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| **Help Us Help Students**  Parents and guardians we need your help. Although we have been able to provide additional food products to some of our learners here at the school at no cost, our reserves are running low and we could use donations at this time. In particular, fruit and snacks that can be placed in dry storage prove to be the most useful in helping us make sure no child goes hungry at the school. Previously we have received a number donations from our TVCS team of educators and support staff; however the demand for meals has exceeded the capacity of the staff to keep enough food in storage to meet the growing demand from children in need. Please be aware that no matter the amount of your donation to the school, your gift will be appreciated by children. Thank you in advance for caring about the wellness of each child at the school.  **Student Academic Progress**  Initiated last year, the teachers at TVCS began working closely with the State Department of Education and their instructional resources and assessment representative Nancy Thomas Price. As a result of the collaboration, this year we have been able to collect extensive data on student academic progress in grades K through 8, with the added element of being able to strategically target both individual and group areas of specific need with key lessons designed to fill in gaps of knowledge. Given the data results, TVCS children by grade 3 are showing a performance growth curve above the state average for reading, and we are seeing consistent gains in growth in language arts for the upper grades as well. Math performance scores are also showing improvement in many of the strands studied by students. Please acknowledge the good work put forth by your children, and continue to support their efforts to learn. | **7Habits Training Opportunity**  TVCS is pleased to announce that we will have the top presenter/trainer from the Franklin Covey Foundation here at the school on Friday, February 15, 2019 to conduct a full day of training with the school staff. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3:30 p.m. The training will be held in the school gym/cafeteria, and snacks/beverages will be made available to all participants. As this is a unique opportunity to learn about how to incorporate the 7 Habits into your life and to reinforce the practice of leadership in the lives of your children, parents and guardians are encouraged to attend the free event. Since we expect a large number of people to participate in the event, it is essential to RSVP with Vice Principal Pat Griffin prior to February 12, 2019. You can also contact the teacher of your child to make a reservation to attend. Please contact TVCS today so you don’t miss out on this great opportunity.    **Third Quarter Report Cards**  Faster than imagined the conclusion of the third quarter is almost upon us. Please encourage your children to get all of their assignments turned in to their teachers before March 7th. March 14th will signify the conclusion of the third quarter for this year. Report cards will sent home with students on Monday, April 8th. As in the past, if you have any questions for the teacher of your child, please contact your educator directly. |
| C:\Users\tonyrichard.TVCS\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\G6ERN22M\GH-3_thumb[5][1].png  **PTO Family Dance**  Make sure to place on your calendar the date of February 22, 2019. The TVCS PTO has scheduled a schoolwide dance for families, and snacks will be provided to all attending patrons and their children. Last year the event was very well attended and many people expressed how much fun they had dancing with their children. With your participation this year in the free event, we are very hopeful of a huge turnout for the dance. The dance is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and will continue to 9:00 p.m., and please dress comfortably.  **MathCounts Competition**  A shout out to the students and their teacher leaders Helen Fisher and Shelley Best for an outstanding performance at the MathCounts competition this year held at Boise State University. Fourteen students from TVCS participated in the competition for grades five through eight. Out of 13 teams competing, TVCS came in sixth, with close to half of the TVCS team coming in at or above the field of competitors. The TVCS top performing student was ranked in the top twenty of competitors out of a field of one hundred and thirty students overall. For a small school like TVCS competing against large school districts like West Ada and Boise Schools, it was a very impressive showing by our scholars. Thank you to our families for their support of each child in the competition. We truly are a wonderful village of learners. |



**Student Led Conferences**

Student led conferences will be held on April 4th and 5th at the school. (On the 4th they will begin at 4:30 p.m. and continue to at least 6:00 p.m., and then on the 5th begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue to at least noon.) Teachers will be sending out times to sign up during the month of March. All of us at TVCS hope to see you at the spring conferences this year. The focus of student led presentations will involve Leadership Notebooks with the addition of curricular artifacts representing examples of student effort in the four core curricular areas: Math, Science, Language Arts, and Social Studies. Thank you in advance for planning to attend.

**2019 ISAT & IRI Testing Dates**

This year we will begin state testing on April 8th and continue through May 17th. Our teachers and your children have been working diligently to prepare for the assessments this year. Please express your support and appreciation to your children for doing so much to get ready for the important upcoming assessments. Your expressing support does make a huge difference in how children approach the tests.