

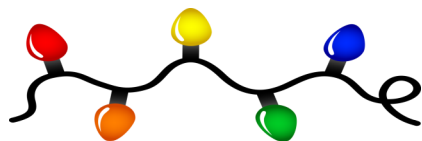


467-4300

December 1, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 1	PTA Cookie Decorating Towles Cafeteria 6 pm
December 4	PTA Carnival Meeting Towles 6:30 pm
December 6	Towles Giving Tree Gifts due date Grade 6 to JA BizTown
December 11	New Tech Fine Arts Night at Wayne High School 6 pm
December 11-15	* PTA 5 Below Fundraiser You must need a coupon for a percentage of purchase to be given back to PTA * Candy Cane Grams Sale during lunch
December 14	Giving Tree Gift Wrapping Event—volunteer opportunity with parent permission
December 18 -21	CANstruction Spirit Week
December 22— January 7	Winter Break—Enjoy!
January 8	* Return from Winter Break * PTA Meeting 6:30 Map Room at ACPL Downtown



We have so much to thankful for here at Towles: great staff, students and families to name just a few. In this season of giving, it warms our hearts to see our students actively contributing to worthy causes through time and talent. Here are a few ways Towles

Tigers are contributing to our community:

- * New Tech Art students have designed Lily-Pads to use in the Pediatrics Unit at Parkview.
- * Towles Cheerleaders will be collecting donations for the Salvation Army this Saturday near JcPenney.
- * Project Linus Club is creating blankets for children in need.
- * Choir students will go caroling at a local nursing home.
- * Student Council and Advisory Student groups are donating the proceeds from the Candy Cane Grams to support the purchase of gifts from our Giving Tree and SCAN

We are so proud of the way our students represent Towles!

Winter Weather

As we enter into the season of possible weather delays and cancellations, please tune into local TV or radio stations or use the FWCS App or website to stay informed!

On a two hour delay, students enter at 9:45 and are considered tardy after 9:55.



WE ARE YOUR SCHOOLS

MONTESSORI MESSAGE...

What is a scientist?... We give the name scientist to the type of man who has felt experiment to be a means guiding him to search out the deep truth of life, to lift a veil from its fascinating secrets, and who, in this pursuit, has felt arising within him a love for the mysteries of nature, so passionate as to annihilate the thought of himself. ~ Maria Montessori , The Montessori Method

As students are working on and completing their science fair projects remember that science is all around us. Children are all scientists and as they are working on their project they should be observing and recording just like a scientist would.

We are currently looking for judges to help judge the science fair. If you would like to help out, please contact Melissa Summers at melissa.summers@fwcs.k12.in.us or 467-4300.

Science Fair Schedule:

Projects Due Monday, Jan. 29th

Science Fair Judging: Tuesday, Jan. 30th

Science Fair Project will be on display in the small gym during Conferences on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Please stop by the small gym and take a look at all the hard work our students put forth. Please take home projects after your conference on Wednesday or Thursday.

NEW TECH NEWS...

7th Grade LASS Create Murals for Peace

The seventh grade Language Arts and Social Studies (LASS) classes partnered with guest muralist Jared Applegate from Ivy Tech & St. Francis to create murals for peace. Students learned about the major beliefs, holiday, holy book, founders and spiritual leaders, and place of worship of the five major religions of the world. Student's applied their learning to create murals. The students, guest muralist, and staff members completed a blind vote selected the twelve murals as the winners. The top teams hung their murals at the Congregation Achduth Vesholom and enjoyed a tour of the facility!

7th Grade MASC hold 2nd Annual Battle of the Coasters

The seventh grade Math and Science (MASC) classes held the second annual Battle of the Coasters. Applied their knowledge of energy transfers and transformations, proportions, and slope to create a rollercoaster. On Tuesday, November 7, the teams presented their roller coasters to a panel of judges..

NEW TECH NEWS CONTINUED...

8th Grade LASS partners with The History Center (Reflections of War)

The Towles New Tech Middle School eighth grade students presented reflections of war exhibits to representatives from the History Center. Their third project of the year, 8th graders utilized their knowledge of Language Arts and Social Studies to exhibit life at war during Revolutionary Era. On Tuesday, November 22, the students presented their exhibits to a panel from the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society. The top exhibits will be displayed at the History Center.

8th Grade MASC partners with Science Central

The upcoming 8th grade Math and Science project will feature the fourth year of creating their interactive periodic table exhibit. For this project, students will be learning about the properties of elements, scientific notation, and solving multi-step equations. This culminating product will be on display at Science Central in early spring.

Study Tables Dates

Mr. McConnell holds weekly Wednesday study tables. Students can stay after school from 2:45-4:30pm to receive additional help on school-work in any class. Towles New Tech students must sign-up 24-hours in advance utilizing the 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, November 29, 2017 - 2:45-4:30pm

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 - 2:45-4:30pm

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 - 2:45-4:30pm

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 - 2:45-4:30pm

2017 Spirit Week

The CANstruction is hosting a Spirit Week the last week before Winter Break. All Towles students may participate by making a \$1.00 or non-perishable food item donation for each day they participate. This is one of the events that helps keep our award winning CANstruction team in action! All donations will go to the Community Harvest Food Bank at the conclusion of the 2018 CANstruction Competition in April.

Monday, December 18 - Pajama Day

(Wear your favorite school appropriate pajamas or comfy clothing)

Tuesday, December 19 - Hat Day

(Wear your favorite school appropriate hat!)

Wednesday, December 20 - Twin Day

(Match up with a friend or group to wear your favorite matching school appropriate outfit)

Thursday, Holiday Day

(Dress from head to toe in your favorite holiday gear!)



POPCORN FRIDAYS

- Dec. 1 Cheese
(Henry)
- Dec. 8 regular
(Hesting)
- Dec. 15 Holiday
Surprise
(Keifer)



- newspaper
- plastic containers (water bottles, dish soap, milk jugs)
- thin cardboard boxes (cereal, fruit snacks, frozen pizza)
- egg cartons
- bottle caps & lids
- greeting cards (birthday, christmas, anniversary)
- wrapping paper
- tissue paper
- yarn & ribbon

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



NT 7th grade LASS
Peace Mural Projects



NT 8th grade LASS
Reflections of War
Projects

ART CORNER...MRS. TOY

Students have been creating some great work in our TAB studios. We have opened drawing, collage, watercolor paint and stop motion animation. We will soon be opening our sculpture station and could use some recycled materials from you. If you have any of the items listed in the column beside this article, please send them in with your artist so we can use them in class.

The 7th and 8th graders have been learning about recycled art and artists from Miss Emilie, our student teacher from Saint Francis. They have done many different projects about this topic, check them out on our Artsonia Gallery. The Advanced Art students have been busy working on their Lily-pads for the children in the pediatrics unit at Parkview. Once they are finished we will be delivering them to Parkview.

Middle school families, make sure to mark your calendar on December 11th at 6:00pm for our bi-annual Fine Arts Night at Wayne High School. Here students will get to showcase the work they have done in art, music and band.



Hannah Meyers, 5th Gr



Josiah Andersen, 1st Gr



Joshua Harroff, 5th Gr



Taryn Slayton, 8th Gr

PHYSICAL EDUCATION...MR. Q

Greetings,

To start, the holiday season has just begun and I want to reflect on a couple of things that I am thankful for this month. Besides working alongside a great staff, I am grateful enough to have the opportunity work with all those energetic young souls that fill my gym every day. My day would just be just another ordinary day otherwise.

That being said I try to stress the importance of the term “Physically Fit”. I try to emphasize to the students that a means of having a strong body should be strong enough to handle all the demands of day-to-day living—going to school, studying, participating in sports, chores around the house, or other afterschool activities. Students will be performing their preliminary fitness test along with doing a variety of activities, which work on the overall fitness and general well-being.

Parents--Try to encourage your child to set a goal to participate in a variety of physical activities each week that improves your current fitness level and help them stay healthy. Therefore, I am going to challenge the students and work towards that goal.

Till next month,
Mr. Q



MEDIA CENTER...MR.DIEDERICH

The 6-9 students will be working on describing the story by looking at the pictures in the book. I will be sharing the story “Float” by Daniel Miyares. This book is conveyed through beautiful illustrations, but it does not have any written words. The students will describe what is happening in the picture to tell the story.

The 9-12 students will be working on FWCS databases. They will be focusing on the “Science in Context” database, which is a tremendous research tool for anything science related. Each month I will highlight one of the Young Hoosier Book Award books. I will book talk “The Testing” by Joelle Charbonneau for December. This science fiction, dystopian book follows four students from an out-post colony as they attempt to gain admittance into the University. Passing the testing means, you have a chance to help this fledgling country survive, while no one know what happens to those who flunk the testing.

MUSIC...

MRS. THORSON



Welcome to December! Music class is rocking this winter! With the Holiday's fast approaching, we have a few special activities planned for the last few weeks of December. We will have a holiday music sing along the last week of December during music class. We also have special activities planned for the last two days before winter break.

The 9 to 12 students are working on a simple chord progression on the guitar that many pop songs use. We are also continuing Recorder Karate. Many students will earn their green and purple belt by the end of December.

The 6 to 9 students have been learning singing games this past semester. We will continue working with our Solfege Street. We will also learn about the Nutcracker with fun movement, melody, and rhythm activities.

December 11th (Monday) is Fine Arts Night for the middle school guitar and music tech classes. The guitar ensemble will be performing and we will have some videos of music tech class to share with the audience. I hope to see you all there!

Happy Holidays!

CASE MANAGER...MRS. SMITH

Candy Cane Grams

Over the next 2 weeks, students and staff members can pay \$1 to send Candy Cane Grams to fellow Towles students and staff members during their lunch period.

Students may only make purchases during their own lunch period.

TNT Lunch Sales: December 4th-8th

1st-6th Grade Lunch Sales: December 11th-15th

Purchased Candy Canes will be delivered to classrooms on the afternoon of December 21st (last day before break). All proceeds will go to help our Giving Tree Families & SCAN - Stop Child Abuse and Neglect.

SPANISH...MRS. SANCHEZ

Las noticias de la clase de Español (Spanish news) - Sra. Sanchez

Queridos padres (Dear parents),

Elementary - We are using technology, oral and writing activities to reinforce the vocabulary words we are learning. The vocabulary topics are **El cuerpo** (body parts), **La familia** (Family) and **La ropa** (Clothing). The students started to organize and write sentences and paragraphs all in Spanish. They are also reviewing parts of the speech - using **tú** (you informal) and **usted** (you formal) in a conversation.

Middle School - Learning singular and plural articles, nouns and adjectives is one of our goals this month. This part of grammar is helping them develop writing abilities in our target language. Some students are working on editing and rewriting sentences all in Spanish and practicing translation skills.

Spanish 1 - We are focusing on comprehension, writing skills and a variety of oral presentations. The students are working hard with infinitive verbs and conjugation in the present tense. Also we are always practicing spelling, translation and reviewing basic phrases/questions & answers that we use every day in class.

Advanced Spanish 9-12 level - We are incorporating more oral and conversational activities, we want to speak Spanish! As well as mastering our writing abilities. We are finishing three projects: Learning and performing a Latin rhythms and dancing, Famous Hispanics around the world, and a Kahoot presentation with a variety of vocabulary topics such as, food, body parts and clothes. **¡Buen trabajo!**

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

Enjoy the holidays!

Spanish



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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.

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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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