



Tiger Pride Newsletter



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Principal's Message,

Cold weather has arrived in Central Maine. This is a reminder that the students of Tripp do stand outside in the morning from 7:15 to 7:30. Only when the wind chill or temperature reaches 10 degrees or below will we move inside. Please make sure your child dresses appropriately.

Friends of Tripp are working on several fundraisers in the month of December. We have been chosen by the Hannaford in Turner to be the recipient of Hannaford Cause Bag Program. For each bag that is purchased, Tripp will receive one dollar. The other fundraiser is a pie sale. The order form is attached to this newsletter. Your child will need to turn their money into the school before December 14th. They will receive a receipt, which you will need to take to Wallingford's Fruit House in Auburn on December 22nd or 23rd to pick up your pies.

Student eligibility for extra curricular activities is still using the following model: The grades that will be used are the end of the day grades for the 15th of the month. Tier one: Students maintaining course grades of 2.6 or above, based on the overall grade in all classes, will immediately be considered eligible for the current grading period. Tier Two: If the student has a course grade(s) below 2.6, but not less than 2.0, the Habits of Work (H.O.W.) score(s) from those courses will be considered. If the H.O.W. score in the course(s) is 2.6 or above, the student will be considered eligible. If the H.O.W. score in the course is below a 2.6, the student would be ineligible. Tier Three: If a student has a course grade below a 2.0, that student would not be eligible to participate in an extra curricular activity until the above expectations are met.

And finally, it is with a heavy heart that we say good-bye to Mr. LaFlamme. He has been the PE teacher at Tripp since 2005. He is retiring from teaching. We wish him the best of luck in his retirement years. Our new PE teacher's name is Mr. Sirois. He has taught all levels of PE in Madawaska, ME.

Important Dates

- December 5 – Friends of Tripp @ 6:30 PM
- December 8 - Deadline to return Trimester 1 report cards
- December 15 – Friends of Tripp Pie order forms are due
- December 19 - TMS & LAHS Winter Concert, 6:30PM @ LAHS Auditorium
- December 21 – Half day for students and staff
- December 22 – Holiday Break Begins
- January 3 – Students return to school

Athletic News at Tripp

The winter sports season is under way. The basketball game schedule is posted on the TMS Athletics website, as well as on the athletics calendar. Directions to away games are also found on the TMS Athletics link on the TMS website. Nordic ski racing will be starting soon; more information will be forthcoming. Intramural sports will begin on Tuesday, December 19th. Tripp's new physical education teacher, Mr. Sirois will be organizing an amazing program for all to enjoy. Intramural sports will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until spring sports start! Come on out and play!

The activity bus is available for Greene and Leeds students. Go to the TMS Athletics website for complete details. Keep an eye on the Athletics website for changes and cancelations.

Don't forget grade checks for eligibility occur on the 15th of each month. Success in athletics depends on your success in the classroom. Work equally as hard in both arenas and the reward will be great!

Curriculum News - 7th Grade ELA

In 7th grade Reading classes, students have spent the first trimester focusing on literary elements (plot, setting, character, theme, etc.) and literary response. We are using a variety of short stories as well as independent reading books to teach this. Please remember that all students should be reading independently for 30 minutes each night at home. We are also continuing our word work, focusing on vocabulary with Greek and Latin roots.

In 7th grade English classes, we have been focusing on narrative writing. Students have been writing fiction stories, using the writing process. Some classes are now beginning our next unit which is informational writing.

Friends of Tripp

Friends of Tripp is a parent group that works to help support activities for the students. Over the past ten years the group has only gotten together in the second half of the year to work on the eighth grade dance. This year we have a group of parents that would like to have all parents working together to raise money so they can support all students. The next meeting will be December 5th at 6:30PM. I hope to see you there.

