



Tiger Pride Newsletter



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Principal's Message,

After the winter break in February the students began using the new schedule. This gave the students an extended break in the midmorning and an opportunity to get a late breakfast. One of the most popular items on the menu is a fruit smoothie, made with low fat yogurt, fresh fruit, and apple juice. The students can also visit with friend on their team. The new schedule can be found on our website.

Next Tuesday the 7th grade class will be going to Central Maine Community College for the annual Career Day, They will have an opportunity to meet people in a variety of fields that interest them. This gets the students thinking about what career choices are available to them as they prepare for high school.

We will be administering the state proficiency test MEA. This data helps us track your child's proficiency in Reading, Math and Science. It will take four morning sessions to complete. When we have testing we change the schedules around so the students do not repeatedly miss the same classes during the testing period.

Trimester two is extended until March 23rd; this will give the students additional class time which will compensate for the snow days in trimester two.

Policy JJJ – Extra and Co-Curricular Academic Eligibility has changed. The day that grades will be checked has been moved from the 15th of the month to the 10th of the month, except for September, which will happen on the 30th. In addition, trimester three grades for seventh graders will not affect fall sport participation. To see the full policy please visit the district website and look for the tab labeled, "Policies".

Important Dates

March 13 – 7th Grade Career Day – 7th graders travel to CMCC

March 15 – Half-Day for students

March 16 – Teacher In-Service Day

March 23 – Wildcats sponsored Social

March 23 – Trimester 2 Ends

Athletic News at Tripp

Sign up sheets are in the main lobby at Tripp for spring sports. I am excited to see all sheets for the different sports filling up so fast. In order to tryout, you must have a current physical examination and all sports paperwork filled out. If you participated in a fall or winter sport your

paperwork is complete, if not, you can pick up sports paperwork in the main lobby. Please bring completed paper work to the coach of the sport you are trying out for on the first day. **If you do not have a current physical or do not have the sports paperwork completed, you will not be allowed to tryout.**

Curriculum News – Alternative Classroom Experience (ACE)

The ACES program is busy populating the classroom with models of human body systems. This is part of a simulation called “Code Blue”, during which students learn about the human body by assuming the role of young doctors doing hospital rounds. After passing their “boards”, the students will receive case studies of patients and work in teams to diagnose the problem and recommend a course of remediation and healing. This will culminate with earning certification in Advanced Lifesaver CPR with Firefighter Paramedic Smith from the Auburn Fire Department as the instructor. We are looking forward to the new release of Ready Player One, so we can watch the movie and decide if it’s as good as the book. We proclaimed the book a new classic. Students are researching the First Amendment in order to write a persuasive piece regarding current events. The class is working in groups to construct “Geometrocities”—three-dimensional models of geometrical concepts. Needless to say, there is no hope for Ms. Gavin’s desk to ever be cleaned and organized by the end of the day.

Tripp Drama Club is Gearing Up ...

This year Tripp Middle School’s Drama Club will present “Alienated” by Kenneth R. Preuss. This story finds one high school senior gathering up her friends to meet one evening at school to try to solve the mystery of why a bright light flashes at precisely the same time on the same date every six years. Could it be an alien communicating with one of them? Is one of them an alien? Could it be the diva? The athlete? The slacker? Everyone has something to hide and everyone is pointing at the other. Or could the strange characteristics just be a normal part of being a teenager? There is a surprise ending—be warned! Students are working hard to act, design sets and gather props. The date for the weeknight performance is to be determined and the admission will be a donation at the door of the Tripp Middle School gym.