There are three ways to get our tweets:

1. Check our website!
<http://www.tcmstornadoes.com>

The tweet roll appears on the HOME page.

2. **Visit our Twitter page:** <http://twitter.com/tcmstornadoes>
3. **Follow via SMS (on your cell phone):** If you'd like to follow @tcmstornadoes and get our Tweets delivered to your phone, send a text message to your Twitter code with the command 'FOLLOW username', so: **follow tcmstornadoes**.

If you do not follow @tcmstornadoes already, this command adds us to the list of people you follow *and* sends all of our Tweets to your mobile phone. If you already follow us, the command will simply make sure you get our Tweets on your mobile.

To Unfollow via SMS: When you want to stop seeing TCMS's Tweets, simply turn updates off for us by sending the commands "LEAVE username" or "OFF username" to your Twitter code, like so: **leave tcmstornadoes**

You will no longer get our updates on your phone. However, you will still be following us on your web profile. This means that if we send out a direct message, you will receive it. You'll need to log on to your web profile on www.twitter.com to fully remove us from your following list

SAFETY FIRST!



Please refrain from using the cell phone during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

Opening at TCMS for a Music Paraprofessional

If you are an accomplished pianist and would be interested in working Mon-Fri from 12:30 until 3:05 with the Chorus/Drama program, please complete an application located on the Employment page of the website and send a resume to kris.bennett@tcmstornadoes.com.

8th Grade Parents...

Mrs. Zak will host the annual High School Options meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 7PM in the Gym.

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Questions? Contact susan.zak@tcmstornadoes.com.

Here's a new easy way to raise money for Terrace Community Middle School.

Just start using Yahoo! powered GoodSearch.com as your search engine and they'll donate about a penny to your favorite cause every time you do a search!

In addition, do all of your shopping through their online shopping mall, GoodShop.com, where you can shop at more than 900 top online retailers and a percentage of your purchases will go to the charity or school of your choice. You pay the same price as you normally would, but a donation goes to your cause!

Here's the web site — <http://www.goodsearch.com>.
Terrace Community Middle School - TCMS
ID: 844232

To find out how it all works or how you can spread the word, <http://www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/terrace-community-middle-school-tcms>.

TCMS FORENSICS CLUB

Students who wish to sign up for this club should contact Mr. Wahnnon during the week of September 27.

The Forensics Club is a speech and debate organization that means to

****New for this year** – representatives from several high schools will be available between **6 and 7 pm** that night to share their admissions materials and to answer parent questions. So far we have Brooks-DeBartolo Charter High School, the Academy of Holy Names and Jesuit High coming. Be sure to come early if you are interested in any of these high schools.

Please be sure to check the Information for 8th Grade Parents page on the website, under Guidance, for updates!

Student ID Badges may be purchased if lost or as a back-up for \$5 from Ms. Long in the Media Center. Mr. Hocevar will speak to students the first time a student has forgotten their ID Badge as a gentle “reminder” and to reiterate employees and students are required to wear ID Badges for safety reasons. (A fourth ID Badge violation within a quarter will result in a detention and documentation on a referral.) We have been reminding students to take off their ID Badge in 6th period before the bell rings and to put it in their backpack. Please help us in making this a routine.

October 11-15 is FTE Week (Full time equivalency): Our funding is based on student attendance this week. Please contact Mrs. Bennett if your child will be absent, kris.bennett@tcmstornadoes.com.

Terra Nova Third Edition October 5, 2010

CTB McGraw-Hill

The Terra Nova is a standardized Norm-Referenced Achievement Test used to assess K-12 student achievement in reading, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. This test series is published by McGraw-Hill and is used by many Department of Defense schools. The test results include measurement of achievement for individual students relative to a current nationwide normative group.

TCMS will use the results to track student achievement over time and to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of student achievement in each content area. This information will be used for planning instruction and curriculum development. (Students will have an extended homeroom on Monday, October 4th to receive test directions and test taking tips.) Please contact Tahvia Shaw if you have any questions. (tahvia.shaw@tcmstornadoes.com)

2010-2012 SGA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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*develop a student's essential
life skills and values.*

We wish to congratulate the following students who were recently elected to the SGA Executive Council:

President	J.J. O'Malley
Vice President	Hunter Huseby
Secretary	Deja Benjamin
Parliamentarian	Racquel Royer
Treasurer	Rohit Chari
Treasurer	Kyrah Joseph
Historian	Garrett Back
Historian	Matt Moclair
Historian	Alana Spinaci
Historian	Alyssa Spinaci



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projects, instruments,
etc.

Favorite Teacher Essay Contest

The Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest begins September 13, 2010 and ends March 18, 2011.

Students will submit an essay, poem, or thank you letter about their favorite teacher. Each Barnes & Noble store will form a judging panel and choose teachers and students to recognize at the Spring Educator Event in 2011. An overall winner will be chosen by each store and that teacher will receive, among other things, a certificate recognizing them as the community's favorite teacher and a set of books provided by Sterling publishers.

This winner will then be submitted into a regional contest where six winners will receive a NOOK eBook Reader and a \$500 Barnes & Noble Gift Card. Those six winners will then be considered for the national contest for the Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year, which includes a prize of \$5,000 for the teacher and another \$5,000 for their school!

Only students enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 12 and teachers employed in elementary, middle or high schools in the United States are eligible to win. More details on the contest rules can be found at <http://www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher>.

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TCMS Parents,

Are you looking for an easy, cool way to get your family TCMS Volunteer hours? I have just the project. TCMS is holding its bi-annual Scholastic Book Fair and we need your help. Job duties include: helping students with book selections, cash register, restocking books...it's that easy.

The following time slots are still available. If you can work ANY of them, or a

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PORTION of one, please let me know.

October 19 - Set up Fair - 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

October 20 - viewing Day - noon - 4 pm.

October 21 - Selling Day - 8:30- noon AND noon - 4 p.m.

October 22 - Selling Day - noon - 4 p.m.

October 23 - Selling Day - open 9:45 - 4 p.m. during the TCMS Fall Music Festival –

all time slots still available

Contact Jolie Frankfurth @ buckeyefl@aol.com to sign up.

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<p><i>Signature</i> BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. Retirement Plan Design MIKE YOUNG (813) 949-9500</p>	<p>Dr. Stephen Levin, DPM 973.3535</p> 

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Media Literacy: What Adults Should Know

A Workshop Series Presented by
The Ophelia Project and Boys Initiative
of Tampa Bay



Media is one of the biggest influences in a young person's life. In a recently released report by the Kaiser Family Foundation it was discovered that on average, youth ages 8 to 18 spend approximately 10.5 hours per day, instead of 6.5 hours per day, using multiple forms of technology. In many pervasive ways, media such as TV, video games, social networking sites, music and music videos, and fashion teach youth how to act, what to look like, and how to treat other people, often with negative and long-

This workshop series is designed to provide useful information and practical tools to parents and youth professionals about the influences, risk factors, and potential benefits of youth media and technology.

The Workshops are focused on 3 key themes:

Wii Control or You Control

Analyze the impact of video games on youth and the way they interact with each other in order to determine what is appropriate.

Media's Influence on Risky Behaviors

Understand the connection between visual media and high risk behaviors including cyber bullying, substance use and abuse, eating disorders, fighting and promiscuity.

Music and Lyrics

Take a deeper look at the music that youth are listening and the influence it has on their relationships and high risk behaviors.

Adults will be provided a space for discussion, information, activities, and light refreshments.

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Media Literacy: What Adults Should Know Workshop Series REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Email: _____
 Phone: _____ Role: (i.e., parent, teacher) _____
 Address: _____

Workshops are offered as a 3-part series. You may register for the whole series, or for individual workshops. **Please place a ✓ next to the workshop(s) you are registering for.***

Date	Time	Theme	Location	Attending
Tuesday, 10/5	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Wii Control or You Control	OPBI	
Tuesday, 10/12	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Media's Influence on Risky Behaviors	OPBI	
Tuesday, 10/19	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Music and Lyrics	OPBI	

**A minimum of 10 participants are required to hold the workshop. If there are not enough registrations, participants who have registered will be notified that the workshop is cancelled within 48 hours before the event.*

REGISTRATION FEES	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Individual Workshops		
\$10 per adult per workshop		
Workshop Series		
\$25 per adult for all 3 workshops		
GRAND TOTAL		

Please complete and return this form to OPBI at the address or fax number below. Payment is accepted either by website:

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=opbi&id=1> or by check – made payable to OPBI, Inc.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Jacobs at jjacobs@opbi.org or 813-514-9555 x107.

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INTERESTED?

CONTACT

helen.ratcliffe@tcmstornadoes.com
for more information!

Dove go fresh deodorant presents Rosalind Wiseman's

girl world
TOUR 2010



INKWOOD
BOOKS

what's
the
scoop?

Moms & daughters (ages 8-14) are invited to join **Rosalind Wiseman**, an internationally-recognized author, mom and expert on teens & parenting for a fun-filled evening of mother-daughter bonding. In addition to celebrating Rosalind's latest books, the tour will feature an interactive discussion about confidence, friendships, sweat-inducing moments and common mother-daughter challenges. A Q&A session and book signing will follow. The two-hour event is sure to get mothers and daughters talking, laughing and connecting.



how do i
sign up?



TAMPA, FL--Wednesday, October 6, 2010

Host: Inkwood Books

Location: St. Mary's Episcopal Day School Events Hall
4311 West San Miguel, Tampa

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: \$40 per mother-daughter pair*

Tickets: Make your reservation with Inkwood Books in-store, or over the phone at 813-253-2638.

TICKET INCLUDES ADMISSION TO THE EVENT, ONE COPY OF EACH OF ROSALIND'S LATEST BOOKS, GIFT BAG FEATURING FREE SAMPLES OF DOVE GO FRESH DEODORANT, AND SURPRISES FROM OUR LOCAL SUPPORTERS!
**Additional tickets may be purchased for \$20 per person & includes book & gift bag.*