

Tiger Pride Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

It was so good to see so many families at the Parent/Teacher conferences this year. Communication is so important to our student's success. Please remember to contact your child's advisor any time during the year if you have questions or concerns. Advisors are great first contacts.

As you may have heard, I am also the Foreign language teacher this year. I am facilitating the classes and there is a long-term sub in the room to handle the daily lessons. We are currently in search of a teacher that is certified in French, Spanish or American Sign Language. When this person is hired, we will move all students to that language so they are all exposed to the same cultural experience.

This year we have been selling Subway booklets for \$10.00 they are a \$65.00 value. The money raised will help student activity accounts. If you have not purchased your booklets yet, there is still time. They are in the office and can be purchased up to November 28th. Last year we earned \$3,175 in profit from the fundraiser. It would be wonderful to do the same this year.

Important dates for November

- Trimester One Ends November 20st
- No School November 21-23, Thanksgiving Break
- Report Cards will go home November 30th.

Tripp Athletics

The winter sports season is under way. The basketball practice schedule will be posted on the TMS Athletics website each week, as well as game information.

Nordic ski racing and Intramural Sports will begin November 26th. If you are interested, see Mr. Sirois. Intramural Sports's will be going on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until spring sports start!

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 10th 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!

Highlight From A Content Area – Social Studies

The annual Veterans Day Assembly was a huge success this year. Retired Marine Veteran Marcus Reny, also a Leavitt graduate, and Retired Staff Sergeant Helaina Lake of Livermore Falls were our featured guests speakers this year. Messages of what it means to sacrifice and the importance of how each and every one of us needs to adapt and overcome in life when faced with challenges were heard loud and clear by our student body. Students and veterans alike enjoyed having conversations in round table discussions. We are grateful for Turner's Legion Post #111 for their active participation in our assembly. Please check out the Tripp Middle School Facebook page for videos that were created for the Veterans Day Assembly or the school's website where they are also posted.

7th grade classes are working on North American Geography Units. The 8th grade has begun studying Europe's geography and history. Both grade levels are enjoying using our online textbooks, available for the first time to both grade levels. The videos and graphics of the units that the students have access to online, as well as the leveled texts to read are really engaging for all learners.

If your parent reads this newsletter, please ask them to sign it and return it to the office. Your name will go into a drawing for a subway coupon book. Newsletters need to be returned by November 28th.

