

Tiger Pride Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Greetings everyone!

The mornings are getting colder, and it is important that the students dress for the weather. The students do stand outside for 15 minutes each morning. They will wait inside the school on rainy days, but on most days they are outside. The temperature cut off for standing outside is ten degrees.

October 5th we will be kicking off our yearly fundraiser. This year we will be selling Subway coupon books. They are a \$65.00 value and cost \$10.00. We are asking each student to sell at least three booklets. The school receives 50% profit. This will be the only fundraiser we will do this year, so a strong school effort will help us all. Students can earn prizes when they sell 20 or more booklets. Thank you for your support.

The progress reports were sent home on October 3rd. They should have been signed and returned on Oct 5th. If you have not returned the progress report please do so as soon as possible. Please read the report and sign the cover letter.

Important dates for September

October 5 - Kick off school Fundraiser

October 6- Teacher In-Service Day

October 9 - NO School - Columbus Day

October 19 - Fundraiser Ends

October 19 - Picture Re-Take Day

October 27 - 2:30-4:30PM - Bengal Sponsored School Social, late bus will be provided for Greene and Leeds Students

November 9 - Parent / Teacher Conferences

Tripp Athletics

The fall athletic season has reached its mid way point at Tripp Middle School. Athletic eligibility grade reviews will occur once a month starting on October 15th, so keep working hard.

Athletes mark your calendars; fall athletic pictures will be taken on Friday October 13th. All athletes will be dressing in their game uniforms for team and individual pictures. The cost of purchasing pictures is still only \$5.00; this is what you will get:

- (1) 5X7 team photo
- (3) 4X6 individual photos
- (7) wallet size photos
- (1) magnet

The winter sports season is rapidly approaching and the Tripp Athletic Department is in need of a 7th grade girl's basketball coach and also a Nordic Ski coach. If you are interested in applying or would like more information about either position please contact the athletic director, Mark Thibodeau.

Highlight From A Content Area – Science

We are off to a fantastic start in science here at Tripp Middle School. After learning about Lab Safety at the beginning of the year, the seventh graders are learning about scientific inquiry and what makes a scientist successful. We are learning about the nature of science and why science is so important. Students will soon be getting into the Cell Structure & Function unit. We will be learning how to use microscopes and we will closely observe different specimens. Students will also be learning about the different types of cells and why they are important. Other units we will cover this year are: Body Organization & Systems, Growth Development & Reproduction of Organisms, Natural Selection & Adaptations, and Matter & Energy in Organisms & Ecosystems.

The eighth graders are currently studying the Structure and Properties of Matter unit. Students are learning about elements, compounds, and mixtures. Students will be doing laboratory investigations on physical and chemical changes, density, and more! Students will be able to recognize the difference between a physical change and a chemical change. Other units the eighth graders will be covering this year include: Chemical Reactions, Energy, Thermal Energy, Waves & Electromagnetic Radiation, and Forces & Interactions. The eighth graders will be taking the MEA Science Test in May. This test will cover what students have learned in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade. Lastly, we will end the year with a bang by launching bottle rockets!