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TMS Enhances Learning through Tech

Tecumseh students are using more educational technology in the classroom with Google Apps for Education. Tecumseh Middle School teachers are incorporating Google Classroom to improve communication with parents/guardians and students, and to help students succeed in school and after graduation.

With Google Classroom, teachers are able to digitally assign class work and homework, make announcements, and electronically grade assignments. Students have access to their Google accounts at home and at school allowing for seamless transitions that mimic the work environments in today’s colleges and workplaces.

“Our students are growing up and learning in a digital environment and they need to master electronic skills to be successful in the ever changing world that is ahead of them,” said TMS Principal Brian Dixon. “Teaching students with these 21st Century tools is an important way to prepare students for higher education and the work environment their generation will be required to navigate.”

Teachers are seeing an improvement as a result of immediate feedback, engaging technology and collaboration. Through Google Documents, Language Arts teachers can make suggestions and comments allowing students to resolve writing issues and make improvements and adjustments before they ever submit a piece of writing for a grade. Science teachers are using Google Maps to integrate spatial thinking and provide electronic examples for additional guidance.

Google Classroom also features Apps that allow teachers to collaborate, integrate subjects for students, and differentiate lessons to meet each students’ needs.
Donnelsville Elementary Focuses on the Positive

Donnelsville Elementary has been focusing on positives this year with Positive Office Referrals for students showing positive traits.

So far this school year we have had over 400 Positive Office Referrals by staff! When a student receives a referral, Mr. Burkholder calls him/her to his office, reads the referral, awards a small prize, takes a photo displayed in the hallway, the student appears on the school-wide announcements, and the referral is sent home so parents can celebrate their child’s accomplishments.

At Donnelsville, we believe celebrating the positive helps create an environment where students can grow and learn. It’s an environment where children strive to be more positive so they can make the building a better place to learn and maybe even be caught being great.

“We enjoy school and recognizing the worth and positive contribution of our students is very important to the Donnelsville staff,” said Jay Burkholder, Principal. “We would love for you to come and see our front hall decorated with the smiling faces of more than 400 students. Donnelsville is making a difference in our community by recognizing and encouraging the good things our students do.”

New Carlisle Hosts Mother-Son Game Night

More than 160 students and mothers attended New Carlisle Elementary’s Mother/Son Game Night on February 24. It was a huge success!

The New Carlisle Elementary Parent Involvement Committee organized many activities for those who attended, including cornhole, giant Jenga, carnival games in the cafeteria, volleyball in the gym, Kahoot with trivia in a classroom, and the library was filled with board games galore. Snacks and drinks were offered too.

“We love getting the families in the building for fun events that bring parents and students together,” said Principal Kathryn Randenburg. “Building these foundations of fun and learning will help in the student’s future education.”

Teachers Assist in Decision-Making at TLS

Teachers are an important part of the decision-making process in the district, and one way they help is through the District Leadership Team (DLT). The DLT, a committee of administrators and teachers, created a District Improvement Plan in order to address specific areas of need in the district. The plan is comprised of three goals.

The first goal focuses on improving student achievement. Three times per year the DLT conducts curriculum visits throughout the district. Small teams of an administrator and several teachers visit classrooms to observe instructional practices that maximize student learning and engagement, and the DLT compiles data from each of these visits. The goal is to continue to increase the percentage of research-based best instructional practices.

The second goal emphasizes creating a positive and caring learning environment where students feel supported emotionally and academically. Through the DLT’s work, a Mental Health Committee has been established comprised of principals, school psychologists, a school nurse, the school resource officer, and several other district personnel. The purpose of this committee is to research programs and opportunities that can help address behavioral and emotional needs of our students.

The DLT’s third goal focuses on helping students acquire the technical skills they need to be productive 21st Century learners. The DLT is encouraging teachers to incorporate the utilization of technology-based activities into their lessons. A District Technology Committee has recently been established to plan and evaluate specific technology needs.

The complete District Improvement Plan can be found under the “District” tab on the district web page at www.tecumseh.k12.oh.us.
Class of 2017

Congratulations to the Tecumseh High School Class of 2017 and this year’s candidates for valedictorian.

The candidates are (from left to right):

Matthew Brown, son of Tim and Lori Brown. Matthew’s future plans include attending Wright State University and studying Mechanical Engineering.

Matilyn Shanahan, daughter of Felix and Nina Shanahan. Matilyn’s future plans include attending Wright State University to study Microbiology.


Lucy Eier, daughter of Craig and Renee Eier. Lucy’s future plans include attending the University of Tennessee at Martin and studying Biology.

Noah Berner, son of Jacob and Silke Berner. Noah’s future plans include attending Wright State University and studying Mechanical Engineering.

Graduation for the Class of 2017 begins at 2 p.m. on June 4 at E.J. Nutter Center at WSU.

Tecumseh Invitational Returns to THS

After nearly 27 years, the Tecumseh Track Invitational returned to Tecumseh High School. On April 1, Tecumseh High School hosted the track meet with eight teams (Dayton Christian, Fairborn, Graham, Greenon, Horizon Science Academy of Columbus, Northwestern, Shawnee and our very own Arrows) for the first time since May, 1990.

The girl’s team dominated the meet by scoring 208.5 points. Shawnee was second with 143 points. The boy’s team won the meet on the final race of the day. Tecumseh’s 4 x 400 Relay Team finished 1st while Graham was able to finish 2nd over Shawnee allowing Tecumseh to win the meet with 148 points to Shawnee’s 146.

A special thanks to the many volunteers who worked the concession stand, took tickets, and helped run the many events. We are hoping to grow the meet to even more teams next year.

Safety a Priority for Tecumseh Transportation

The Tecumseh Transportation Department is responsible for transporting students to and from school each day. Currently, 32 contracted drivers transport approximately 2,100 students to and from school each day. The fleet consists of 38 buses.

The average bus age is 11.5 years. The goal is to maintain an average age as close to ten years as possible, as recommended by the Ohio Department of Education - Pupil Transportation Department. Each year the district purchases one or two buses to try to maintain the ten year average because buses become increasingly more expensive to maintain as they age.

Each year the entire bus fleet goes through a rigorous inspection by a State Highway Patrol inspector. No major findings were found with the latest inspection, and personnel are confident the buses are operating within the safest possible standards.
Park Layne students put their literacy skills to use raising money for an important cause for our community in March.

The school raised $4,458.75 for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program through Park Layne’s first ever Read-a-thon in conjunction with Read Across America week. The Imagination Library program is now available in our community through the efforts of the United Way of Clark County. The program sends a free book to children every month from birth to age 5 to help create a strong foundation of literacy.

Through Read-a-thon, family, friends and community members were able to donate to the cause as our students completed reading goals over two weeks. Donations for the program can still be made directly to the United Way of Clark County.

For Read Across America Week, students participated in themed spirit days and welcomed guest readers.