



467-4300 March 2, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 9	Carnival Food at 5:15 Games 6:00
March 12-16	IREAD 3 Assessment for grade three students
March 15	Spring Pictures More information to come
March 16	Attend School- Make up snow day
March 19	McTeacher Night at McDonalds on State & Coliseum 5-8 pm
March 26—29	Towles Book Fair Buy one, get one free
March 29	VIP Day More information to come
March 30	No School—Good Friday
April 2-6	Spring Break

Best Efforts on Testing

ISTEP + Part 1 started this past week. We asked students to do their best and that is what we have seen each day. Students have shown their best effort. Thank you students!

ISTEP+ Part 1 continues through next week. Third grade students will have IREAD3 March 12-16. Part 2 of ISTEP+ will be April 16—May 4.

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.

Congratulations to the Towles Math Bowl Team. They won first place in the Blue Division and third place overall.



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NEW TECH NEWS...

Friends of the Third World

Digging at the roots of poverty since 1972

7th Grade LASS Collect Items for Syrian Refugees

The seventh grade Language Arts and Social Studies (LASS) classes are partnering with Friends of the Third World to create Syrian relief kits. These kits include soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, sanitary pads, band aids, towels, tooth brushes, and combs. The students also wrote postcards that were sent to anyrefugee.org for distribution to refugees around the world. The 7th grade students have raised a record setting 92 full kits, and additional kit supplies that will be sent to Syrian refugee camps by Friends of the Third World.

7th Grade Constructs Geologic Time Maze

The seventh grade Math and Science (MASC) classes are learning about Geologic Time and Continental Drift to create the second annual Geologic Time Maze for the Carnival on March 9th. Students will volunteer to staff and demonstrate mastery of learning through this interactive experience this Friday Night!



8th Grade LASS Students Create Argumentative Speeches

The Towles New Tech Middle School eighth grade students are currently working on their Argumentative Speeches. Students studied the oration skills of the 4th through 7th Presidents of the United States of America in preparation for their speeches. The winner of the 8th grade speech contest will go on to participate in the Fort Wayne Community Schools Speech Contest in May.



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.



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, March 7, 2018 - 2:45-4:30 pm

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 - 2:45-4:30 pm

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 - 2:45-4:30 pm

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 - 2:45-4:30 pm

Talent Show A Success!!

The third annual Towles CANstruction Talent Show was another success! Over 30 acts performed Friday night to bring home a variety of prizes. This event raised over \$1700 that will be donated through CANstruction Competition to the Community Harvest Food Bank.



Act Winners:
TNT - Noquisi Guest
9-12 - Braylon & Juliana Hansen
6-9 - Eveanna Schafer

Top Talent
Eveanna Schafer

People's Choice Award
Kobe Johnson

The CANstruction Team would like to extend a huge thank you to the participants, volunteers, and audience for making this year another great one for the books! The CANstruction Team will present their 1960's themed structure at the CANstruction Competition in April 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 voting will be distributed soon!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION...MR. Q

PHYSICAL EDUCATION or PHYSICAL ACTIVITY?

There is often confusion between the terms "physical education" and "physical activity." It is common that the words are used interchangeably, but they are truly different in their own way. Understanding what each one means is critical to understanding why both contribute to the development of healthy, active children. SHAPE (Society of Health and Physical Educators) America's stance is that every child in the United States deserves both a quality physical education and physical activity program.

Physical Education should not be compared to or be confused with other physical activity experiences such as recess or free play as Physical Education has a sequence of learning that physical activity does not.

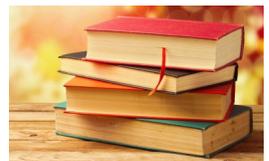
Physical Education is to provide and teach students skills and knowledge needed to establish and maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. Physical Education classes assess student knowledge, motor and social skills, and provide instruction in a safe, supportive environment. Physical Education programs provide learning opportunities, appropriate instruction, and meaningful and challenging content for all children. The health benefits received during a physical education class where the participant is active at an intensity that works their cardiorespiratory endurance (increased heart rate and heavier than normal breathing). Benefits of both include:

- Reduces the risk for overweight, diabetes and other chronic diseases
- Assists in improved academic performance
- Helps children feel better about themselves
- Reduces the risk for depression and the effects of stress
- Helps children prepare to be productive, healthy members of society and
- Improves overall quality of life

All this being said, I hope the students are getting the message and are being self-motivated in getting themselves ready for the fitness assessment in April.

Respectfully,
Mr. Q

MEDIA CENTER...MR. DIEDERICH



In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, the library will have a display of Seuss books. I will read "Green Eggs and Ham" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" to the 6-9 cluster. Later in the month, students will listen to me read the Young Hoosier Book Award nominee, "Finders Keepers."

The 9-12 cluster will be completing their non-fiction book activity. This project helps students understand how to find information in a book more efficiently. The student's book includes a glossary, a table of contents, and an index.

The final book fair of the year will be March 26 to March 29. This "buy one get one free sale" will culminate with "VIP day" the final Thursday of March.

MUSIC...

MRS. THORSON



Hello Parents and Students! Spring is right around the corner! I am so excited for warmer weather and sunshine. Music class is in full swing for the 3rd quarter. The 6 to 9 and 9 to 12 classes have started their unit on music of Australia. This is our schools continent study for this school year. All of the classes have learned a folk dance from Australia.

The 9 to 12 students started working on a hello song called Abeeyo. It is an Aboriginal greeting song. We also started working on the round Kookaburra. The students added the C guitar chord to this song. The 6 to 9 students began working on a song called Taba Naba from the Torres Strait Islands. This has a hand clapping pattern that accompanies the song.

The Towles Choirs will be performing at the FAME Festival at the Grand Wayne Center on March 17th at 1:40 pm. Students that participate in choir brought home a permission slip to be signed and returned by March 2nd. Student performances (piano, vocal, dance, and drama) and student art displays, along with workshops featuring guest musicians, dancers, and visual artists, will all be a part of the Fort Wayne FAME Festival on Saturday, March 17, and Sunday, March 18, at the Grand Wayne Center. This year's festival will spotlight Australia and Oceania culminating with the Celebration of Youth Concert on Sunday.

Taba Naba

Trad song from Torres Strait Islands.

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Ta - ba na - ba na - ba no - rem, Tu - gei pe - nai - sir mi__ Din - ghy em na - ba - tre .

Mi - ko kei - mi sir - ir na - ba re. Ta - ba na - ba no__ rem.

Leader Group Leader Group

A - bee - yo, A - bee - yo, A - be - yo, A -

- be - yo, A - bee - yo bee - yo bee - yem__ ma - ma, A -

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- bee - yo bee - yo bee - yem__ ma - ma. A - ma - ma.

ART CORNER...MRS. TOY



Students have been excitedly working on their sculptures! We are looking for more recycled supplies from the list below so we can continue to build and create. Thank you in advance for your donations!

<u>plastic containers</u> (water bottles, dish soap, milk jugs)	<u>thin cardboard boxes</u> (cereal, fruit snacks, frozen pizza)	<u>greeting cards</u> (birthday, Christmas, anniversary)
<u>tissue paper</u>	<u>bottle caps & lids</u>	<u>yarn & ribbon</u>

*Please make sure containers are washed and cleaned before sending them in. Please no glass or metal cans.

The annual FAME Festival is quickly approaching. This year's theme is Australia and Oceania. The festival will be taking place on March 17-18 at the Grand Wayne Center. For more information visit www.famearts.org.

Congratulations goes out to some of our students for their artwork entered into the FAME Fusion Contest. Congrats to Evelyn Parra & Taryn Slayton for winning their age group. Also congrats to Josi Wollacott, Norah Puff, Samara Jones & Sophia Huff for receiving Honorable Mention. All of these students works will be on display at the FAME Festival along with other students from Towles.

We hope to see you at the Festival!



Sophia Huff,
8th Grade



Samara Jones,
6th Grade



Norah Puff,
3rd Grade



Josi Wollacott,
2nd Grade



Taryn Slayton,
8th Grade



Evelyn Parra,
7th Grade

SPANISH...MRS. SANCHEZ

Las noticias de la clase de Español (News from Spanish Class)

Hola padres,

It was a pleasure to see you and talk to you during conferences.

Gracias for stopping by the Spanish class and asking about the students' progress!

These are some of the activities we are doing this month in class:

Vocabulario y Gramática (Vocabulary and Grammar): We are working on oral activities and using the target language as much as we can in class. We are practicing greetings and farewells, classroom objects and commands, and likes and dislikes. We are also reviewing vocabulary related to clothes, food, and body parts. The students are using this vocabulary to organize sentences and write short paragraphs all in Spanish.

La cultura (Culture): Learning about Hispanic customs and traditions is another of our latest goals. The students are working on projects where they have the opportunity to use technology and research the 21 Spanish Speaking countries around the world.

Remember **Spanish is fun let's give it a try!**

Sra. Sanchez



POPCORN FRIDAYS

3/2 regular (Burgess + NT helpers)

3/9 No popcorn due to carnival

3/16 No popcorn

3/23 cheese (Fennig + NT helpers)

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.

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Dr. Wendy Robinson,
Superintendent

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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.

FWCS MISSION STATEMENT

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

FWCS VISION STATEMENT

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