

TCMSnapshot

Week of March 28, 2011

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



Curriculum Bullet Points 8th Grade

Physical Science Honors

- We have moved into Ch 6. The curriculum increases in difficulty as we move deeper into the textbook, requiring greater diligence from the students. A nightly half hour of study concerned with mastering the material, as expressed in our Student Handbook, will always lead to very high scores.

Physical Science Honors

- We just finished up our unit on Work, Power and Simple Machines where we made Rube Goldberg machines.
- We also voted on our favorite class roller coaster from the Energy Unit.
- We will be going back into the brown book – so encourage your child to bring it to school.
- We are also preparing for the science FCAT. All of my students should have worked through FCAT Explorer. We are also reviewing during our FCAT Fridays.
- As always – please check my website and grades often.

Language Arts

- Students will begin the step by step process of writing their research papers.
- Students will be preparing for the FCAT reading exam by doing in class practice and FCAT Explorer at home.
- Students will continue reading [To Kill a Mockingbird](#) and discussing racism in the 1930s.

Algebra I Honors

- Students need to have their math component of the FCAT Explorer finished before the actual FCAT testing begins. The work starts to get “radical” in the next chapter as they deal with radical expressions.
- The Algebra I End of Course Exam is what they need to start thinking about, as it will assess them for the entirety of the curriculum!
- Lots of happenings in 8th grade math to study for and then we will have a couple of enrichment units for the students to participate in. I hear that there is a trip to the gym in store for them!!!

U.S. History

- We learned about troubles in the West and the expansion of the railroads,

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get to your appointment on time. Thank you for making these arrangements so that we do not interrupt classroom instruction.

TORNADOES OF THE WEEK

**For the Week Ending
March 25, 2011**

Grade 6 – Benjamin Sajan, Cecilia Perez, Christian LaRose and Maddie Cramer

Grade 7 – Kayla Farriss-Dardano, Erica Winfrey, Jacob Hourihan and Skyler Sinardi

Grade 8 – Jake Essek, Julia Hurt, Nimisha Lingappa and Jackson Sutton

Electives – Nikhil Mehra, Matthew Epstein and Brianna Bethune

boom towns, and land grabbing under the Homestead Act. We looked at the Rise of Industry in the US and studied the captains of Industry.

- We had an experiential activity to demonstrate the difference between quality and quantity and how an assembly line works. We pretended to be a factory that makes peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.
- We created our own businesses and sold merchandise, controlled inventory, advertised, and competed with other businesses (and other classrooms) in the Free Enterprise Activity.
- We have watched a couple of videos on the Statue of Liberty and Immigration. We pretended to be members of immigrants groups (Jewish, Mexican, Irish, Italians and Chinese) and saw the conditions under which they lived and worked when they arrived to this country.
- We made a video about the tragedy of the triangle Shirtwaist factory.
- We are now entering the 20th Century in American History, studying how America became a world power. Stay tuned!!



2010 Winners!

1st Place - Terrace Community MS

2nd Place - Burnett MS

3rd Place - Bartels MS

4th Place - Williams MS

TERRACE COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

is ready to RUMBLE with our new

2011 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TEAM

1. Eileen Cory
2. Michael Cory – 2010 #1 Team Member
3. Sudha Dhulipala – 2010 #1 Team Member
4. Austin Kee – 2010 #1 Team Member
5. Jennifer Luo
6. J.J. O'Malley – 2009 Team

***Middle School
Battle of the Books
May 12, 2011***

Tampa Convention Center
51 Middle Schools will compete!!

**What if I need to request
an excused absence?**

Just a reminder that all

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pre-planned absences must go through administration for approval. Please e-mail Mrs. Bennett at kris.bennett@tcmstornadoes.com

at least 3 days in advance for any upcoming, pre-planned absences for your student. (This includes shadowing for 8th graders.) Thank you for your cooperation!



Please report all phone and address changes to holli.shambaugh@tcmstornadoes.com



Please report all e-mail address changes to helen.ratcliffe@tcmstornadoes.com

It's SLAM (Summer Learning And More) time again! SLAM is open to all current and incoming students

The following courses are available:

SESSION 1 - June 20-June 23

Basketball Camp	Full day	9AM-3:30PM	\$150	
Pinch Coil Slab	Ceramics	9AM-12PM	\$160	2 week course; includes material fee
Geology		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Japanese		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Percussion Camp	Full day	9AM-3:30PM	\$150	
Legos		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Reading and Math Camp		9AM-12PM	\$75	Rising 7 th and 8 th graders only
Animation Station		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
Anthropology		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
Animal Anatomy		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
Zumba		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	

SESSION 2 - June 27-June 30

Pinch Coil Slab	Ceramics	9AM-12PM		Continuation from Session 1
Japanese		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Show Choir	Full day	9AM-3:30PM	\$150	
Volleyball Skills & Drill		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Volleyball Play & Scrimmage		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
Digital Photography		12:30-3:30PM	\$85	
Zumba		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	

SESSION 3 - July 11-July 14

All State Music Prep. Instruments		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Super Study Skills		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Volleyball Skills & Drill		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Volleyball Play & Scrimmage		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
All State Musician Prep - Vocals		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
Cool Computer Club		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
Writing Workshop		12:30-3:30	\$75	
Digital Photography		12:30-3:30PM	\$85	

There is a one-time, non-refundable registration fee that is due at the time of registration.

Please visit <http://www.tcmstornadoes.com/slam> for more information.

Congratulations to our final student raffle winner, Robby Fisher! Thanks to Robby and all of the many other students who sold Carnival Cruise Raffle Tickets for the Auction!

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TCMS FAMILY NIGHT @ SHAMROCKS!

On the **second Thursday** of every month, a portion of TCMS family purchases will be donated back to TCMS.

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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.

TCMS VOLUNTEER SURVEY

The most recent TCMS Volunteer Hours Survey, which you use to report your volunteer hours, was e-mailed to you on Tuesday March 15, 2011 around 7:20 a.m. It will remain open until 5 p.m. on March 31, 2011.

If you have not received the survey, please send an e-mail to Brenda Molina at TCMSVolunteerHours@gmail.com and include your name and your student's name and grade.

8th Grade Parents

As decisions are being made, please inform Mrs. Zak (susan.zak@tcmstornadoes.com) as to where your child plans to attend high school if it is different than their assigned neighborhood school.

Congratulations to all of our 8th graders for their acceptances into the magnet and private high schools to which they applied!

Attention 6th Grade Parents

It's never too early to start thinking about IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SEVENTH GRADE FOR ENTRY INTO FLORIDA SCHOOLS:

The Florida Department of Health is requiring that students entering 7th grade receive the Tdap vaccine (combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis Vaccines).

Documentation from the student's health care provider should specify that the student has received the Tdap vaccine on the Florida Certificate of Immunization, AKA "blue form". All incoming 7th graders MUST submit this card prior to the first day of 7th grade.

The blue card can be turned in or mailed to the clinic or the front office. I always encourage parents to turn the form in early, rather than on the first day of school. Also, by law, I must have the actual blue card, not a photo copy. (I will be happy to copy it for you) If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Kloppenburg, LPN (caryl.kloppenburg@tcmstornadoes.com)

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SAFETY FIRST!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS THROUGH APRIL 8, 2011

Please refrain from using the cell phone during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, especially when students are loading and unloading. Let's focus on getting the students in and out safely.

Back to Basics Bash "An Evening in Spain"	Sat, Mar 26	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Tri-M Meeting	Mon, Mar 28	3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
District Chorus MPA	Tue, Mar 29	
Science and Technology Club	Tue, Mar 29	3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
Science and Technology Club	Wed, Mar 30	3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
Junior K Club Induction Ceremony 6-7PM	Mon, Apr 04	
Transition Team meeting, Conference Room	Mon, Apr 04	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
6th Grade 100% Club	Tue, Apr 05	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
7th Grade 100% Club	Wed, Apr 06	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
8th Grade 100% Club	Thu, Apr 07	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
May/June lunch order posted to website	Fri, Apr 08	
Report Card Distribution	Fri, Apr 08	
SGA/Band Boosters Talent Showcase	Fri, Apr 08	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

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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>.
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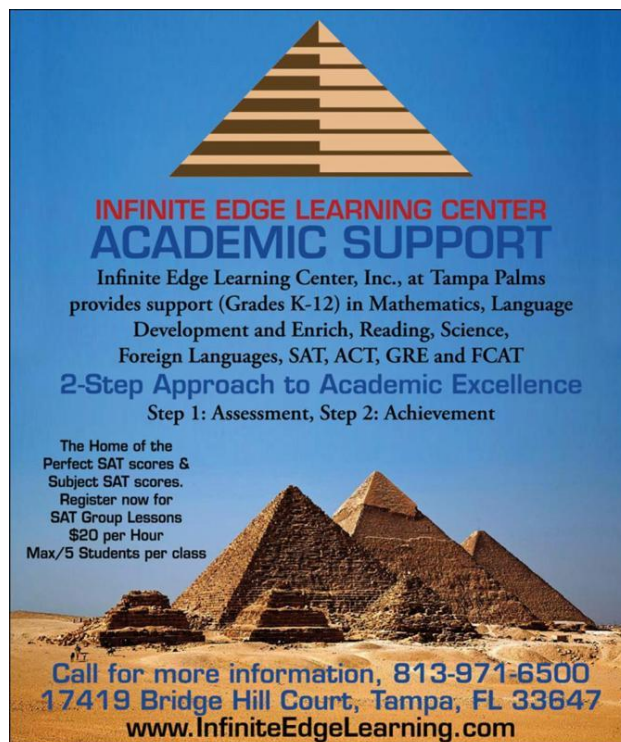
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The 2011 Summer Program for Gifted, High Achieving Students June 13 – July 22, 2011

*Providing Gifted Students With a Voyage of Discovery
Focusing on the Methods of Mathematics and Science*

Deadline to submit an application is May 2, 2011.

THIS IS AN INTENSIVE PROGRAM THAT OFFERS:

- A challenging educational experience in mathematics, computer science and life sciences;
- An enjoyable summer learning experience shared with students of similar interest and abilities;
- An opportunity to develop critical thinking and conceptual creativity;
- An experience with a sense of discovery in mathematics and sciences;
- An experience in a university setting;
- A recreational component that includes a chess tournament and athletic activities.

THERE ARE TWO LEVELS IN THE PROGRAM:

LEVEL I

- This is for gifted students entering grades 9 or 10. Exceptional students entering grade 8 may be considered.
- Students must have had a course in Algebra I;
- The course of study will include Elementary Calculus, Computer Science and topics from the biological sciences.

LEVEL II

- This is for gifted students entering grades 11 or 12;
- Students must have had Algebra II or Precalculus;
- Students will study Engineering Calculus and/or Linear Algebra, Computer Science and topics from the biological sciences;
- Students applying for this program must provide a consent statement from their school counselor to enroll in MAC 2281 or MAS 3105.

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