



UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 30	No School—Good Friday
April 2-6	Spring Break
April 9	PTA Meeting & Elections at the ACPL Downtown in the Map Room at 6:30
April 16—May 4	ISTEP+ Part 2
April 24	8th grade DC Trip Parent Meeting
April 25	Midterm grades



Report Cards

Report cards are being sent home today!

Regional Science Fair Winners:

Two talented Towles students earned recognition at the Regional Science Fair. Jackson Zwick received Mayor Henry Award & Tessa Chesney-Jordan received 2nd place in her division. Congratulations to these two young scientists.

With Warmer weather comes....

Changes to the student dress policy go into affect after Spring Break. Students may wear shorts. The shorts must be finger tip length. Sandals are allowed; however' flip flops and athletic slides are not permitted. Keep in mind that grade 1-6 students will continue to go out for recess and should be dressed for the weather. Students will not be permitted to stay inside during recess if they wear shorts or do not bring a jacket on a chilly day.

Late Arrivals:

We understand that everyone runs a little late from time to time. We do ask that you walk your student into the office and sign them in. We want to ensure the safety of our students. Thank you for your help with this.



HEALTH UPDATES....

Immunizations for Grade 6 Students

Students entering grade 6 in the 2018-19 school year will need to have additional immunizations. The Department of Health requires 1 **Tdap**, 1 **Meningococcal vaccine**, and 2 **doses of Hepatitis A Vaccine** which requires 6 months between doses. These immunizations can be obtained through your healthcare provider, some local pharmacies, FWCS FACE Health Center (By appointment only 467-7260), the Department of Health (by appointment only 449-7504), or Super Shot clinics (see their website <http://supershot.org>). If you have any questions, please call our school nurse, Carolyn Pepler at 467-4300 or FWCS Health and Wellness at 467-1080.

Physicals for Sports

Pre -participation exams (PPE) for sports must be completed each year. The window for obtaining the PPE for 2018-19 opens April 1st. We are encouraging families to plan for an exam with their family doctor when possible. For those that have barriers to care, FACE can provide physicals by appointment for no out of pocket expense. There are weekday and a few Saturday options starting now through the summer.

POPCORN FRIDAYS

April 13 Regular—Mrs. Fry + NT

April 20 Caramel—Mrs. Haman/ Mrs. Vosmeier

April 27 Regular—Mrs. Koehl/ Mrs. Spradling

The class noted has been asked to recruit parent volunteers to help with popcorn. If you are interested in helping, please contact your child's teacher.

NEW TECH NEWS...

7th Grade LASS Incorporates High Energy Challenges in the Takeshi's Castle Project

The seventh grade Language Arts and Social Studies (LASS) classes mastered their learning about Chinese and Japanese Dynasties through the Takeshi's Castle Project. Each section of classes were divided into country groups, then into smaller teams. Each country collected points through a series of challenges each team participated in. Each team also gained individual points through physical and mental challenges. The country with the most points at the end won a king sized candy bar. The individual team that won overall, won a huge prize basket to split. "The project was definitely the best and most engaging way to teach the concepts we needed to learn," says Nicky Stahl.



7th Grade MASC March Madness PrBL

The seventh grade Math and Science (MASC) classes completed a series of PrBL (problem based learning) series relating to the NCAA March Madness Tournament. Students were teamed in partners and triads to compete against each other to determine the class and 7th grade champion. Students gained points through completing quality work and through bonus shots for showing mastery of seventh grade math skills. Teams also selected a March Madness team to follow during the tournament. The first PrBL focused on statistics, teams were to utilize statistics of their team and opponent to determine which team should statistically win that round of the tournament. The second PrBL involved students creating an analogy comparing cell organelles of a plant or animal cell to a basketball team. The final PrBL involved learning about probability to determine the percent change in probability of a team from the beginning of the tournament through the final four. Overall champions for the class and NCAA tournaments will be announced when students return from Spring Break.



8th Grade LASS Students Learn About Westward Expansion

The Towles New Tech Middle School eighth grade students just finished a PrBL on westward expansion. Students studied the many events that took settlers across the Mississippi and beyond to the west coast. The teams participated in an Oregon Trail style contest where they earned points and progressed through the journey west.



NEW TECH NEWS CONT...



8th Grade MASC Partners with the City of Fort Wayne on Riverfront Project

8th grade Math and Science are partnering with the City of Fort Wayne to work on designing parking garages for the new Riverfront Project. Students will utilize their knowledge of slope and the engineering design process for this partnership. Students designed and created more parking garages to present to City of Fort Wayne representatives.

Study Tables Dates

Mr. McConnell continues to hold weekly Wednesday study tables. Students can stay after school from 2:45-4:30 pm to receive additional help on school-work in any class. Towles New Tech students must sign-up 24-hours in advance utilizing the sign-up sheet located at the TNT office. Students should make arrangements to be picked up or take one of the activity buses home at 4:30pm.

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 - 2:45-4:30 pm

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 - 2:45-4:30 pm

Wednesday, March 25, 2018 - 2:45-4:30 pm

CANstruction Gears Up for Build Day

The CANstruction Team will present their 1960's themed structure at the CANstruction Competition on April 20th at Glenbrook Square Mall. The greater Towles community can help the CANstruction Team win the People's Choice Award by voting during the contest. More information on in-person and online voting will be distributed soon! We look forward to the continued support of our greater Towles community!



CASE MANAGER ...

MRS. SMITH

It may not feel like it yet, but spring and summer are just around the corner. This means that in a few short months the school year will be over. One important responsibility that students need to focus on is completing their required community service hours. Community Service hours should be completed and the log returned by May 10. Parents are more than welcome to volunteer along with their students – and reap the benefits of helping the community (stress-reduction, building career-skills, having fun).

If you or your student are looking to volunteer out in the community, or to do a volunteer project as a group, Fort Wayne has a wonderful resource to help you. Volunteer Center @RSVP is a one stop shop when it comes to volunteering opportunities. This organization works with community agencies to “fill important community roles, and to provide for its volunteers meaningful opportunities for community service relevant to their skills, abilities, and interest.”

Volunteer Center @RSVP can point you in the right direction for community service opportunities specifically for children or families. You can find matches online through their website at www.volunteerfortwayne.org , email info@volunteerfortwayne.org, or call a representative at (260)-424-3505 for more information. Here are a few examples of great short-term youth volunteer opportunities provided by Volunteer Center @RSVP:

Community Harvest Food Bank

999 East Tillman Rd * 260-

Bagging food orders

Stocking shelves

Sorting donated products

Making homemade laundry soap

Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry

1333 Maycrest Drive * 260-478-4851

Scooping pet food into bags

Handing out food to clients when they arrive

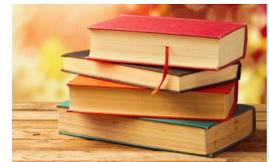
Please contact Volunteer Center @RSVP or agencies above for restrictions and more information.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION...MR. Q

The 9-12 students just finished the 2nd Challenge of the "Taking Root" program sponsored by Parkview. Every 4th-5th grader and a several 6th graders were given pedometers for this activity. Steps were logged while at school and wrote down at the end of the day for 5 days. The idea behind this pilot program was to allow students not only learn how to self-monitor their activity level, but learn about honesty, responsibility, integrity, and trustworthiness. This program is new to our school and we hope we can expand to more grades in the near future. Being able to be part of this program with Parkview has allowed our students opportunities to help create and instill healthy habits. I hope this has been a positive and a motivational factor to get kids active. As the students know, when they come back from break they will begin their final assessment on the physical fitness testing. They have a preliminary score, which they did at the beginning of the year and will now take the final test. The students will then receive a report to show their progress. It is my hope to create a culture of well physically fit students within our school and see what positive changes can occur.

Till next month,
Mr. Q

MEDIA CENTER...MR.DIEDERICH



April brings the end of the YHBA contests. The 6-9 will have the opportunity to vote for one of the twenty picture books that I have read to them this year. The 9-12 and middle school students will vote on the Intermediate and middle grade books. Last year's winners were; for picture book, "Cat vs Dog", for intermediate, "Sisters", and for middle grades, "The Selection."

At the beginning of April, I will read the last YHBA nominee "Night Animals" by Gianna Marino to the 6-9 cluster. This humorous book explores the lives of many nocturnal animals. The students will learn how these animals cope with living in a dark world.

The 9-12 students will be writing book reviews. They will be sharing their thoughts about their favorite book that they have read this year. They will then post their reviews onto Destiny Quest, the library catalog.

MUSIC...

MRS. THORSON



Happy Spring! April will be a busy month in the music room for all of the classes. We have already started working on music for the Learning Fair. The Learning Fair is on Thursday, May 10th. The 6 to 9 classes will perform a few songs and dances from Australia and Oceania. We are learning Taba Naba, Aboriginal Lullaby, and Epo I Tai Tai E. The kids will also be playing a few instruments with this songs. The 9 to 12 classes are also working on a few songs and dances from Australia and Oceania. We are learning Kookaburra, Abeeyo, and Inanay. The 9 to 12 students will be playing a few instruments as well. Our Towles Elementary Band and Choir will also be performing at the Learning Fair! More details about the Learning Fair will come home after Spring Break.

E - po i tai tai e, O E - po i tai tai e,

E - do i tai tai e - do i tu - ki tu - ki. E - do i tu - ki tu - ki e.

Australian Aboriginal

In - a - nay_ gu - pu wa - na In - a - nay_ gu - pu wa - na

Ay ay ay oo - la_ Oo la Oo - la

Oo - la ay yip - py yay yip - py yay_

Goo wa - na goo wa - na goo wa - na goo wa - na goo wa Choo

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ART CORNER...MRS. TOY



During the Learning Fair on May 10th we are partnering with a company called Artome to raise money to buy art supplies for next school year. Your student's artwork will be neatly framed and matted and on sale for \$25. Students are very excited to show their works that they've been working on for months! More information will be coming home at the end of April.

If you have been to Towles lately and noticed a lot of pop cans tied to trees and poles that is from the art & technology class. They recently started their photography unit and have created pinhole cameras that they are using to capture the movement of the sun, this is called Solargraphy. These cameras will be left outside for about a month and then images will be developed and ready to share. Look for these photos at our Fine Arts Night on May 15th at Wayne High School.

The general art class just finished up their clay projects. This is always a fun project for students to try a material they don't get to use very often. These projects are beginning the drying process and will soon be fired and then painted.

We had 5 student's representing Towles for Youth Art Month at the Indiana Statehouse. Taryn Slayton, Sophia Shaw, Joshua Harroff, Isabel Chesney-Jordan & Cesar Villalobos all had artwork in the month long show.



SPANISH...MRS. SANCHEZ

*Hola padres,
Have you ever wondered why it is important to learn more than one language?*

As an adult we will first recognize that foreign languages provide a competitive edge in career choices, are handy for travel, can help find a better job, can help us communicate with foreigners; those are just phrases that we have always heard and we have made ours. Although they are reasonable and true, ***what is the real importance to learn another language?*** Physiological studies have found that speaking two or more languages is a great asset to the cognitive process. The brains of bilingual people operate differently than single language speakers, and these differences offer several mental benefits. Speaking a foreign language improves the functionality of your brain by challenging it to recognize, negotiate meaning, and communicate in a different language system. (Source: *Chicago University study/Article*)

Our Montessori program is very lucky to have the opportunity to teach a foreign language to our students throughout elementary school. ***Learning Spanish*** will make your child smarter, more decisive and even better at English.

Because language and culture cannot be separated. ***All of our 9-12 classes*** are now presenting cultural projects in which they have worked hard to investigate the history, geography and culture of the 21 Spanish-speaking countries around the world. The students are learning, are excited and are proud of how they are finishing their research projects. We should be proud of them too! Gracias for being part of the Spanish class family! Remember **Spanish is fun let's give it a try!**

Sra. Sanchez

Spanish



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TOWLES MISSION STATEMENT

Towles Montessori Elementary & New Tech Middle School, through the Montessori & New Tech philosophies, develops peaceful world-class citizens who have an intrinsic love of learning and a desire for academic excellence.

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Fort Wayne Community Schools educates all students to high standards enabling them to become productive, responsible citizens.

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