

# TCMSnapshot

Week of September 20' 2010

## Curriculum Bullet Points 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

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](mailto: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](mailto:kris.bennett@tcmstornadoes.com)

*The entire 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be going on a Language Arts field trip to the Performing Arts Center on October 7<sup>th</sup>. All students will be bringing home a permission slip form with all the details shortly. Thank you for your continued support. – Questions? Contact [brian.bethune@tcmstornadoes.com](mailto:brian.bethune@tcmstornadoes.com)*

### Language Arts

- Language Arts students are busily learning about Science Fiction and Fantasy literature. They are applying their readings this summer to the lessons in class.
- Our first test was given last week and students are practicing their study skills to learn how to prepare for the next test.
- Remember, “Extra Help” Tutoring for Language arts is every Tuesday morning, 7:45am. Students should meet in the Café.
- The novel we are currently reading together is *Seedfolks*, a fictional story about an inner city Cleveland neighborhood and the different characters living in the area. The community comes together learning about differences and cultural acceptance through planting a community garden.
- Sixth grade students have also come together to plant our own community garden. This will be an ongoing community service project which encourages students to work together and learn about each other's differences while making new found friends.

### Social Studies

- We are beginning our civilization projects this week. Following we will be learning about the foundations for civilization by learning about the shift from nomadic societies to agrarian civilizations.
- We will be learning about the ancient Mesopotamians and Egyptians.

### Science

- We started the year discussing how to take notes using the Cornell Method
- We talked about topographic maps and how to profile them
- We have had labs in which students worked with topographic maps, stereograms, and clay models
- We are about to begin our unit on Meteorology

### Math

In Math this first quarter students will:

- learn how to multiply and divide decimals. Also, we will be using estimation in all steps of multiplication and division as a way to check the reasonableness of products and quotients.
- learn how to multiply and divide fractions and mixed numbers.
- learn how to analyze data, using mean, median, and mode. Students will also learn how to best display data by choosing and creating appropriate statistical displays.

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

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade, for completing high school applications.



Respect, Responsibilities and Results!

## TORNADOES OF THE WEEK

For the week ending  
September 17, 2010

**Grade 6** – Amanda Brown,  
Katie Boyle, Julia Terracciano and  
John Labush

**Grade 7** – Austin Kee,  
Taylor Smith, Jeremy Johnson and  
Kaymaria Myers

**Grade 8** – Marina Tenhagen,  
Victoria Gentry, Johnathan Caldwell  
and R.J. Sapp

**Electives** - Elijah McColister,  
Hannah Hilbelink, Deja Benjamin  
and Cole Fisher



## CONSTITUTION DAY

In response to the Florida Legislature's designation of September 17 as "Constitution Day" and the last full week of September as "Celebrate Freedom Week," TCMS will include instruction on the Declaration of Independence in each social studies class and will do an oral recitation of the first two lines of the Declaration of Independence on the morning show each day September 20-24

## From the Desk of Mr. LaBaw, Facilities Director

Carpool Pick-up: Please encourage all the students in your Carpool to stand together while waiting for pick-up. This will increase the pick-up efficiency and reduce waiting time. This will also reduce the frustration of trying to locate all carpool students.

*Please use both Carpool pick-up lines.* When the loading area on Jefferson Road is full, use the inner Carpool pick-up line. Do not block entry for single car drivers by waiting to pull forward on Jefferson Road.

Parent drop-off/pick-up guidelines Parents, NO cell phones in use except to communicate with the student. Safety comes first!

### CAUTION:

Before moving – make sure car doors and/or trunk is closed, students securely and fully inside vehicles. Look carefully for students, pull forward before stopping to load and/or unload students.

### PATIENCE:

Please remain in one line until reaching the TCMS pick-up zones, unless directed otherwise by TCMS staff. Do not cut into an open area of the car waiting line.

No left turn exiting onto Jefferson Road during the PM pick-up.

## Inclement Weather Dismissal Procedures:

**Four inside pick-up lanes will be used during inclement weather, typically rain. Please follow staff directions as to which lane to use. There is no designation of lanes for carpool or single pick-up.**

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*Congratulations to Zhecho (Jet) Valkanov, 7th grade, Mr. W's homeroom, who attended the chess tournament in St. Pete this last Saturday, 11th and tied for 1st place in the Superscholastic Section!*

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## Severe Weather Dismissal Procedures:

When necessary, due to dangerous weather conditions, students will be held inside TCMS buildings A and B. Students will be escorted to vehicles when conditions permit safe movement.

## Important Safety Notices

**Reunification:** In case of an emergency, there is a Crisis Emergency Plan in place to ensure the safety of all students. If the emergency warrants evacuation to an off campus site, the parent reunification site for TCMS is the west parking area within the Big Top Flea Market. Students will be held in Building P, of the Flea market, until released for pick-up.

**Be Aware:** On Thursday afternoons, the University of South Florida's ROTC conducts drills and training past the north end of Jefferson Road. This requires increased safety of our TCMS parents, since many vehicles will be parked on the shoulders of the Jefferson/Coniglio intersection. The ROTC drills may involve the use of "fake" weapons as well as smoke and sound training equipment.

## From the Desk of Mrs. Bennett, Assistant Principal

### Emergency Cards

Safety is a priority at TCMS. It is imperative that your child's emergency card be up-to-date and accurate. Notify the school if there are any address or phone number changes. We must be able to reach you during the day. Please also inform us of any change in the names of people who are listed as emergency contacts.

### Parents visiting during lunch and birthday goodies during lunch

If parents would like to have lunch with their child, the parent may sign out their child so as to avoid an uncomfortable situation with the other students. Additionally, balloons, cupcakes, cake, or other goodies at lunch may make others feel left out as well as present difficulties storing sweet treats in classrooms causing attraction to unwanted critters. If you would like to send in a treat for your child's birthday, please contact your child's Grade Level Administrator to gain approval for a plan.

### Planning a "shadowing" day at a potential high school choice for your 8<sup>th</sup> grader?

Please contact Mrs. Bennett to request approval for the absence, [kris.bennett@tcmstornadoes.com](mailto:kris.bennett@tcmstornadoes.com) at least 3 days in advance.

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*Olympiad a huge success!!*

**Reminder: TCMS does not follow the District's early release days. Check our website for the TCMS calendar (2010-2011 Year page).**

## Enrollment Information for the 2011-2012 School Year

We have started accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year and applications received until 3PM on January 28, 2010 will be eligible for the lottery which will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please tell your friends, family members, neighbors, church, social and sport team connections about TCMS and direct them to the Enrollment page of our website for an online application, information about the lottery and campus visit dates! Remember, word of mouth is our best advertisement!

## SAFETY FIRST!



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

I will be sending a listing of all sibling applications I have received through this week to you next week by email. If you do not see your child's name on the list, it means that I have not received it. Remember....I cannot reserve a seat for your child unless I have an application. (please note: if your oldest child's younger sibling is currently enrolled in TCMS, there is no need to complete a sibling application for the 2011-2012 school year. Once students are enrolled, we do not need to have a new application for each subsequent school year).

Questions? Please contact [helen.ratcliffe@tcmstornadoes.com](mailto:helen.ratcliffe@tcmstornadoes.com)

## STUDENT PICTURES

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

## 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](mailto:kris.bennett@tcmstornadoes.com).

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents...

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

Questions? Contact [susan.zak@tcmstornadoes.com](mailto: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

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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/non-profit/terrace-community-middle-school-tcms>.

## Scholastic Book Fair at TCMS!

Parents,

The Scholastic Book Fair at TCMS is just around the corner....if you are wondering when/where you can get your Required Family Hours, then send me an email for the shift that you are available....it is as simple as that. If you need additional information, just click the Scholastic Book Fair tab on the TCMS website.

Volunteer Opportunities  
Tuesday, October 19 at 2PM - Book Fair Assembly

Wednesday, October 20 - Student Preview  
Shift 1: 8:30 – 12PM  
Shift 2 : Noon – 4PM

Thursday/Friday, October 21 & 22 - Student/Parent Sale Days  
Shift 1: 8:30AM – 12PM  
Shift 2 : 12PM - 4 p.m.

Saturday - TCMS Fall Music Festival  
Shift 1 - 9:45AM – 12PM  
Shift 2 – 12PM – 2PM  
Shift 3 - 2PM to 4PM  
Shift 4 - 4PM to 5PM - Book Fair Pack Up

Thank you –

Jolie Frankfurth, [buckeyefl@aol.com](mailto:buckeyefl@aol.com)



Click  
Campbell's Soup Labels  
for more information!

**Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> is  
TCMS Dairy Queen Day  
In New Tampa !!**



All TCMS purchases at the New Tampa Dairy Queen (located at 17631 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.)  
on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> will raise money for our school!

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Click  
Box Tops for Education  
for more information!

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

20% of all sales at this location to TCMS supporters will be donated back to our school.

Tell your friends about this fund-raiser and bring your family to the New Tampa Dairy Queen on September 23<sup>rd</sup> between the hours of 11am and 10pm !

Please make sure to identify yourself as a TCMS family (by filling out a slip of paper at the DQ counter) and your purchase of lunch, dinner, ice cream novelties, ice cream cakes and even gift cards will raise money for TCMS!

All TCMS supporters that make purchases at this Dairy Queen on September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be automatically entered into a drawing to win one of **three** \$10 Dairy Queen gift cards that will be awarded during our very own TCMS Morning Show.

We will look forward to seeing you at Dairy Queen on September 23<sup>rd</sup> ☺

Questions? Contact Mrs. Philbin at [philbinfive@verizon.net](mailto:philbinfive@verizon.net)

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