

Tiger Pride Newsletter

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

The students are all given an agenda book on the first day of school. Please review the handbook with your student and complete the form on page 26. Return signed forms to your child's advisor. 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 **7th graders and new 8th graders and their parents are required to attend a Technology meeting.** This year the meeting will be held on the same date as the Open House. We felt this would help families with busy schedules be able to attend. The required meeting is **September 18th from 5:30 – 6:00.** The Open House will follow immediately after the technology meeting and will begin in the gym.

Friends of Tripp will be looking for both 7th and 8th grade parents to help out with fundraising this school year. Monies will fund activities such as the 8th grade dance and end of the year field trip for 8th grade students as well as other activities for both 7th & 8th graders. Our first meeting will be held on September 11th @ 6:30 pm in the Media Center at Tripp. We will be exploring ideas for fundraising this school year. Ms. Learned will be spearheading this group. Please come and join her to get ideas rolling for making the most of our fundraising efforts to celebrate our students!

Important dates for September

- September 6th – Picture Day (we will have make-ups on October 17th)
- September 11 – Friends of Tripp
- September 18 – Half Day for Students
- September 18 - Technology Meeting in the gym for all 7th grade and new 8th grade students and families.
- September 18th – Open House begins with an informational meeting in the gym. Please arrive promptly at 6pm to hear all of the important information to make this year a successful year.
- September 27 – Grades close for Progress Reports

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 start on September 5th. Practices are held every school day from 2:30 - 4:30 for all teams with the exception of the 8th grade Boys' Soccer and Football. 8th Boys soccer will practice from 4:00-5:30 and Football practice will start at 5:00. Student/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.) Student/Athletes may also be picked up at the school at that time. Please be prompt in picking up your student/athlete!

Lockers are available for all student/athletes. Please encourage your student/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.

**We still have an opening for a Cross Country Running Coach. If you are interested in this position please contact Mark Thibodeau ASAP. mark.thibodeau@msad52.org.

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

October – Social Studies	February – Special Ed
November – ELA 7 th grade	March – Lit Lab
December - UA Teachers	April –grade 8 th ELA
January – Math	May - Science

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 \$1.75, Lunch \$3.00 Free and reduced lunch students do get free breakfast.

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.