



# Tiger Pride Newsletter



Tripp Middle School, 65 Matthews Way, Turner, ME 04282  
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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.

## Important Dates

January 5 at 7 PM & January 6 at 2 PM - LAHS Musical, Seussical the Musical  
January 15 – Martin Luther King Day – No School  
January 19 – Grades Close for Progress Reports  
January 31 – Teacher In-Service Half Day – Students will be dismissed at 11:10  
January 24 – Progress Reports Sent Home

## Athletic News at Tripp

Happy New Year! The winter sports season is in full stride with the second half of the basketball schedule underway. Remember that the 8th-grade basketball teams will now have the first game, which starts at 3:30 PM and the 7h grade game will follow. The basketball teams are scheduled to play until the end of January.

Nordic skiing has had plenty of snow to practice on, so plan to see the team out on the trails every day!

Check in on the TMS Athletics website for weekly updates on practice schedules, basketball game schedules, and directions to away venues. Nordic skiing information, as well as Intramural information, will also be updated weekly. Intramurals will be going on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 – 4:00 until spring sports start!

## Curriculum News – Unified Arts

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The foreign language department at Tripp has a new addition to its curriculum: in both Spanish and French, a short beginner novel appropriate for middle school has been incorporated into the activities for class. This rich reading material will increase opportunities for both reading and writing in their targeted language. Students will also be listening to the radio and other podcasts at home, and we hope this activity will involve the whole family.

### Art

In Art, the 8th graders just completed their relief sculptures. They are about to start designing their own city blocks using the same 2 point perspective techniques used by architects! Shading and design will be discussed and implemented to complete the design they are after. 7th graders are starting our clay unit and are VERY excited! They are beginning work on their coil pots, and in the next few classes, they will also be using the pottery wheels. We are fortunate enough to have four wheels so all students will have a chance to use one and make their own piece of pottery. All pieces will be fired in the kiln and glazed to their liking.

## COMPUTER

In computer class students focus on: having an understanding of proper social media usage, responding and preventing cyberbullying, scams and schemes, cell phone safety and digital footprints. Google applications including doc, sheets, slides, and forms. They use Code.Org to gain an understanding of how to program in HTML code and CSS code. Final Project: designing and building a multi-page website. The website will have four pages including a home page, navigation, headers, paragraphs, text, images, colors, and fonts. The website will not be published online but will be created in the Code.Org web editor.

## MUSIC

In general music, the 7th graders are just starting to learn the in's and out's of Garageband (a digital audio computer program) and MuseScore (a music notation program.) Students will be completing a number of music creation projects throughout the course of the trimester.

The band and Chorus students just participated in their TMS/LAHS winter concert on December 19th. The groups will be starting to learn new music for the annual Bandarama and All Choirs concert coming up in April.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In Physical education, students will be learning about team building activities and invasion games. Students will play basketball, speedball, and capture the flag. While they are learning the new activities and skills students will develop motor skills and movement patterns. Students will also work on communication, respect, and developing interpersonal skills will participating in physical activity.

## TECH ED

With the beginning of the new trimester, we start with our core and fundamental skills of Problem Solving. The 8th graders are exploring bridge design and construction with the building of paper bridges. They are competing against each other in a race to build the strongest bridge. The 7th graders are exploring structures, pressure effects, and destructive testing in the design of an object to hold the most pressure. This structure is built out of paper and a limited amount of tape. Last trimester's students concluded their time with the building, an air dragster, a trebuchet, mousetrap car, maglev train, the robotic end effector, or designing a 500 square foot apartment. Interested? Please visit [BishopTechEd.com](http://BishopTechEd.com) to find out more.

## HEALTH EDUCATION

The mission of the health/wellness curriculum at TMS is to educate students by giving them the tools to make healthy lifelong decisions. Students are exposed to information pertaining to their physical, mental/emotional, and social health.

Standards build off of themselves from 7th grade to 8th grade. In both grades, different teaching strategies are used to connect with each type of learner. Students are assessed on class work, homework, projects, assessments, and habits of work.

The classroom environment is very open and welcoming for all opinions and thoughts. Students are encouraged to express themselves and participate in class discussions. All students can experience success by having a positive attitude, a willingness to work with others, and completing their work on time.

## MEDIA CENTER

All TMS students received \$7.00 in Book Fair Book Bucks this fall and enjoyed selecting their own books. In addition, ELA teachers chose some books for their classroom libraries. We would like to thank parents for shopping at the Book Fair - all proceeds go back to books for kids and classrooms! In December we held a two-day New Book Preview, and students are enjoying reading some favorite authors and genres. Students are also reading from the current Maine Student Award Reading List at [www.mainestudentbookaward.org](http://www.mainestudentbookaward.org). They can participate in the statewide vote and attend the Ice Cream Social in the spring if they turn in four MSBA rating slips.

In addition to selecting books and finding a comfortable space to read, students also come to the library to do homework and research. We encourage students a variety of resources for their research, including Marvel! Maine's Virtual Library. Parents can set up a home account at <http://maine.gov/marvel>.

### MSAD#52 Musical

The Leavitt Area High School is proud to present "Seussical the Musical!" The story is based on works by Dr. Seuss! Come see your favorite characters come to life! Several middle school students will be part of the production.

Date: Friday, January 6 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, January 7 at 2:00 pm

Place: LAHS Auditorium

Tickets: General admission tickets will be sold at the door: Adults \$10, Students/Seniors \$5.

General Admission (doors open 30 minutes before the show)