

ARROW TIMES



"Learning for all –
whatever it takes"

A newsletter for the parents and community of Tecumseh Middle School

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Welcome Mrs. Crook – Mental Health Therapist

Tecumseh Middle School would like to welcome, Mental Health Therapist, Allyson Crook to TMS. Mrs. Crook graduated from Anderson University in 2014 with a Bachelors of Social Work. After graduation, she began her career working as a mental health provider in Champaign and Logan counties from 2014-2017. During this time, Mrs. Crook was active in the school based prevention and education partnership with local schools. She then transitioned to a role as a Behavioral Support Specialist for adults with Intellectual Disabilities while she pursued her Masters Degree in Social Work. After receiving her degree from The Ohio State University in May 2018, Mrs. Crook returned to work in the mental health field working in Shelby and Montgomery counties. Mrs. Crook is excited to be part of Mental Health Services of Clark County's new school-based mental health team based at Tecumseh Local Schools. She looks forward to helping expand support and prevention for our students.

It's Time 2 ...

On Tuesday, February 4, 2020, Tecumseh Middle School was visited by Dr. Brian Ceccarelli for a school-wide assembly. In his presentation, Dr. Ceccarelli, shared that 147 students have been killed in the past 20 years as a result of school shootings. He tied this death rate to the number of students completing suicide last year ... 5,200. This data along with REAL STORIES encouraged students to accept one another, treat each other with respect, make correct choices and speak openly about bullying, mental health and suicide. For more information visit <https://www.itstime2.org/>

Parent-Teacher Conferences

If you were not able to make it to Parent-Teacher Conferences last Thursday, we still have one more date. Tecumseh Middle School will host one more conference night for parents on Tuesday, February 11th from 3:30 – 6:30pm. Please call the office at 845-4465 to reserve a time.

Yearbook Excitement!!

Don't forget to order your 2019-2020 TMS School Yearbook. Yearbook orders are due Friday, February 14th. Order online at bypay.lifetouch.com; code: 9214520 or send your envelope with payment to your child's homeroom.

Upcoming Events

February 2020

11	Conferences 3:30-6:30pm
12	Two-Hour Delay
14	NO SCHOOL
17	NO SCHOOL
21	8 th CTC Visit

March 2020

6	8 th Career Fair Visit
11	Two-Hour Delay
13	Stu. Coun. Dance 6-8pm
13	End of 3 rd Quarter
16	Spring Pictures
23-27	Spring Break
31	Grade Card Day

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER – Commitment to Excellent “Hard Work”

6th graders: Addison Accurso & Sebastian Bushaw
7th graders: Noah Blanton & Zoe Lewis
8th graders: Scout Berner & Ava Moore

NOVEMBER – Stand Up & Own It “Responsibility”

6th graders: William Wright & Madisyn Betts
7th graders: Alberto Balli & Luke Finnell
8th graders: Hayleigh McDaniel & Connor Bledsoe

DECEMBER – Be A Great Arrow “Respect & Empathy”

6th graders: Nolan Cornett & Hunter Chassereau
7th graders: Kylee Hampshire & Ronan Weaver
8th graders: Savannah Akers & Ava Hennigan

VISION STATEMENT

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MISSION STATEMENT

Tecumseh Local Schools is the driving force behind a community of diverse and proudly connected Arrows. We are relentless learners who strive to become better tomorrow than we were today.

8th Grade Washington D.C. 2020 Information

Tecumseh Middle School will be visiting the Nation's Capital November 21st – 24th, 2020. The cost of the trip is \$695 and includes round-trip ground transportation, three night accommodations, eleven meals as well as all guided tours around Washington DC. All parents must register their student online at

www.prodigystudenttravel.com

A \$135 non-refundable deposit is due Friday, Feb. 21st. If you have questions about the trip, please contact 8th grade trip organizers, Ms. Leggett or Mrs. Nelson.

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Coming Soon for 2020-2021 – Hope Squad

TMS will be rolling out a program called HOPE Squad during the 2020-2021 school year. HOPE Squad is a school based “peer to peer” program that partners with local mental health and community agencies. HOPE Squad students are trained to be active listeners so they may help and respond to peers who are struggling with emotional issues such as depression and suicide. Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Runyan and Ms. Wallace will be the advisors for this program and students will be selected by peers in the spring. For general information on resources and articles about mental health, please visit the TMS Guidance Website at

<http://www.tecumseh.k12.oh.us/GuidanceDepartment.aspx>

We look forward to raising the bar for mental health at TMS!

8th Grade Career Exploration

8th grade students have two field trips scheduled in the next few weeks revolving around career exploration. Students will visit Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center on Friday, February 21st during the morning. On Friday, March 6th, students will travel to Springfield for the annual Clark State Career Fair hosted by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. It is never too early for students to begin to think about life after high school!

Straight A Ticket Program

Once again the Cincinnati Reds are pleased to recognize and reward academic achievement for our 7th and 8th grade students. Any 7th and 8th grade student who receives straight A's during 2nd quarter will qualify. Students will have the opportunity to order their 2 tickets to one of the chosen baseball games. Students will receive a letter from the Cincinnati Reds explaining the online ordering process. If you have questions, please contact the Guidance Department.

Behavior Concerns

The staff at Tecumseh Middle School needs the help and support of all students, parents and families. We have noticed an uptick in the amount of inappropriate language / profanity that students are using in our building. Clearly this will not be tolerated. Ms. McFarland and myself are addressing these issues through consequences. We have also seen a spike in the number of students wearing hoods during the school day. This is a safety issue because we need to be able to identify students. Wearing a hood makes a student less identifiable and thus presents a safety concern.

Lastly, students arriving to class periods tardy is more than normal. Please encourage your child to report to class on time. We ask that you offer support of these three areas by having conversations with your children. Thank you for helping us to provide a safe learning environment for all.

State Testing Dates

The Ohio State Testing Dates have been set for Tecumseh Middle School. Dates will be as follows:

English Language Arts – April 14th – 16th

Math – April 28th – April 30th

Science – May 4th & 5th.

All students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade will take the English Language Arts State Test and Math State Test. Only students in 8th grade will take a Science State Test. ***Please refrain from scheduling appointments on these dates!***

8th Grade Kings Island Reward

On Thursday, May 14th qualifying 8th grade students will be visiting Kings Island. Students will leave school at 8:30 am and will return to TMS at approximately 7:00 pm. The busing and lunch (pizza) will be provided by Arrow Parent Nation. Each student will need to purchase a ticket for entry - cost \$31. No season tickets honored on this day.

Behavioral Standards: As of January 21, 2020, students may not have been assigned any days of ALC, Out of School Suspension including Bus Suspensions. Students with more than 2 Unexcused Absences after January 21, 2020 will not be permitted to attend.

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