

Tiverton Middle School Monthly Newsletter

February 2019

CRAVEN'S CORNER



Dear TMS Family,

This year is moving so quickly! Our second quarter of learning is officially in the books, which means we have reached our halfway point for the year! We are currently welcoming parents and guardians to discuss progress and accomplishments through our quarterly Parent-Teacher conferences. Our second quarter conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th, from 5 -8:00 PM, and directly after school on Thursday,

February 14th, from 2:45-4:45 PM. A link to sign up for conferences can be found on the Tiverton Middle School website under "Parent Resources" or by clicking [HERE](#).

With our New England winters, cancellations are a possibility. Any cancellations of afterschool programs or co-curricular activities/events will be communicated through several sources. We will place notice on our school website, our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Facebook page and via email/phone call. Please make sure that our office team has your most up-to-date on file.

The safety, health and security of our students is my top priority. Please remind students to dress for the cold weather when they are leaving for school in the morning. As a reminder to all parents/guardians with students who do not use our buses, please do not drop your student off before our start time of 7:50 AM.

Finally, to celebrate the New Year, this newsletter will highlight some of our TMS young learners representing just how great it is to be a student at Tiverton Middle School. Our TMS students deserve a huge shout out for distinguishing themselves by their outstanding achievements both in and out of school. Enjoy the good news!

Best,

Sue Craven

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TMS SPIRIT WEEK 2019

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TMS SPIRIT

Day

Date

Event

Tuesday

February 5th

THS's lead tiger, Mr. Ashley talks to TMS! - 8th Grade only

Wednesday

February 6th

PTO Meeting @ TMS Library 6:30 PM

Wednesday

February 13th

Parent Teacher Conference from 5 to 8 PM

Thursday

February 14th

Parent Teacher Conference 2:45 to 4:45 PM

February 15—19

Teacher PD Day No School & Winter Break

Wednesday

February 20th

THS Guidance team - ELA course selection -8th Grade only

February 20th —March 1st

TMS 8th Grade selections for 2019-20 elective courses

Thursday

February 21st

Gr 6 Patriots Project "Night at the Museum" in Cafeteria 6:30-7:30

Thursday

February 28th

"Who Am I Anyway?" Show —C.O.R.E. Program @THS 7:00 PM

Thursday

March 7th

Grade 5 Dental Screening

Friday

March 22nd

Faculty/Student Basketball Game 6 PM—8 PM @ THS

Benefits the David S. Frerichs, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund and TMS Boosters

Tuesday

March 26th

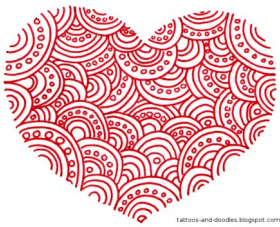
Epilepsy Awareness Day



We will continue our Scoliosis Screenings for Eighth Graders throughout the month of February.



If parents prefer to opt out of their student's free in school dental screening that is scheduled for all fifth graders March 7th, please submit the proper form to Mrs. Rocha no later than Friday, February 22nd. The form can be downloaded by clicking [HERE](#). Once the form is complete, please send it with your student to be dropped off at the Nurse's office or with the main office administrative support team. Any questions you may have can be directed to our School Nurse Teacher, Mrs. Rocha at 401-624 - 6668, option 3 or via email to lrocha@tivertonschools.org Thank you!



The Bug of the Month is...

The Norovirus

Protect yourself through education!

Click [Here](#) to read more from the Center for Disease Control and wash your hands often!

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The PTO hosted the University of Rhode Island's Division I Men's Basketball Team, presenting students in Grades 5 and 6 an opportunity to meet and hear a personal story from player, Tyrese Martin, who spoke about the importance of academics, making positive choices, and dedication to yourself!

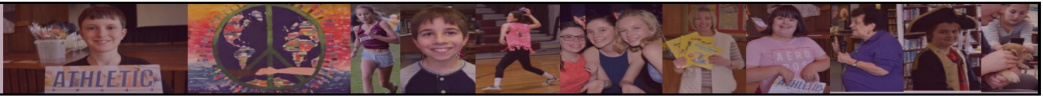
Tiverton Middle School PTO has a closed group page at Facebook.com "Tiverton Middle School PTO". Please request to join this group for the latest TMS PTO news! Please be aware of Facebook pages that are not monitored or approved by the Tiverton School District. We encourage families to steer clear of pages that contain the name of any of our schools that include a specific class year and the words "parent resource group". These pages are in no way affiliated with the Tiverton School District and are not run by a Tiverton Middle School parent! Protect your child's digital foot print!

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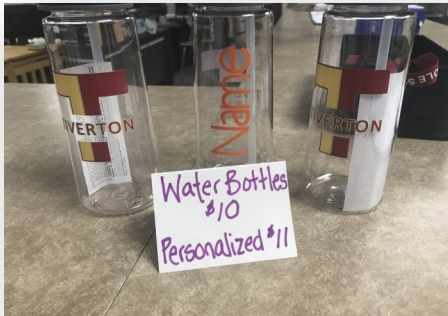
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We are still collecting **Box Tops**. For our January/February contest, we will randomly select three winners for a \$25 gift card! Students will receive 1 contest entry for each submission of 25 Box Tops so please include your name and homeroom. Please submit by February 25th. Many thanks to Rose Mello-Sousa for her efforts as our Box Tops coordinator and many thanks to Ms. Cavanaugh and her amazing students for helping with our Box Tops collection. Many hands make light work!



We're selling **TMS Water Bottles** in an effort to purchase a second water bottle filling station. Bottles are \$10. Thanks to Mrs. Brennan and her fabulous 7th graders!



School store will be selling **TMS Spirit Wear** (TMS shirts, long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants) during parent-teacher conferences.

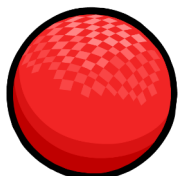


We are in the midst of flu season. If you are able to **donate any tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, etc** we would greatly appreciate it! Donations will be collected during parent-teacher conferences. PTO will distribute all donations to the classrooms. Thanks!



7th & 8th Grade Social is March 15th. With enough volunteers, we will have the cafeteria open for a dance and the gym open for basketball and other games.

We will be kicking off our spring-summer **flower bulb fundraiser** in February/March. Stay tuned for more details.



The **Annual Dodgeball tournament** is April 5th.



From our awesome Physical Education Team

Our P.E. players for the month of January are...

Grade 5- Josh Perry

Grade 6- Mya Jerome

Grade 7- Rebecca Brodeur

Grade 8- Jake Cookinham

BUY YOUR Yearbook

Parents and Guardians,

You have the opportunity to purchase an ad in this year's yearbook. You can advertise your business or congratulate your student for making it as far as they have in school. Simply send in a check and the specifications for your ad with your student, and have them turn it into the yearbook box in the main office. All ads are due by Friday, April 5, 2019.

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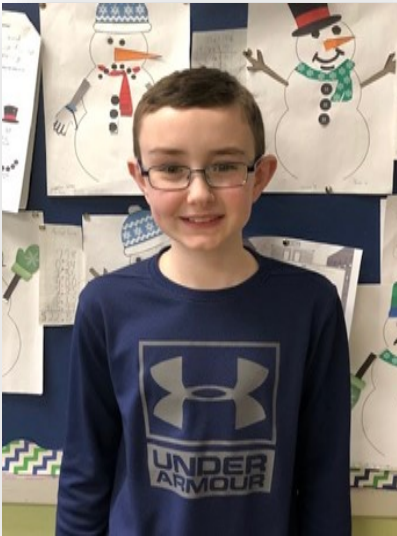
Thank You,

Ms. Possemato and the yearbook team

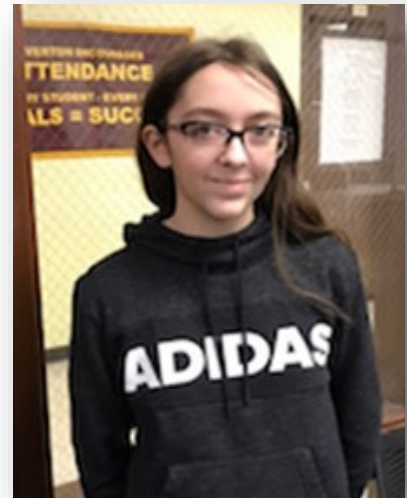
SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Students of the Month:

Fifth Grade : Samantha Mulveny & Evan Duda

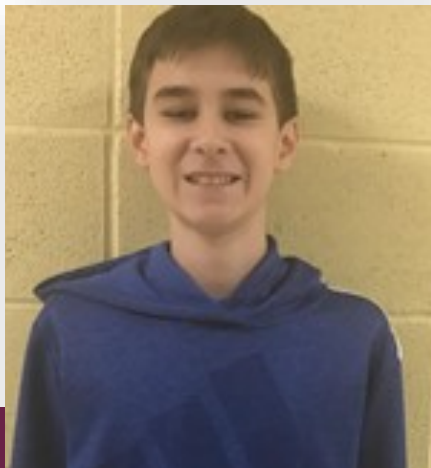


Sixth Grade- Ethan Lester & Kaylee Kusinitz (not pictured)



Seventh Grade: Brianna St Laurent

Eighth Grade: Josh Guilmette & Casey Taber



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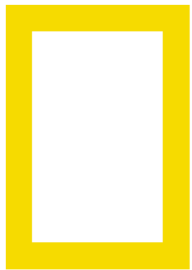
Tiverton Middle School names National Geographic Bee winner

Sam Black is our Geography Champion! As a 6th-grade student at Tiverton Middle School Sam won the school competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 25th and a chance at a \$50,000 college scholarship. The school Bee, at which students answered questions on geography, was the first round in the 31st annual National Geographic Bee. Emily Pensak, grade 7, placed second, Silas Aguiar, grade 5, placed third, and Jacqueline Delcourt, grade 8, placed fourth.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories are participating in the 2019 National Geographic Bee. The school champions, including Sam, will take a qualifying test; up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state Geo Bee.



Bee Finalists pictured from left to right are Silas Aguiar Gr. 5; Sam Black, Gr. 6; Emily Pensak, Gr. 7; and Jacqueline Delcourt, Gr. 8.



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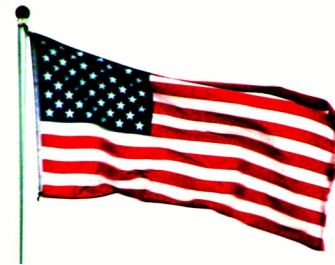
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TMS student wins second place in Patriot's Pen Essay Contest at the state level

The Tiverton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5392 congratulate Tiverton Middle School student Ethan Goetz for his achievement in this year's Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. This year's theme was "Why I Honor the American Flag." Middle school students who participated were encouraged to express their views, focusing on their own patriotic experiences. Ethan Goetz placed first at the District 2 level and moved on to the state competition, where he placed second. He was honored at the VFW Auxiliary Awards Dinner held in Cranston.



Pictured is Ethan Goetz, Patriot's Pen 2nd place winner for Rhode Island, and Max Clark, Senior Vice Commander for the Tiverton VFW Post 5392.



More on the Patriot's Essay Winners:

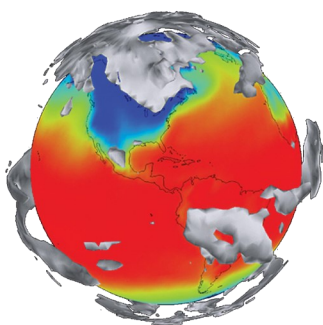
The Tiverton VFW Post 5392 named the local winners of the 2018 Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. All entries focused on this year's theme of "Why I Honor the American Flag." The winners are Hunter Rocha, grade 6, first place; Lyra Moscuza, grade 6, second place; and Ethan Goetz (above), grade 7, third place. Ethan also won first place at the district level and now advances to the state-wide competition in January.



The Tiverton VFW Post 5392 has also named Sam Costa, grade 11, as the local winner of the 2018 Voice of Democracy Contest which is an audio-essay contest for high school students in grades 9-12. Sam is an alumni of TMS!



Channel 12 News' own Tony Petrarca visited with our Sixth grade Students. Meteorologist, Tony Petrarca spent a fun and informative hour discussing weather patterns, environmental factors that change the way we predict the weather and instruments that scientists use to help better understand our planet.





Kindness Matters Poster Winners

The Tiverton Lions Club recognized three of our star students at their annual dinner recently. They were awarded their certificates and prizes for their “Kindness Matters” posters!

Pictured from Left to Right: Lila Reimels (6th grade) 2nd Place

Julia Han (8th Grade) 1st Place locally and 2nd Place at the state level

Mya Jerome: (6th Grade) 3rd Place

Art Awards

8th grade student Julia Han was awarded
“Honorable Mention”
in the scholastic art and writing show!

Ms. Salvadore, Julia’s Art Teacher, is especially excited for Julia for her ambition, creativity, skill, and overall work-load that she somehow manages to balance, both in and out of school.

Survey Works Click [HERE](#) and use the access code “33110family”

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