

Tiger Pride Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Welcome! Our first week of school went really well. The seventh graders have adjusted very quickly to the middle school schedule. Each month I will be sending home a newsletter with updates on curriculum and important dates. Attached to this newsletter you will find a Middle Years newsletter. This news brief has helpful hints to assist your middle school student.

The students are all given an agenda book on the first day of school. They should also have a form that needs to be filled in stating that both the parents and students have read the handbook. This form is located on Page 25 of the agenda book. As you read the handbook please note some of these topics:

- Every student is expected to read 30 minutes daily outside of school.
- Attendance is very important at Tripp. Please make sure your child is in attendance every day there is school. If they are absent from school, please call the school in the morning.

Every year the **7th graders and new 8th graders parents and students are required to attend a Technology meeting**. This year the meeting will be held the same time as the Open House. We felt this would help families with busy schedules be able to attend. The required meeting is **September 13th from 5:30 – 6:00**. The Open House will follow immediately after the technology meeting.

Important dates for September

- Our Picture Day is September 8th; we will have make-ups on October 19th.
- Technology Meeting is September 13 at 5:30 PM in the gym; for all 7th grade and new 8th grade students and families.
- Open House is September 13th; at the middle school the Open House begins with an informational meeting with your child's advisor. Please arrive promptly at 6pm to hear all of the important information to make this year a successful year.

Tripp Athletics

Fall sports are in full swing! Here are a few reminders for all athletes participating in fall sports:

- Be prepared for sudden changes in weather
- Bring water bottles, shorts/t-shirts and sweatshirts.
- Stay well hydrated.
- Always try your hardest.
- Be a role model and always exhibit good sportsmanship.

Field Hockey and soccer started on September 5th. Practices for Field Hockey are held every school day from 5:00 - 7:30 at the Turner Primary Field.

8th Grade Boy's and 8th Grade Girl's Soccer practices will take place right after school from 2:30 - 4:30. 7th Grade Girl's Soccer will practice from 5:30 - 7:00 at TMS. 7th Grade Boy's will practice from 4:00 - 5:30.

Cross Country Running will practice from 5:30 - 7:00 and meet at the Leavitt ski building.

Athletes whose practices do not start at 2:30 must go home on their regular bus and return for their practice. Athletes are able to take the late bus home, if they are a resident of Leeds or Greene (bus route is on the Tripp Athletics Website.) Athletes may also be picked up at the school when practice is over. Please be prompt in picking up your student! Lockers are available for all athletes. Please encourage your athlete to lock his or her personal belongings during practices and games to prevent the loss of valuables. Check the Tripp website for game changes/cancellations due to weather. You can call the school after 1:00 P.M. on game days to check on game cancellations.

Highlight From A Content Area – Each month there will be a different content area highlighted.

- October – Science
- November – Social Studies
- December - ELA 7th grade
- January – UA Teachers
- February – Math
- March – ACES and Special Ed (Resource Rooms, Day Treatment, Life Skills)
- April – ELA – 8th grade

Students of the Month - Each month the teachers on each team choose a seventh grade student and an eighth grade student who have shown strength in the following areas: good academic standing, self-motivation, respect for others, acceptance of responsibility, and performance of random acts of kindness. These students are then recognized at the monthly student recognition assembly.

Tiger Traits Rewards - These rewards are given to students by staff members at Tripp when they see students demonstrating respect, safety, and responsibility. The student receives a ticket, and then the ticket goes into the team container in the main lobby. During our student recognition assembly, five (5) tickets are drawn from each container, and the students whose names are drawn receive a \$5.00 gift card to one of a variety of local businesses.

School Lunch Program - The school lunch program prices at Tripp are: Breakfast \$1.50, Lunch \$2.75. Free and reduced lunch students do get free breakfast. The lunch policy does change for 7-12 graders. Please check the district handbook for details. "...Failure to make payment after three meal charges will result in denial of school lunch services until payment is made in full."

Box Tops For Education - Clip and send in your box tops. We are collecting them in the office.

Maine State Student Book Awards(MSBA) - The MSBA is given annually to the book selected by Maine students as their favorite book of the year. Tripp Middle School students can participate in the statewide vote if they read at least four books on the list. These students are also invited to an ice cream social in the Media Center, where our top readers from each class are recognized. Current and past MSBA books can be found at www.mainestatebookaward.org.