



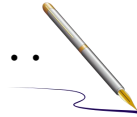
Tecumseh Local Schools Connecting Link

December, 2021

Learning For All ~ Whatever it Takes!

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.

From the Desk of Superintendent Crew. . .



Dear Tecumseh Community,

Our focus within the district continues to be centered on academic growth and the necessary support needed for our students to excel academically. Our Vision Statement of “**Learning for All ~ Whatever it Takes,**” drives our decisions and the mission of the district. Tecumseh Local Schools comprised a strategic planning committee, in the fall of 2018, consisting of staff, business, and community members. The committee identified four district goals as part of our comprehensive strategic plan. We used data derived from a survey disseminated to the internal and external public to determine the most appropriate goals, along with strategies and action steps to attain these goals. We continue to focus on these goals, even through the unique challenges of the past couple of years.



Our four strategic goals focus on Academic Growth, Wellness, Fiscal Responsibility and Community Engagement. There is a committee representing each of the four goal areas and we welcome anyone who would like to be on a particular committee to join us. The committee meetings are held in the evenings for a maximum of one hour, typically once a quarter. If you are interested in participating on a specific committee, please reach out to the designated committee facilitator:

Academic Growth Committee:

Ms. Beth Moore, Curriculum Coordinator (beth.moore@tecumsehlocal.org)

Wellness Committee:

Mr. Brian Dixon, Director of Facilities and Safety (brian.dixon@tecumsehlocal.org)

Fiscal Responsibility Committee:

Mrs. Denise Robinson, Treasurer (denise.robinson@tecumsehlocal.org)

Community Engagement Committee:

Mrs. Paula Crew, Superintendent (paula.crew@tecumsehlocal.org)

The mental health and emotional support needs for our students is another area our district continues to focus routinely. Data indicates an elevation in mental health issues for students, from the elementary level

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through high school levels, especially since the onset of the pandemic. Utilizing the ESSER (Elementary and Secondary Education Relief Fund) and Student Wellness and Success Funding, we are concentrating our efforts to provide personnel, programming and support to help our students who experience mental health issues. We have added three, full-time, school-based, mental health therapists within the district as a result of a partnership with Mental Health Services for Clark and Madison Counties. Additionally, we have added two full-time guidance counselors to serve the needs of our students at the elementary level, where previously we did not have guidance counseling services. We continue to partner with the Clark County Commissioners and the Clark County Sheriff's Department to employ Deputy John Loney as our School Resource Officer. The additional personnel helps enhance the services provided by our existing personnel, in conjunction with additional programs, support, and strategies to meet the needs of our students' mental health. We must support our students in this area in order to maximize their learning potential and academic success. Our teachers, support staff, and administrators have done an exceptional job during the unique challenges presented the past few years. We are thankful and appreciative of their efforts to educate and serve our students regardless of the situation. Hence our vision statement, "Learning for All ~ Whatever it Takes."

We'd also like to express our gratitude to our parents and community members for your continued support. We are certainly stronger together as a collective whole.

If you have any questions, please contact me at paula.crew@tecumsehlocal.org.

Sincerely,
Paula Crew

Meet your Board of Education



Join us in expressing our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Johanna Brents. Mrs. Brents concludes her term as a member of Board of Education on December 31, 2021.

Thank you for a job well done!



Corinne Scott, President



Suzanne Slagell,
Vice President



Sue Anne Martin



John Priest

Join us in welcoming Mr. Jon Stafford, our newly elected board member. Mr. Stafford will begin his term January 1, 2022. He previously served from 2012 - 2014.

Welcome back!





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Thank You Voters!

On November 2, 2021 the voters of Tecumseh Local approved a renewal Emergency Levy for the school district. THANK YOU! This levy was originally approved in May of 1982. The levy generates approximately \$712,000 annually, for a period of five years. The funds generated from this levy are used for general operating expenses such as salaries, benefits, supplies, utility expenses, transportation expenses, etc.



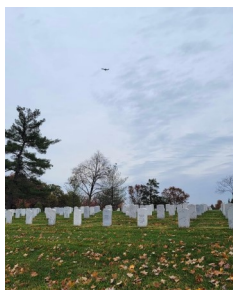
Financial Facts:

- ◆ It costs approximately \$86,000 a day to run the school district.
- ◆ Property Taxes make up 24% of the district's revenue.
- ◆ Unrestricted State Funding makes up 58% of the district's revenue.
- ◆ The district belongs to a purchasing cooperative to obtain optimum pricing for health insurance, materials and supplies, and for bus purchases.

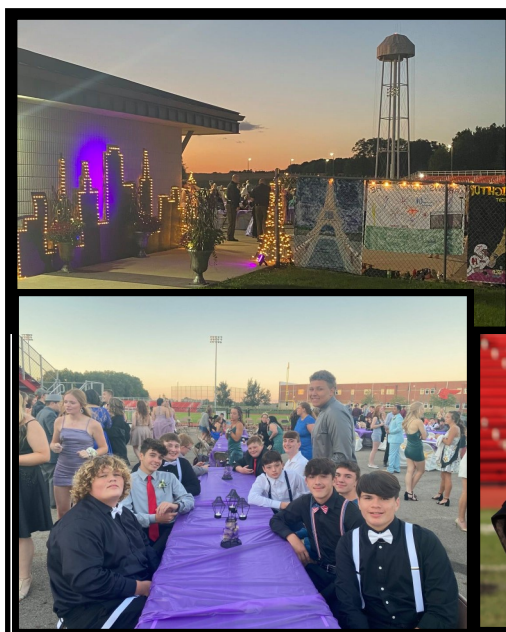


Tecumseh Students Experience Washington, D.C.

Tecumseh Middle School eighth grade students and Tecumseh High School ninth grade students recently traveled to Washington, D.C. While in Washington, they visited the World War II, Vietnam War, and Korean War memorials. At Arlington National Cemetery students visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, witnessed the changing of the guard and wreath ceremony, and visited Tecumseh Graduate Wesley Williams' gravesite. Students and staff left pennies on Wes' headstone. This lets his family know he had visitors. Other stops included the Smithsonian Museum, the Natural History Museum, and a walking tour by the White House, Martin Luther King, Jr., Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lincoln, and Jefferson Memorials. The students also toured the National Archives, the Kennedy Center, the Marine Museum, Ford's Theatre, and Mt. Vernon.



FALL EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT



Homecoming Queen Becky Wilson and Homecoming King Alex Snyder, and a view of the outdoor dance that was held.

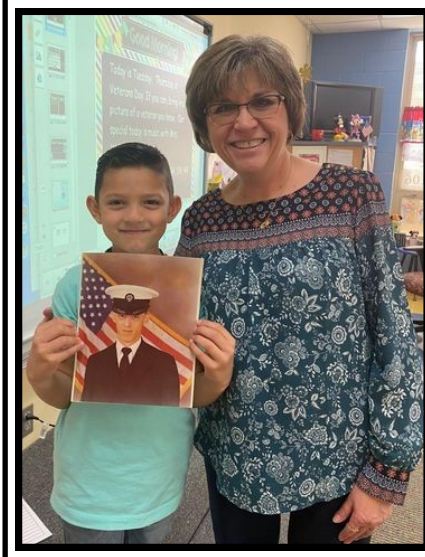


Tecumseh High School AFJROTC Cadets sponsored their second annual Trunk or Treat this fall.

The cadets collected candy from Pride periods as well as each donating two bags of candy to acquire enough candy for approximately 450 participants.

The weather wasn't the best, but the event was a huge success!

Although we were unable to have our traditional Veterans Day Programs, we are always thankful and thinking of our Veterans. Hallways were adorned with thank you notes, American flags, and pictures. Students shared pictures of their special Veteran with classmates, and many thank you letters were written by our students. We look forward to holding our Veterans Day Programs again next year!



Our amazing staff members went all out to make Halloween week at school fun for our students by dressing up in awesome costumes! We are happy to have our students with us in person, and look forward to more traditional parties next year.



Our Tecumseh High School FFA students traveled to Indianapolis, along with students from Greenon, Northeastern and Northwestern, this week to attend the 94th Annual National FFA Convention. The FFA Program offers many opportunities for our students.



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The Tecumseh FFA Agricultural Facility was posthumously dedicated to our former Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Ivan Gehret. We would like to extend our thanks to all who were involved in making this happen and the many individuals and businesses who donated funding to make this possible.

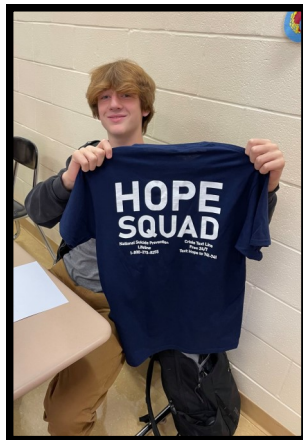
Mr. Gehret loved FFA and supported the program with all of his heart.



WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU.



Friday, September 3rd was Tecumseh's first home football game for the season. It was also First Responder Night as well as Senior Night. The evening concluded with a ten minute firework display paid for by the generous donations of some of our local businesses (Copper Top Farm and Flowers, Pencil Tree Service, R.D. Holder, Koverman Staley Dickerson, Lee's Chicken, Arrowsgear.com, and Staffco Construction inc.). A BIG thank you to these businesses! It was great to see fans in the stands once again.



Hope Squad is a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program at Tecumseh Middle School and High School. Hope Squad members are nominated by their classmates as trustworthy peers and trained by advisors. The program reduces youth suicide through education, training, and peer intervention.

Thank you to our students for serving as members of Hope Squad and to our staff members for serving as advisors.

This year's Fall Play was Barbecuing Hamlet by Pat Cook. The cast members did an outstanding job presenting this comedy. Thank you to the multiple individuals who worked behind the scenes to help make the play a success.



Tecumseh Theater Presents:
Barbecuing Hamlet
By Pat Cook



Pflaumer Auditorium
November 5th and 6th @ 7pm

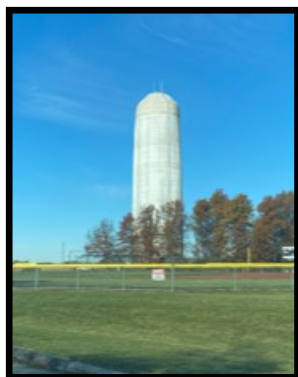
The Tecumseh Marching Arrows were happy to resume hosting their annual Showcase of Bands in October. Great show Arrows!



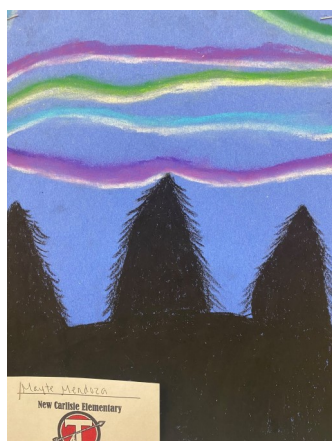


Water Tower Update

Tecumseh Local Schools is currently working on a general maintenance project of the water tower on the main campus. The water tower was built ahead of the new schools in 2007 to supply water to both Tecumseh High School and Tecumseh Middle School through two wells on campus.



The district works daily with water operators and the Environmental Protection Agency to provide safe drinking water to everyone on our campus. During May of 2021, the district began to make plans for general maintenance to our water plant including the tower. The district replaced green sand media and resin in the water filters inside the plant. With the paint on the water tower nearing its life expectancy, the district began making plans for repainting and coating of the tower on the inside and outside. The district hired American Suncraft, a local water tower contractor that is nationally known, to recoat and repaint the tower. All of these maintenance measures were taken to proactively ensure that the district provides safe, high quality water for students, staff and the community. The district understands that protection of our water supply is an investment to current and future generations of the entire Tecumseh Local Community.



Brian Dixon, Director of Facilities & Safety

Brian Dixon, a lifelong resident of New Carlisle and a 1996 Tecumseh High School graduate, was recently named the Director of Facilities and Safety. He began this role at the onset of the current school year.



Mr. Dixon began his work in the district in the summer of 2000 as a seasonal worker. In 2001 he was hired as a teacher at Olive Branch Middle School. He taught until 2010 when he became a principal at New Carlisle Elementary School and a few years later transitioned to Tecumseh Middle School.

Mr. Dixon is married to his wife, Meagan, a 2000 graduate of Tecumseh High School and a secretary at Donnelsville Elementary School. They have three children; Brycen, an eighth grader at Tecumseh Middle School, Brenden, a sixth grader at Tecumseh Middle School and McKenna, a first grader at Park Layne Elementary School. Mr. Dixon has served as a football coach previously and has devoted 25 years as a 4H Advisor.

We are excited to welcome Mr. Dixon to his newly acquired role. We are confident he will serve in his new role in an exceptional manner, as he has previously in his former roles within the district.

Mr. Dixon shares, "It has been my honor and privilege to serve Tecumseh Local Schools over the past 21 years in various positions. In 1983, when I boarded the kindergarten school bus for the first time to the district, little did I know that I would make a career at a place that I love and respect. I look forward to applying my experiences from my time as a teacher, administrator, as well educational experiences from undergraduate work in Construction Management. My goal will simply be to protect and preserve the district buildings, structures and grounds for generations of current and future Arrows."



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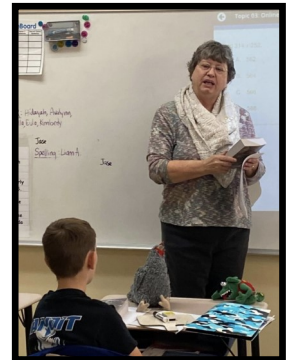
Generosity Abounds at Tecumseh and in our Community



Donnelsville Elementary students collected over 2,800 non-perishable food items for Impact Bethel recently. Our student council helped count the items each day and our fifth graders helped load the truck.

Way to have a heart for service, and show how much you care about your community Donnelsville!

Student Council members at New Carlisle Elementary School collected gloves, hats, and scarves for the Warm and Fuzzy Drive. The winter garments will benefit our community through Impact Bethel. New Carlisle Elementary School's Student Council would like to express a huge, "THANK YOU!" to all of our students, parents and community members who graciously donated!



Our thanks go out to the members of the New Carlisle Rotary. Rotary members continued their tradition of purchasing a dictionary for every Tecumseh third grade student.

Many adults in the area still recall receiving their dictionary when they were in the third grade at Tecumseh.

Thank you for your generous gift, and your generosity throughout the years.

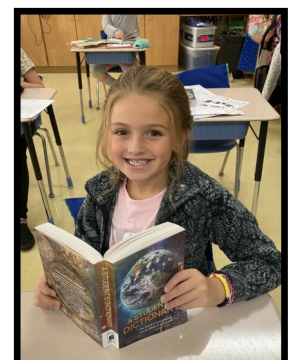


Tecumseh's youngest students also have a heart for service. Park Layne Elementary students conducted a toy drive in December. Their collection will be donated to Impact Bethel.

Impact Bethel is a non-profit organization that routinely provides many acts of service in our community to give back to the community.

Mr. Robert Tobey of New Carlisle Chrysler visited the Junior Optimist Club recently, and presented Junior Optimist Club Treasurer, Nolan Shafer, with a check for \$2,000. This generous donation will be used to fund future service projects.

Thank you Mr. Tobey and New Carlisle Chrysler for your generosity and commitment to our students.





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Tecumseh High School Senior Varsity football players and cheerleaders presented their team jersey to a staff member who has had a profound and positive impact on them. Each athlete thanked the staff member for being a positive role model and making a difference in his/her life. Staff members proudly wore their jersey throughout the day preceding the final game of the season.



Upcoming Events . . .

Musical—Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
March 18—20, 2022

Spring Break
March 28—April 1, 2022

Prom
May 14, 2022

Last Day for Students
May 26

Graduation
June 5, 2022



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