

TCMSnapshot

Week of January 31, 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 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



Curriculum Bullet Points

8th Grade

Language Arts

- Students will be reading the school-wide book, [Three Cups of Tea](#) and engaging in classroom activities centered around the novel.
- Students will also begin reading [A Separate Peace](#).
- Students will continue to hone their skills in writing and reading comprehension.
- Students will be working with FCAT Explorer to practice for the upcoming standardized tests.

U.S. History

- Students will learn of the events leading to the Civil War
- Students will learn about the Civil War

Algebra I Honors

- Semester one is over, and the students now have a much better appreciation of STUDYING for the semester exam! Notices have gone home as to any student who did not earn at least a C average on their math course for the first semester, and any questions about it can be answered by their respective math teacher. The second semester will deal mainly with polynomials and quadratics. Fun-fun!
- Second semester will complete the curriculum, and the teachers will start to prepare the students for the End Of Course (EOC) exam. This online test administered by the state will be a comprehensive test covering the entire curriculum framework! So, don't forget anything from the first semester!!! More details about the EOC will be given out as the year progresses.

Mr. Steinmetz Science:

- We are moving through the textbook, which requires higher analytical and application skills.
- Students no longer have to memorize their notes. They have to be able to "do" their notes. Please ask your student to explain this to you.

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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 holti.shambaugh@tcmstornadoes.com



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

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Mrs. Overdorff's Science:

- We are studying force and motion and Newton's laws.
- We will not have a textbook to take home for reference. Instead please use the online textbook provided on the website.
- FCAT explorer questions will be due every Friday for a homework grade. See the website for more information.

February 7-11 is Full Time Equivalency (FTE) Week.

This is the week in which funding is determined by student attendance for the state of Florida. It is critical that we have *all* students in attendance that week so that we can receive funding for each and every child.

If for some reason, your child will be absent the week of February 7-11, please contact Mrs. Bennett at kris.bennett@tcmstornadoes.com immediately.

Thank you for your support.

Please note: TCMS DOES HAVE SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH. (This is Fair Day for traditional Hillsborough County Schools.)

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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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.

SAFETY FIRST!



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

Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 7 pm

Please mark your calendars for the 13th Annual Back to Basics Bash. This event will once again be held at TCMS and is an evening filled with exciting silent and live auction items, entertainment featuring a performance from **Burn the Floor** with their international-style dancers, hors d'oeuvres catered by award-winning Wharton High School Culinary Department and beverages.

For more information regarding this event and how you can be a part check the Auction tab on the TCMS website or the auction packet sent home with students.

With your help, we look forward to another successful Back to Basics Bash.

Sincerely,
TCMS Auction Committee

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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



The Fifth Annual Conference of the Children's Literature Symposium

Images and Illustration in Children's and Young Adult Literature

Saturday, February 5, 2011
8:30 – 5:30



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TORNADOES OF THE WEEK
For the Week ending January 28

6th Grade – Danielle Stevens, Auriel Solomon, Jared Satchell and Matthew Fosse

7th Grade – Serena Saechia, Brendan Chen, Jason Whitten and Kayla Black

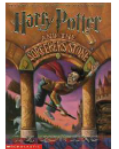
8th Grade – Kurt Christensen, Patrick Maguschak, Nicolas Aviles and Diya Sundarrao

Electives – Michelle Spring and Emily Feakes



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

World-Renown Illustrator **Mary GrandPré** is perhaps best known for her illustrations and cover designs for the *Harry Potter* series. GrandPré's expertise and "soft geometry" style has been featured in children's literature, periodicals, and film. She is the illustrator of several children's books, including *The House of Wisdom* (Middle East Book Award winner), *The Sea Chest*, *Batwings* and *the Curtain of Night*, and *Tickety Tock*.



Dr. Kenneth Kidd, Associate Professor of English at the University of Florida, is Associate Director of the Center for Children's Literature and Culture. He is the author of *Making American Boys: Boyology and the Feral Tale* and the forthcoming *Freud in Oz: Children's Literature and Psychoanalysis* and is co-editor of the essay collections *Wild Things: Children's Culture and Ecocriticism* and *Over the Rainbow: Queer Children's and Young Adult Literature* (forthcoming).



FEATURED SPEAKERS:



Marianne Berkes



Thomas Crisp



Brittany Hiller



Janeen Mason



Debbie Reese



Frank Remkiewicz

Registration fee includes admission to a **book-signing** of authors and illustrators (books will be available for purchase)

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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>.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 11, 2011

Study Skills	Mon, Jan 31	3:10 PM – 4:00 PM
Tri-M Meeting		3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
SGA meeting	Tue, Feb 01	3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
Science and Technology Club		3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
STEP Team practice	Wed, Feb 02	3:10 PM – 4:10 PM
NJHS meeting		3:15 PM – 3:45 PM
BOB Lunch Gatherings	Thu, Feb 03	
March lunch order posted to website	Fri, Feb 04	
CIA	Fri, Feb 04	3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
FTE Survey Week - Students must be in attendance at least one day to receive funding	Mon, Feb 07 to Fri, Feb 11	
Study Skills	Mon, Feb 07	3:10 PM – 4:00 PM
Finance and Development meeting		6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Science and Technology Club	Tue, Feb 08	3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
Junior K Club meeting	Wed, Feb 09	7:45 AM – 8:10 AM
STEP Team practice		3:10 PM – 4:10 PM
Board meeting, Cafeteria		6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Voice, Piano, Show Choir Solo & Ensemble, time TBA	Thu, Feb 10 to Fri, Feb 11	
BOB Lunch Gatherings	Thu, Feb 10	
TCMS Family Night @ Shamrocks	Thu, Feb 10	

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Terrace Community Middle
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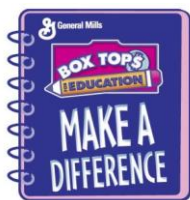
Favorite Teacher Essay Contest

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>.



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Parents, please
remember the front
office will not accept
any homework,
projects, instruments,
etc.

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Terrace Community Middle School

Helen Ratcliffe
Director of Student and Personnel Services
enrollment@tcmstornadoes.com

11-12
School Year

Below is list of documents required each year for enrollment at TCMS. We send these forms to you each spring so that you don't have to worry about completing documents in the summer prior to the first day of school.


As soon as the first day of school for the 2011-2012 school year has been determined, we will update the list with the TBA dates and resend the form to you.

The Intent to Return is completed only by returning families, not those new to TCMS.

The Confirmation that your child will be in attendance on the first day of school survey is sent exactly three weeks prior to the first day of school to reconfirm that your child will be in attendance on that date. It is not the Intent to Return which we use to survey returning families in order to determine how many seats are available for the lottery.

If the documents are not received by the due date, your child's space will become available and a student on the waiting list shall be contacted.

This was sent via separate e-mail to all TCMS families on November 8, 2010 and will be published until the end of the school year in the weekly Snapshots.

DOCUMENT	DATE E-MAILED	DATE DUE	
Intent to Return (11-12SY) (required)	2/4/11	2/11/11	
Student and Family Agreement (required)	3/7/11	3/11/11	
Parent/Guardian Info Sheet (required)	3/18/11	3/25/11	
PRA Volunteer Survey (optional)	3/18/11	3/25/11	
Carpool Database Registration (optional)	3/18/11	3/25/11	
SERVE Application (optional)	3/18/11	3/25/11	
12-13 SY Sibling Application	3/18/11	3/25/11	
Confirmation that your child will be in attendance on the first day of school for the 11-12 SY (required)	July— date TBA	July— date TBA	
11-12 Student Handbook Review—link e-mailed on the first day of school	August- date TBA	August—date TBA	
11-12 Field Trip Permission Form—sent home with students on first day of school	August—date TBA	August—date TBA	
Student Emergency Card—sent home with students on first day of school	August—date TBA	August—date TBA	
Media Release Form—sent home with Students on the first day of school	August—date TBA	August—date TBA	

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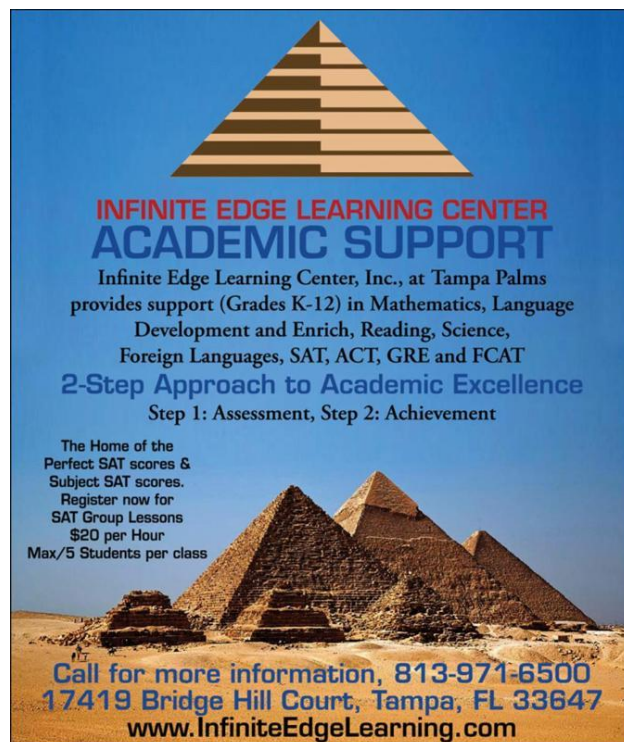
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