

Tioga Hills Elementary School

"Tidbits"

Vestal Central School District

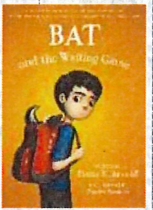
MAY 2022



Dear Tioga Hills Families,

I hope you and your family are enjoying the Spring-like temperatures we have had lately (we will just ignore that random snowstorm from a few weeks ago!)

We are currently in the middle of our One School, One Book program. I'm pleased to share that the excitement in the building around the book, *Bat and the Waiting Game* is phenomenal! Students of all ages are stopping to talk to me about the book and tell me that they're caught up with the reading. Everyone is loving the videos and activities that go along with the book. I'm so proud of all the students and can't wait to keep reading!



April was a busy and fast month for all of us here at Tioga Hills. I would like to take a moment to recognize some of our staff members that reached a special milestone in their career with Vestal Schools. These staff members will be celebrated at a future faculty meeting.

Melissa Berube	Paraprofessional	10 years
Scott Hoyt	Physical Education	15 years
Jennifer Novotny	Physical Education	15 years
Kelly Doolittle	Kindergarten teacher	20 years
Bridget Ligas	Kindergarten teacher	25 years

Congratulations to them!

As always, the month of May promises to be a very busy month here at Tioga Hills. We are excited to have our first in-person Open House since 2019! This month will include the following:

- ◆ Scholastic Book Fair-(Outside)- Wednesday, May 4th 6:00-8:00
- ◆ 5th grade Visit to Vestal Middle School- Wednesday, May 11th
- ◆ Open House (In-person!)- Thursday, May 12th 6:00-7:00
- ◆ Early Release Day (11:50)- Friday, May 20th
- ◆ Kindergarten Screening- May 23, 24, 25, 26, 31
- ◆ Budget Vote Day on Tuesday, May 17th- at Central Junior- 201 Main Street Vestal
- ◆ No School on, Friday, 5/27, and Monday, 5/30 to observe Memorial Day
Our 4th graders will take the **NYS Science Performance Test** on Wednesday, June 1st and the **Written Test** on Monday, June 6th

Enjoy the warm days ahead! Thank you for your constant support of all that we do here!

Sincerely,

Hayley Crimmins, Principal

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UPCOMING SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND HOLIDAYS

Friday, May 20 - Early Release Day 11:50am
Friday, May 27 - NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 30 - NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)

COUNSELORS



O The counseling office continues to be a center of activity through what we hope is REALLY Spring!!

N FIFTH GRADE PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

E We continue steps in the transition process to the middle school. I will be in homerooms doing more work on helping 5th graders understand the change and transition to middle school. This is an opportunity for them to get answers to all of their questions in their familiar classroom environment.



R The 5th grade teachers and I will be escorting our 5th graders on a Field trip to tour the Middle School on May 11th. If you have not already returned your permission slips please be sure to get those in ASAP. Students will not be permitted to attend the field trip without them! If you have specific questions or concerns or think your 5th grader has/does please contact me and we can make a plan to help!



Please continue to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, I always welcome partnering to help our students succeed! I can be reached at 607-757-2366 or riruhm@vestal.k12.ny.us.

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Student Placement for 2022-2023

I very much appreciate your awareness of and cooperation with the Vestal Central School District's practices regarding parent requests for student placement for the 2022-2023 school year. The establishment of classroom rosters is a complex process. It involves professional dialogue between Tioga Hills' staff on a wide variety of factors including achievement data collected over the course of the previous year(s). These factors include, but are not limited to (in no particular order), the:

- ◆ balancing of students' abilities and needs across developmental, social and academic areas
- ◆ grouping students to maximize effective instructional practices being implemented by staff (balanced literacy, cooperative learning, technology integration, etc.)
- ◆ grouping students to maximize the use of support staff including academic intervention service providers, special education providers and paraprofessionals.
- ◆ balancing of gender in any one classroom

Given these considerations, we do not accept parent requests for a specific teacher. It is the principal's responsibility to finalize all classroom rosters.

If there are special extenuating circumstances that would be necessary for us to know in placing your child, please submit this information in writing to me by **June 1, 2022**. Written information will be reviewed and, if deemed appropriate, shared with relevant staff members during the placement process.

Classroom assignments will be mailed home in August. Please understand that factors such as an enrollment shift in the summer or staff changes could result in a change in your child's class assignment prior to the opening of school.

Sincerely,

Hayley Crimmins, Principal

MAY HEALTH OFFICE NEWSLETTER

Hello from the Health Office



Allergy Update:

Spring is here and so is allergy season. The updated NYS protocol for COVID is still in place. If your child has allergy symptoms, please know there is an alternative diagnosis sheet available. Please email Nurse Jane for more information.

5th grade parents: Vaccination heads up!

The Tdap vaccination is needed for your child entering middle school next year. A form with more information on this will be going home with your child in June about this.

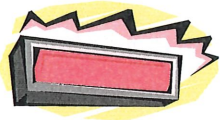
Medication pick up:

If your child has medication here at the school, a letter will be sent home to you in June with a pick up date on it. All medication not picked up will be discarded.

Enjoy your healthy child. The sun and summer is coming!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP JOBS

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS



The following students did a great job reading the morning announcements during the month of April:

Abigail Bowman

Lauren DiPiazza

Gabriella Laubaush

Isabella Peretore

Bruce Warren

Cameron Cappelli

Michael Ferris

Cameron Mallery

Bella Prince

Evie Correll

AJ Hardy

Landon Miller

Nora Wade

Butterfly Garden



Volunteer Opportunities for Our School Butterfly Garden

Spring has sprung in the "Flutter Inn"! Our butterfly garden is beginning to show us that warmer days are ahead as daffodils and new blooms are sprouting all around! This certified Monarch Weigh Station is the perfect place to just come and sit and enjoy a book from our little "Lending Library".



It will be a work in progress over the next couple months and we invite anyone to stop in and pick some weeds or add some painted rocks or garden decorations! If you are interested in volunteering in the garden or have any donations such as walkway pebbles, annual plants, or anything else you would like to contribute, please reach out to Mrs. Shelley Mones at (mmones@vestal.k12.ny.us)!



ATTENTION PARENTS OF INCOMING KINDERGARTNERS!

Kindergarten Screening - May 23 24, 25, 26 & 31



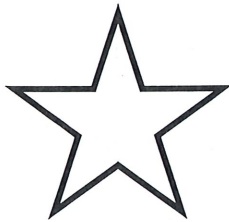
This screening will allow us to begin to know your child as an individual learner. Among the areas to be screened are fine and gross motor skills, speech and language skills, vision, hearing and cognitive development.

A brief letter will be mailed to you soon after screening, summarizing what we learned about your child.



Please contact the Main Office at 607-757-2366 as soon as possible if you need to reschedule your child's screening date and time.

NYS MATH ASSESSMENT & NYS SCIENCE PERFORMANCE & WRITTEN TESTING DATES



June 1
Grade 4
Science Performance Test

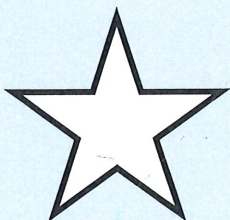


June 6
Grade 4
Science Written Test

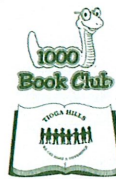


TESTING MESSAGE TIPS

Children react in different ways to standardized testing. Some are anxious. Please offer a positive message that demonstrates your confidence in your child such as, "I know you'll do your best." Some try to do their best, which we all encourage. Some think there is little personal value to the test. Let them know that they should try their best as future supports are scheduled for them as testing scores require.



ATTENTION 1000 BOOK CLUB MEMBERS



Spring has sprung, and it's a great time to get outside and read! Please continue to email progress on the 1000 book Club challenge to th1000bookclub@gmail.com when your child reaches any of the designated benchmarks!

As always, if you know a child who will begin Kindergarten in 2023 or 2024, please invite them to join the 1000 Book Club! It's never too late to join. Simply email th1000bookclub@gmail.com for more information.

Thanks for your support and participation!
Happy Reading!



PTO NEWS



Dates to Remember:

PTO Meeting May 4 in conjunction with the Book Fair
In-person Outdoor Spring Scholastic Book Fair May 4 6-8pm
(in case of rain, the Book Fair will be held in the gym)
Spring Fling Carnival June 10

Happy Spring Tioga Hills Families!

There are a few exciting events being planned for the end of the year:

- ♦ Wednesday May 4th will be the IN-PERSON outdoor Book Fair! Look for more information coming home and also on the Facebook pages. In case of rain, the Book Fair will be in the gym.
- ♦ May 5th and 6th the PTO, with help from families, is planning a two-day Teacher Appreciation event. Here is the link for the sign-up Genius in case you want to participate: [Teacher Appreciation Sign-Up Genius](#)
- ♦ Friday June 10th we will hold our first Spring Fling Carnival! There will be fun, food, games, activities, crafts, prizes, a DJ, and more! Put it on your calendars!

Don't forget to send in your District Council award nomination forms before May 3rd. We will have a table set-up for voting at the outdoor book fair since that will be the night of our May meeting.

Thank you to everyone who always supports the PTO and all our efforts to help create fun and exciting things for the students and families at Tioga Hills. If you haven't gotten involved yet but want to get your feet wet, stop by at the outdoor book fair and say hi, or send an email that you want to get involved- jbrown113@msn.com We are ALWAYS hoping for more new people to join in! We have a lot of people that have moved on to the Middle School and even more after this year, so there are a lot of open committees and jobs to do. Without more people stepping up to help out events that we've been able to do in the past will not be able to happen. Please consider jumping in, I promise you'll never have to do anything alone #teamworkmakesthedreamwork!

Let's all hope for some nice weather to come in soon and stay!

Jessica Zwierzynski- PTO President



Hello, THE family and friends!

Please mark your calendars for our 1st Annual Outdoor Scholastic Book Fair! On Wednesday, May 4th from 6-8pm, we will have several shelves and tables of books that you can shop from! There will be books for all ages, posters, and more! We are opening this to our entire Tioga Terrace community and surrounding neighborhoods! This will also be a great opportunity for our youngest T.H.E. friends that might be joining us this fall, to see their new school and get excited! We can't wait to see some old friends and make some new ones, as we help you find the perfect book for you, your child or even grandchild! You can park in the lot and then follow the signs to the blacktop area, around the back of the school. There will be many smiling faces to welcome you and help you find what you are looking for. Don't miss out on the fun...we can't wait to be together again and celebrate our amazing school and support literacy!

Email Shelley Mones at mmones@vestal.k12.ny.us with any questions!

In the event of rain, the Book Fair will be in the gym.

Shelley Mones, Gretchen Laubisch and Kelly Monaco
Book Fair Co-Chairs

Cub Scouts

Pack 43 Cub Scouts continues to offer cheerful community service to the community. In late March, the Cub Scouts helped hand out fliers for a food drive around Tioga Terrace alerting folks to the collection taking place by the older scouts from BSA Troop 43 (mostly alums of Tioga Hills). They plan to tackle the Butterfly Garden at the school this coming May as they have every spring for the past many years. They aren't just helping, but are having fun too as the 3rd Grader Cub Scouts known as Bears, hosted a carnival of games at the Southern Tier Community Center. It included fun games like Hungry Hungry Humans, Cup Stacking, a Target Range, Obstacle Course and Ring Swing games. With improved weather we have camp outs and events planned so if you have a student at Tioga Hills and are curious about what we do, drop an email to Cubmaster Steve Majka denfive-pack43@gmail.com



State Testing Healthy Treats

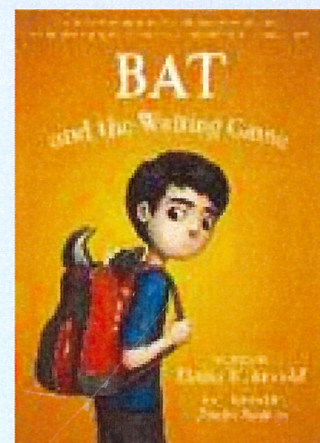
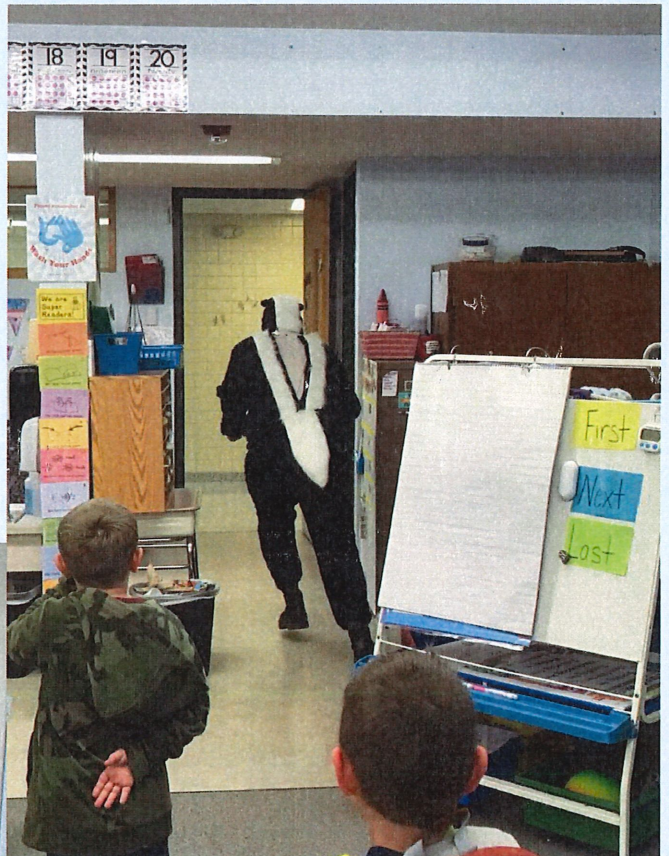
Thank you so much to Jessica Zwierzynski, the Dzuba family and the Tioga Hills PTO for providing "We did it!" snacks for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students as they took the ELA and Math assessment. The students appreciate their thoughtfulness!



TH Picture Corner



One School, One Book Kick-off with Thor, our resident skunk!





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Sports Dress-up Day!
This goes along with
Chapters 12 & 13 of our
One School, One Book.
"Bat and the Waiting
Game"





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