



# Timberlane Regional Middle School

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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### Principal's news

How do teachers successfully motivate their students? Teaching young adolescents can be a dance between lingering childlike curiosity and the many distractions of being 11-14. Finding ways to motivate children going through the most significant time of growth and change in their life can be challenging.

Motivation is created with students. Our goal at TRMS is to create classroom cultures that cultivate curiosity and personal investment, and one where students feel safe to engage in the activity or topic without fear of embarrassment or rejection. Teaching each topic in more than one way, to show enthusiasm for the subject, and to offer regular opportunities for students to develop their unique voice are essential motivators.

TRMS teachers work to give students a clear sense of what's expected academically and socially. Our teachers believe that by providing regular clear learning targets, formative feedback, and opportunities for self-assessment, the expectations for learning become clear and personal. Giving students a chance to revise and improve their work in response to teacher and peer feedback also motivates them to learn.

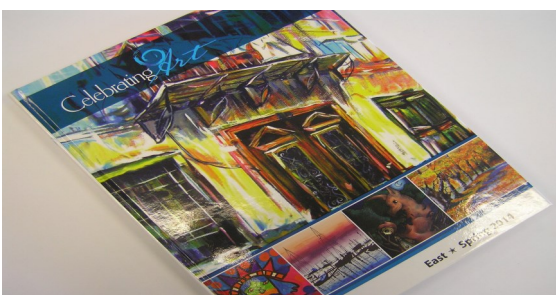
### IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, October 2nd—  
Progress Reports Distributed

Monday, October 13th—  
Columbus Day—No School

Monday, October 20th—  
PTSA Meeting—6:30, Café

Wednesday, October 24th—  
Picture Re-Takes



### ART NEWS

Several of our students' artwork at TRMS was published in Spring 2014 edition of *Celebrating Art*, a book showcasing student art from across the country. This edition features artwork created by Jake DiBurro, Emma King, Ben Lamarre, Shannon Lenihan, Anthony Mazzola, Ashley Monteiro, and Brooke Mosher.

Please stop by Mrs. Harb's room, 1505 to see the book and the amazing student art! We are also happy to congratulate Jaelyn Cerniglia, Chloe Crouteau, Hannah Dolloff, Jillian Fitzpatrick, Kiara Phair, Sam Sawyer-Standley, and Alexis Sinotte! Their entries were chosen for *Celebrating Art's* Summer 2014 contest. We look forward to seeing their artwork printed soon!

## GRADE 7 NEWS

The entire 7th grade will be seeing the live theater presentation of Encore! on October 2nd at the PAC. Students will have the opportunity to experience five plays during this performance: "The Monkey's Paw", "The Tell Tale Heart", "The Necklace", "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", and "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County". Year after year, the actors and actresses rave about how much they enjoy performing at our state of the art facility! Take a minute to check out the theater company's website for more information: <http://www.chambertheatre.com/ourshows/encore>.

## Grade 8 News

On Tuesday, September 23, the Honorable Judge Joseph LaPlante visited the 8th grade at TRMS to help our students understand the jury selection process in the United States.

The entire 8th grade is reading the classic play, "Twelve Angry Men", by Reginald Rose. The play centers around themes of injustice and what it really means to do one's "civic duty." Judge LaPlante's visit helped to enhance this experience for our students.

## GUIDANCE NEWS

It's been a great start to the year. Sixth graders are settling in very well to life at the middle school, and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders seem right at home in their new grade. We would like to thank those parents who have volunteered to be speakers for our Career Speaker Breakfast Series. We are still in need of a few more interested parents to round out our offerings to students. If you are interested, please contact the guidance department at 603-382-7131 ext. 4920.

## HINTS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

The Timberlane Regional School District has adopted a new policy pertaining to a student returning from injury or absence. This policy is in the 2014-2015 Student Agenda book on pages 13-15 under the title "Health Services".

If a student is returning to school on crutches, in a cast, sling or splint please bring a note from the physician stating that it is safe for the student to be in the school environment and what restrictions if any need to be observed, e.g. no gym, no recess etc. When the student no longer requires these restrictions, another physician note should be presented to the nurse so the student can resume activities. For liability issues a student on crutches requires a note from the parent giving permission to ride the bus.

In addition, please report any contagious illnesses and hospitalizations, including surgery or injuries to the school nurse. Doctor's notes are REQUIRED for these students to return to school. The doctor's note must indicate any activity restrictions related to illness, injury or surgery for physical education, wellness, recess or school related activities.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Health Office directly at 382-7131 x 4910.

Diane Murphy, RN & Kelli True, RN



## Grade 6 News

During the middle weeks of September, Timberlane's sixth grade students enjoyed two days of teambuilding activities at Camp Lincoln in Kingston, New Hampshire. Students took part in a variety of outdoor activities, such as: orienteering, nature hikes, challenge courses, high and low rope courses, and kayaking. The new sixth grade students were able to meet new friends from the four towns that make up the Timberlane School District. A fun time was had by students and teachers; we all look forward to a great school year.



Pictured below are 6th grade students that were chosen for student and character of the month for September. They were treated to breakfast on Friday morning !



## Grade 7 News

The 7 Bengals met in the Library for our inaugural "Meeting of the Pride". Students did a get-to-know-you activity (interviewing classmates chosen at random) and then took the time to pose for a team picture. Bengal teachers and students are looking forward to an awesome year!



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