

Tioga Hills Elementary School

"Tidbits"



Vestal Central School District

JANUARY 2019

Dear Tioga Hills Families:

As we begin a new year, there is a lot to look forward to here at Tioga Hills! I know that my New Year's Resolution is to continue to foster relationships with students and families. My hope is that you will continue to read and have meaningful conversations with your children at home. Here at school, we will encourage your children to continue making their actions count, by being kind, safe, taking good care of our school, and doing their best every day. Thank you for the constant support you provide us. I hope you all were able to have a parent conference to discuss your child's academics thus far. Please reach out if you still are interested in meeting.

We enjoyed many activities in December to end the year and to remind us of how our Actions Count in our community. Thank you for contributing to our annual Food Drive for the Lions Club. We collected almost 600 food items that serve people in need right here in our community. Jared Campbell, a Vestal CSD graduate, singer, songwriter, and a THE favorite, was here on December 14 for two concerts where he reminds students to be "superheroes" and even sang the song he wrote for Tioga Hills about "Actions Count." Thank you again to our PTA for their help to bring Jared Campbell back to us for another year.

We will end the month of January with a Band and Chorus concert on January 28, which is always a fun event. The beginning of February will also bring an Orchestra concert for you to enjoy on the 5th!

We hope you and your family have a wonderful 2019! Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Hayley Crimmins, Principal

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JANUARY SCHOOL CLOSING/HOLIDAYS

No school on **Monday, January 21, 2019** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Parent Pick-Up Procedure

(Revised December 2018—changes highlighted)

- Adults should enter by the side door for parent pick-up and go directly to the cafeteria. This door will be open from 3:15-3:35 p.m. A staff member will hold the door open for parents.
- Adults picking up children should sign the Student Sign Out/Parent Pick-Up List that is on the cafeteria table by the staff assigned to this duty.
 - Only those adults listed in eSchool as parents or emergency contacts will be allowed to pick up the child. In case of an unusual circumstance where the person picking up your child is not listed in eSchool, parents should send in a signed note with your child or call the main office (757-2366) prior to 2 p.m. that day to make arrangements.
 - Efforts will be made to contact the parent if a non-parent listed in eSchool arrives to pick up the child without a note from the parent. We strongly encourage that a note be sent or a call made. Please keep contacts in eSchool updated, knowing this.
- Adults should then take a seat at the tables to wait for their child. Younger children, as well as school-aged children should stay with the adult and not be running around the room, on the stage or the stage steps.
- Adults should **not** be in the hallway, outdoors or outside the designated table area to pick up their child while students are being dismissed.
- **Adults will exit through the Emergency Exit door in the Cafeteria. A new sidewalk has been built to provide immediate access to the parking lot. Adults should not exit out of the door in which they entered through. When exiting, they should walk on the sidewalk with their child to the parking lot. Children should not be running ahead into the parking lot, climbing trees, etc. If children are going to the playground after school, they should stay with an adult to ensure their safety.**
- Adults will send in notes with their child in the morning or call the main office (757-2366) prior to 2 p.m. to state they will be picking up their child that day unless their child are on the routine parent pick-up list that is created at the beginning of the year. If a child is to be added or taken off the routine parent pick up list after the beginning of the year, send in a note to the main office to indicate this and the change will be made.
- Adults with other children not attending TH at parent pick up should use the community bathroom off the main lobby, if needed.

COUNSELORS

ORNER



Character Education.....Making our ACTIONS COUNT

Thank you for helping in our Annual Holiday Food Drive...we collected 680 nonperishable food items for the Lions Club to help families in our immediate community! We exceeded our goal of 500! We certainly made our **Actions Count** for the holidays! We also collected \$47 in cash that was used to donate to a family to help them with holiday perishables! This was a great school-wide effort showing our cooperation and responsibility traits! So appreciated!

Banana Splits Update...



In December, each group discussed family traditions and how some stay the same and some change over the years as our families change. We carried on our Banana Split tradition of making a holiday ornament to celebrate! It is never too late to join this group, members are welcome throughout the year!

In the classroom...

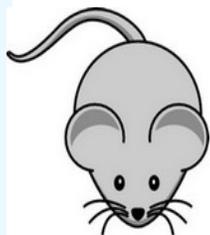


DUSO & Kelso have had a wonderful time watching students become expert problem solvers and work to have healthy friendships in second grade. Kelso will be visiting grs. K, 1 and 3 in January to review and practice problem solving skills.

May the New Year hold promise for good things for all of our Tioga Hills Families!

As always please call if I can help in any way!

Rhonda Ruhm, M.S. Ed. C.A.S.
School Counselor



ONE SCHOOL ONE BOOK!

Stay tuned! We will begin in late February! Watch for a packet of information about the program to come home soon!

SPOTLIGHT ON ART



Congratulations to Annaleigh Bingham and Esperanza Brown! Their artwork is on display in the **Office Art Gallery**. Check it out!

Mrs. Burczynski's Music Notes



Music Education Advocacy Quote of the Month

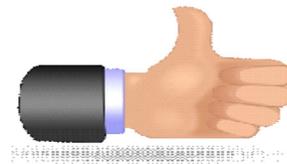
"Music has a great power for bringing people together. With so many forces in this world acting to drive wedges between people, it's important to preserve those things that help us experience our common humanity."

~ **Ted Turner, Turner Broadcasting System**

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following fifth-grade chorus members, who were chosen to participate in the Broome County Music Educator's Association Festival next month:

Aleeyah Lippman
Ava Meza
Joaquin Paler-Large
Elissar Ramia



Tioga Hills Music Events

Please join us for our upcoming performances!



Fourth- & Fifth-Grade Chorus and Fifth-Grade Band

7 p.m., Monday, January 28
Tioga Hills Elementary Cafetorium



SAFETY DRILLS

Our fall fire drills are long over, and students once again demonstrated the automaticity we want to see in drills. This obviously will help ensure safety should there be a fire, a drill with which we are all very familiar. We want the same automatic reaction for our other drills: a Shelter-in-Place drill to shelter students and staff inside the building, which would be most often used in a weather emergency; a Hold-in-Place drill, which limits movement of students and staff while dealing with short-term emergencies, such as an animal that gets into the building that we need to shoo outside or the arrival of an ambulance; a Lockout drill, which secures the building during incidents that pose an imminent concern outside of the school building; an Evacuation-and-Lockdown drill, which secures the buildings during incidents that pose an immediate threat of violence.

I know it is unfortunate that our society has become one that such a drill is needed, but it would be negligent in terms of safety for us not to have them. Our teachers explain the drills to the students in their classes in an age-appropriate manner. As for the Lockdown drills, our School Resource Officer (SRO), Tioga County deputies and NYS Troopers will be invited. It is important for them to become familiar with the layout of our school and our drill procedures. As for parents, if you are in the building when any of the above drills are called, you need to follow instructions as carefully as the students do. You, as well as the staff, are our adult role models for students. If parents are outside the building, please return to your cars until it is over. An announcement will be made to end the drill, which can be heard via the outdoor loudspeakers. We plan to put signage on the lobby doors indicating if we are in a drill. Thank you for your cooperation!



News from the Health Office



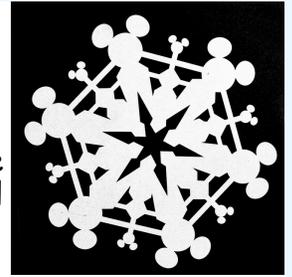
Attention all first-, third- and fifth-grade parents!

Physicals/Health Appraisals forms are DUE!

Please return all physical forms that came home last month to you. If you indicated on the Physical Exam Permission Form that you wanted your child to have his/her own doctor complete the physical exam, please send the completed form to the Health Office. I will be scheduling school physicals with Dr. Tunick of Endwell Family Physicians next month.

Please check to see that your child is dressed properly for the school day. **If it is a gym day, make sure your child has sneakers for that day.** If your child borrows any clothing from the Health Office, please wash and return the borrowed items.

A COLD WEATHER ADVISORY FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE



There **will be** outdoor playground unless the wind chill is below 20. Please send your child with snow pants, boots, hats and gloves, otherwise they will have to stay on the blacktop and out of the snow.

Keep warm everyone!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP JOBS



HALLWAY HELPERS

As part of our Actions Count program, we have “Hallway Helpers” who assist fellow students at the end of day. They are students who will smile and are friendly, remind students to walk, keep hands and backpacks to themselves and report any dangerous behavior. Our December Hallway Helpers were:

Ethan Lilley

Kayleigh Marsh

Tilly MacNamee

Anthony Mazzeo



STUDENT ANNOUNCERS

A *GREAT* job was done by the following students who read December’s morning announcements:

Emery Allen

Madison Kliment

Kaitlyn Bennett

Lucas Laubisch

Jenna Brookhart

Ava Lucenti

Connor Brubaker

Aiden Nemecek

Scotty Darling

Rowan O’Donnell

Jack Davis

Ryleigh Sullivan

Jenna Holleran

Maverick Thorpe

STUDENT FLAG RAISERS

A *GREAT* job was done by the following students who helped Mr. Doolittle in December to raise the American flag:

Jordan Balaci

Laney Bubel

Madison Kliment

Sarah Balaci

Cameron Cappelli

Joey Lamphere

Kaitlyn Bennett

Madison Cramer

Olivia Slocum

Jenna Brookhart

Jackson Crimmins

Ty Sullivan

Lauren Brookhart

Scotty Darling

Keira Teed

Connor Brubaker

Cosette Fey



Phys-Ed NEWS

A message from your Phys-Ed Teachers and **The American Heart Association**

REMEMBER TO STAY PHYSICALLY ACTIVE!

When the temperature drops, our motivation to be physically active often drops too. Fight the holiday bulge with these tips for keeping physically active when the weather gets chilly.



- **Go sledding.** Running up a snowy hill, sliding down and repeating is a great way to get the whole family physically active. If you don't have a sled, don't worry – a cardboard box, trash can lid or skateboard without the wheels will work great!

- **Ice skate.** This is a great workout for your legs and heart. You'll also help strengthen your core, which is engaged when trying to keep you balanced.



- **Shovel the snow.** Someone has to do it, and it's a great way to get the heart pumping and the other muscles working. But don't overdo it!



- **Go for an afternoon or evening walk, jog or run – and bring the dog!** As long as you're dressed warmly, any time of day can be enjoyable weather for taking a stroll or a jog. Winter days are shorter, so start early enough to finish before it gets dark.



- **Visit the local community center for a game of indoor basketball with friends and family.** This is also a great way to entertain out-of-town guests. Grab a basketball, some jump ropes or a volleyball for a couple hours of fun physical activity!



PTA NEWS

Dates to Remember:

PTA Meeting: 7 p.m., Wednesday, January 2

School Holiday: Monday, January 21, Martin Luther King Day

Lip-Sync Battle: 6:30 p.m., Friday, January 18 (Tioga Hills)

Vestal School Foundation Trivia Night: 7 p.m., Friday, January 25 (Our Lady of Sorrows)



FROM THE PTA

Happy New Year, Tioga Hills!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break! We had so many amazing things happen in December, it seemed to have flown right by us. We send a big "THANK YOU" for one of our favorite people, Jared Campbell, who made a stop by Tioga Hills. I know all the kids really love him! Thank you to all of the families that donated treats for our wonderful teachers and staff. Looking forward to a great 2019 at Tioga Hills! In January, we have the Lip Sync Battle at 6:30 p.m. on January 18. Watch for more information on that coming soon. And our monthly PTA meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., January 2, in the Library. Happy 2019!

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Happy January, Tioga Hills Families!

Believe it or not, it's time to think Spring! We are planning to have our beloved After-School Programs begin the week of March 4. We will have classes throughout March, break for the first week of April (NYS testing) and then finish up the week of April 8. Please mark your calendars and look for information to come home in February. We are also always looking for people to teach classes... let us know if you are interested in sharing your talents. Please reach out to 607-423-6130 or michellemonesTHE@Yahoo.com if this is something you might consider!

Thank you!

Shelley Mones & Katherine Dzuba
After-School Program Chairs

CUB SCOUTS

The month of December seemed to fly by! The Cub Scouts of Pack 43 enjoyed making cards for Veterans and having a potluck dinner at the annual Holiday party. Some Scouts enjoyed going to see a Binghamton Devils Hockey game just before vacation started.

Coming up in January will be the Pinewood Derby, which the kids look forward to every year. The adults enjoy seeing who has the fastest or most creative cars.

Finally, I forgot to mention that back in November a number of our Scouts received their Bobcat rank. Bobcat is the first rank that all Scouts receive. Way to go to all those that have come this far!

Former Cubmaster Steve Majka is once again organizing the Apalachin Father/Daughter Ball. Search for it on Facebook for details, or email him at

smajka@stny.rr.com



Let's congratulate
Jerry Mattice

For reading
500 books!

**Remember
Keep on Reading!**



TH Picture Corner

Fifth-Grade Community Box Project





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**Jared Campbell Performance
& Food-Drive Reveal!**





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Kindergarten Gingerbread Day!





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Actions Count - Cooperation Collage!

