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A Newsletter of the Tigerton School District

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Over the years I have often heard from parents that teachers and schools need to do more to educate their children. The professional educators and support staff in your school district work hard to provide the learning opportunities children need to be successful as good citizens and in preparation for work or further education after high school. Some advocate that all high school graduates have the skills necessary to do both (career and college ready). To me that sounds like it should be our goal.

Thinking about educating our children comes with the understanding that parents are their children's first and ongoing teachers. School teachers then become partners with parents in the process of education. Successful learning takes a working partnership between parents and teachers to provide the best learning opportunities possible for our children.

School Survey

Thanks to the referendum and confidence in the schools expressed by the resulting vote, the next step is to look at how we can take a very good school district and make it even better. Now that we have a solid financial base for several years the focus needs to be on using those resources in the best manner possible.

Over the next several weeks we will be surveying our students, parents and community members on what we don't need to be doing and what additional things we need to do to better meet the needs of our school children and community. This is an ongoing discussion of the School Board, and staff has already gone through the process to make suggestions for improvement.

Right after New Year's community members will have the opportunity to provide suggestions by accessing the District WEB site at www.tigerton.k12.wi.us. Parents will also be receiving surveys placed in their children's report cards to be filled out and returned to the school office later in January. The results of these surveys will be used as we plan for the future with possible changes as soon as the next school year.

Referendum

The results of the recent school referendum indicate the significant support of the voters and their desire to keep the Tigerton Schools in Tigerton. For those that voted against the referendum we hope to also hear from you on where the District needs to be heading. An unusual twist to the results of the referendum is hearing from some people who voted "no" with their reasoning that we didn't ask for enough and that we need to be doing even more for our students. It would be great to also hear back from other "no" voters on their opinions for improvement. In five years when we need to revisit the referendum (it expires in five years) the goal is to convince the "no" voters to change their votes to "yes".

Winter

Maybe by the time this letter is distributed we will have some actual winter weather. Please know that the decision to cancel school is made after weighing several factors first being the safety of our students. The decision is not an exact science but is made after weighing the recommendations of our bus drivers, law enforcement, other area school districts, and by driving the roads in the very early hours of the morning.

School closing information can be found on the District WEB site, and by listening to local radio and television stations.

Wayne "Doc" Johnson
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REMINDERS

Jan. 21	End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
Jan. 22	NO SCHOOL-Teacher Inservice
Feb. 18	PT Conferences 4-8pm
Feb. 19	NO SCHOOL/PT Conf. 8am-12pm

Inclement Weather Delays & School Closings

In the event of inclement weather and you want to know if classes will be held that day, go to our website www.tigerton.k12.wi.us or tune in to the following radio and television stations for school closing information:

Radio: WDEZ-101.9FM	WIFC-95.5FM
WTCH/WFCL	WDUX AM/FM
WSPT	
TV: WBAY-Channel 2	WAOW-Channel 9
WFRV-Channel 5	WSAW-Channel 7
WLUK-Channel 11	WGBA-Channel 26

From the Principal's Desk

The school year is just about half over already and as we move into the new year, there are a number of important upcoming events that I would like to share information about with you. These events include high school course selection, eleventh grade ACT testing, and third through eighth grade Wisconsin state testing.

As the new year begins, students in grades eight through eleven will be receiving their course selection booklet and associated paperwork. This process will determine what classes students will take next year and will also help determine what classes will be offered. Please take some time to discuss this important process with your student.

This is the second year that ACT testing will be mandatory for every eleventh grade student in the state of Wisconsin. The ACT is the test that most Wisconsin students have taken in the past that is sent to colleges and universities as part of the application process. The test will be given to every eleventh grade student this year on March 1. The test will be taken at the Tigerton High School and will take one whole morning. On the following day, an ACT test called Work Keys will be given. These tests and dates are state mandated and determined. The ACT test results should be available in May and the results can be used for college applications if you so choose.

The Wisconsin State test that will be taken by grades three through eight will be taken in April/May. The test is a computer based test, so it is somewhat similar to the MAP testing that we have completed in the past six years. Because of the similarity to the MAP test, we will not give the MAP and this new test in the spring, we will only be giving the new test. We will be sending out more detailed information as the testing dates get closer.

We are looking forward to students returning to school after the Christmas break and we look forward to helping students perform well on these new assessments.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Battenberg

Start Your Day with a Healthy Breakfast

Did you know that both our schools offer a healthy, hot breakfast every morning for ALL of our students? Breakfast is NO charge to students that qualify for free or reduced meal plans. Whether your child dines with us or eats at home, a healthy balanced breakfast can improve attendance and attention. Menus are available on our school web site.



School Board Briefs

The following contains a summary of key happenings at recent school board meetings. For copies of school board minutes and other related materials visit the Board page on the District's website or contact the District Office.

September

- Approval to change Agriculture Teacher's contract to 100%.
- Approval of hiring Andrew Schulz as Band Teacher.
- Approval of capitalization cap from \$1,000 to \$5,000.
- Approval of Pupil Academic Standards.
- Approval of early graduation request.

October

- Approve the creation of Destination Imagination.
- Approval of 2015-16 budget
- 2015-16 Tax Levies set: General Fund-\$1,266,675; Debt Service-\$235,000; Community Service-\$25,000.
- Approval of staff resignation (Julie Prey) and hire of new high school secretary (Rose Kelley).
- Approval of hiring basketball coaches for 2015-16 season.

November

- Approval of amended 2015-16 Tax Levies: General Fund-\$1,514,288; Debt Service-\$235,000; Community Service-\$25,000.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

[Sec. 102.06(6)(b)]

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the School District of Tigerton that a school board election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 to fill the following board positions:

Board members will be elected at large to represent an area of apportionment. Each school board position is a three (3) year term. This spring one director will be elected from each:

- the Village of Tigerton, Shawano County, lying within the boundaries of said district, presently being held by Dale Breaker and
- the Township of Morris, Shawano County, lying with the boundaries of said district, presently being held by Peggy Miller



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Thank You For Your Support!

On behalf of the Tigerton School District, we would like to extend a sincere appreciation to the citizens of our town for the overwhelming voter turnout and support for the Operational Referendum that was approved on November 3rd.

The district would also like to thank the many individuals from our community whose tireless efforts helped pass the referendum.

And finally, thank you to our teachers and staff who attended committee meetings and made countless phone calls to parents and community members garnering support for our cause. The voters of the Tigerton School District came through!



Start the New Year Off on the Right Foot!

Join the School District's fitness center and improve your health for 2015. Our fitness center is a shared school/community resource with flexible hours to fit most everyone's schedule.

The fitness center is open Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. We offer state-of-the-art fitness equipment at affordable membership rates.

	<u>District Resident</u>	<u>Non-District Resident</u>
Adult	\$40/yr	\$65/yr
Family	\$75/yr	\$100/yr
Senior Citizen (55 and older)	\$25/yr	\$50/yr
Month-to-Month	\$5	\$10

Now is the best time to focus on your health. Get started today! Contact the District Office at 715-535-4041 or visit our website at www.tigerton.k12.wi.us for more information.



SPIRIT CLUB

The day before Christmas vacation at Tigerton High School found staff and students donning their "Ugly Christmas Sweaters" to see if they would be the lucky (?) one to win. The THS Spirit Club were pleased with the participation, although the judges

really didn't think any of the sweaters were ugly! Shawnee Griepentrog wore the brightest sweater, Issac Schoen wore the most Christmasy. Allen Jobe wore the sweater closest to the school colors (purple & gold) and Mrs. Erickson (English teacher) won for the most annoying sweater (Chicago Bears). Leandra Kalwitz won \$ 10.00 and the honor of wearing the "Ugliest Sweater" in the Middle/Senior High School.



Open Enrollment Information

Beginning February 1, 2016, parents of non-resident students may apply for Open Enrollment to the School District of Tigerton. Public School Open Enrollment is the program that allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live.

The program for the School District of Tigerton is open to students in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12. It also applies to 4-year-old kindergarten students provided the district of residence also operates that program.

The open enrollment application period for the 2016-17 school year runs from February 1-April 29, 2016. **The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 29, 2016. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.**

Parents may apply online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

If you would like additional information concerning open enrolling students to the School District of Tigerton please contact Beth Rogowski or Dr. Wayne Johnson at 715-535-4044 or check the DPI Open Enrollment Website <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.



Tigerton FFA Happenings

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION: 5 FFA members and their advisor traveled with 7 other schools on a charter bus to Louisville, Kentucky for the 88th National FFA Convention in late October. They toured Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, where students take regular high school classes their first two years and then focus on a particular agricultural pathway like Animal Systems, Natural Resources, Food Science, Plant Systems, Ag Mechanics, or Ag Business during their junior and senior year. They also toured Mammoth Cave National Park in southern Kentucky and a burley tobacco farm in central Kentucky. Our group heard Maddie and Tae as well as Jake Owen, both country music artists, in concert on Wednesday night at the KFC Yum! Center. While at the convention, students heard motivational speakers, networked with national agricultural companies at the FFA Career Expo, and saw FFA members receiving national awards. Thanks to the Tigerton FFA Alumni for their donation toward our trip. Members received scholarship money for their trip for participation in concession stands, parade floats, etc.

TIGERTON FFA ALUMNI MEAT RAFFLE: The FFA Alumni recently sponsored a Meat Raffle to benefit the THS Greenhouse Building Fund. 2 Halves of a hog and 65 other prizes were given away. Thanks to the Ted and Gina Jobe family for their generous donation of a hog. Unofficially, about \$2,200 was raised. Thanks also to all the students, FFA and FFA Alumni members, and area businesses for helping us sell tickets; to everyone who bought tickets, and to all the businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the drawing. When we all work together, great things can be accomplished!!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHEER PROJECT: FFA members recently assembled and delivered 28 holiday gift bags filled with treats to area elderly and those needing some extra cheer this holiday season. We are always in need of holiday gift bags (medium sized) or Christmas stockings to use for this project. If you have extras and would like to downsize, please contact Ms. Rowe at the HS (715) 535-4026.

SHAWANO COUNTY FAIR 2016: Anyone wishing to enroll or re-enroll to take projects for the 2016 year, needs to go to the <http://wi.4hOnline.com> website. **Enrollment deadline for fair eligibility is January 5th.**

COOKING FOR CANCER 50/50 Raffles: We've been doing 50/50 Raffles to benefit cancer charities. We are looking for donations from anyone interested in helping out (looking for 2-3 donors at each raffle) as well as volunteers to work at the tables. So far, we have collected about \$90. The remainder of the raffles will be held on January 15th, January 22nd and February 9th.

Community Rabies Clinic & Supply Drive

Saturday, January 30, 2016

11:00AM to 12:30PM

THS Metal Shop

Vaccinations offered for both cats and dogs

Questions?? Call Birnamwood Veterinary Clinic at (715) 449-2566



State law requires that ALL dogs and cats be vaccinated. Proof of vaccination must be made when licensing your pet.

Tigerton FFA Chapter is also sponsoring a supply drive for the Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary from January 18-30. Donations can be dropped off @ THS Ag Dept. and during the Rabies Clinic.

Suggested items include:

Blankets (gently used/new)	Bath towels	Hand sanitizer
Paper towels	Cat Litter	Canned cat food
Pet Toys	Dry dog food	Grooming brushes
Laundry Soap	Dish soap	Pet food/water dishes

Cash donations will be donated to Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary, the Shawano County K-9 Unit and Guiding Eyes for the Blind (a guide dog training organization).

Contact Ms. Lori Rowe at THS (535-4026) if you have questions or would like to donate.

Know What Your Children Are Taking and Eating

Happy New Year! It's time for an update from the Tigerton School District Kitchen! This winter we wanted to give parents a visual into their child's lunch. Everyday we are required to offer each student five components to their meal: grain, dairy, fruit, vegetable and protein. Often, they are offered in combination form. For example, pizza counts as their grain and their protein. In the following picture you will see that the menu consisted of:



Offered

Pictured left, you will see that the menu consisted of:

- Pulled Pork on Bun** (counts a 2 components)
- Milk** - (counts as 1 component)
- the student opted for 2, only 1 is provided with the meal
- Applesauce** (counts as 1 component)
- Carrots** (counts as 1 component)
- Fresh Vegetables** (counts as 1 component)

Your child/children are ONLY required by the state to choose 3 of the 5 components and one MUST be a ½ cup fruit or vegetable. With that said, they can take any combination of food. So on a pizza day, they only have to take the pizza and a fruit. On this particular day the student opted to take a bun, applesauce, carrot stick and milk (not pictured).



Taken



Eaten

At the end of the lunch period I asked the student if I could photograph his tray before he dumped it to show what was actually eaten. The final result is pictured left

MANY trays look like this before and after. There was a lot eaten on the above students tray compared to some of our other students trays. It is important to the kitchen staff that our students are provided and eat a healthy meal to sustain them throughout the day. While we know corn dogs, chicken nuggets and pizza would make for fuller bellies if offered daily, it is not feasible in the end. The requirements are not those of the past. Providing students lunch is very different than it was just 4 years ago. We are required to offer vs. serve, push fruits and veggies - not protein, they do not have to take a milk, etc.

We would encourage any parent/guardian to come and eat with their child/children if they can to see how it works first hand. An adult lunch is \$3.70. We know that it is not possible for many, so please do not hesitate to contact Karen Durkey in the kitchen at 715-535-4004 or Beth Rogowski in the District Office at 715-535-4044.

MATH LEAGUE 2015-16



Congrats Amber!



Amber Brown led our school team by scoring 72 points and placing 15th overall in the algebra category. The average score in Amber's category for our division was 51 points. Excellent job, Amber!

Twelve of our talented mathematics students participated in the first meet of the Central Wisconsin Mathematics League Competition. UW-Stevens Point hosts the meet three times each academic year. A math team consists of geometry, algebra, and advanced math categories. The following students participated in the geometry category: McKenna Marquardt, Leah Jobe, Jaidan Miller, Sam Schmidt, and alternate Madison Boivin. The algebra team consisted of: Amber Brown, Becky Levandoski, Lonna Minniecheske, Kayla Cornelius, and alternate Patrick Bailey. The advanced algebra team included: Ceara Lebo, Erin Buch, Michael Wuske, Ashley Knaup, and Dexter Block. The leaders of each category were McKenna, Amber, and Ceara. Good job, Ladies!! The math team is coached by Ms. Krolow.

Tigerton Elementary would like to thank "Angels of St. John" from St. John Lutheran Church-Hermansfort for the gift of hats and mittens. Our fingers will be warm on the playground this winter! The gift was partially funded with a Thrivent Grant.

THANKS



Back Row: DeAjah Cornelius, Kathy Suehring, Marilyn Goers, Renata Nordwig; Front: Braelyn Jueds, Mylan Maas



Thank you to Premier Community Bank-Tigerton who generously donated coats for Tigerton Elementary students!

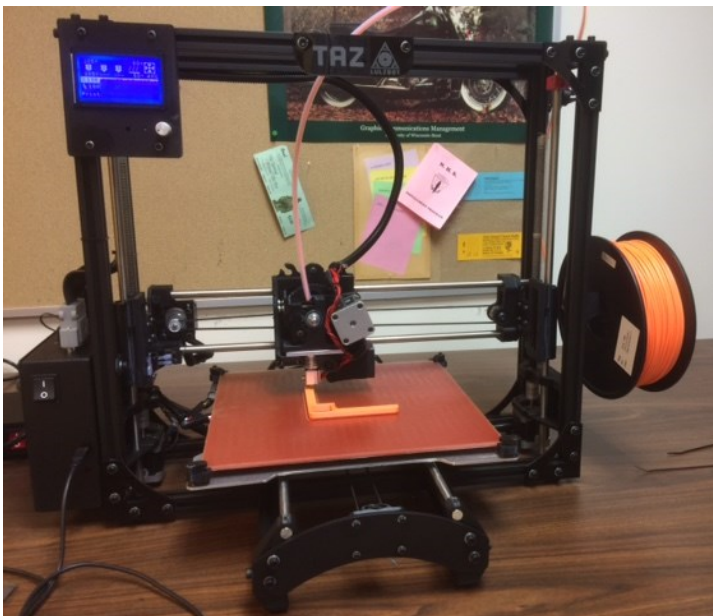
Using Our Talents to Help the Community

The Advance High School Art Class III and IV were asked by Lee Kreklow if they would be willing to paint a mural that would be located on the back of the "grandstand" at the ballpark here in Tigerton. After writing and receiving a Thrivent Financial Grant for the supplies the Art classes began to plan and execute the thirty six foot by six foot mural that highlights all the sports played at the park, a beautifully painted tiger within the word Tigerton, as well as listing all the championships of the B.A.B.A. and the High School Girls Softball State championship. The girls who painted the mural are Madison



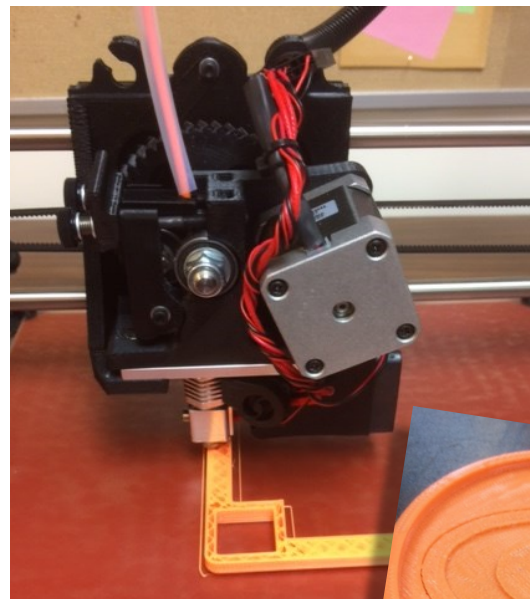
Boivin, Merissa Brehm, Maryea Danischfsky, Holly Herres, Summer Kopitzke, and Emily Moderson.

This mural is now completed and in the spring will be hung when the weather is fair enough to properly dry the caulk and weatherproof it. The girls worked hard and the final product is a reflection to the talent that is within our school.



3D Printer Arrives at THS

Tigerton High School's Technology Education program recently added a 3D printer. The printer was paid for through grants from Wisconsin Public Service and Carl Perkins. Mr. Jueds will be incorporating this into a number of his Technology Education courses.





Guidance Notes



2nd graders showing off their quilt pieces.

Elementary School

KINDNESS has been the focus of weekly guidance classes at the elementary school. All grades read the book *The Kindness Quilt* and learned many ways to show kindness. Every student in grades K-5 was given a quilt piece and they illustrated what kindness is to them. Watch for the completed quilt to be displayed after the new year outside of the guidance office.

Middle School

Every Wednesday, the 8th grade class searches for Captain Career in WISCareers—the program they use for Careers class. He is hiding in a new spot every week and has to be found using a set of 3 clues. At the end of each week, a winner is selected randomly from all the entries received statewide. Colleen Smith (pictured right) was a recent winner and received a \$10 gift card to Subway!



High School

Seniors should be checking my website for scholarship opportunities! Click on the Middle/High tab, Teacher WebPages, Rice Amy, and finally Scholarships.

SPEECH/LANGUAGE FOR TOTS

Do you or someone you know in the Tigerton School District have a child, age one or two, that is difficult to understand when he/she talks?

According to Lynch, Brookshire & Fox (1980), children should be intelligible (able to be understood) 25% of the time by age 18 months and 50-75% of the time by age 24 months to familiar listeners (family and others who see the child regularly). According to Flipsen (2006), they should be intelligible 25% of the time to unfamiliar listeners (people who do not have much contact with the child) by age 1 and 50% of the time by age 2. Also, if a child is not saying 50 different words and starting to use 2-word phrases by age 2, he or she may be what is termed a "late-talker". This can affect reading skills later on.

If you know a child that is between the ages of birth and 3 that is demonstrating speech/language difficulties such as this, it is possible that the child may qualify for Birth-To-Three services. The Birth-to-Three program may have qualification requirements similar to but not exactly the same as described above. In any event, if a child does qualify, this program can be a good jump-start for children so that they can be more prepared for school (more-so if they start at age 2 or younger to have a longer period of services).

For more information, contact the Shawano County Human Services – Community Services Division at 715-526-4700 (and then 6 when you get their automated message). The Birth-to-Three Program is a State and Federal mandated program. Services are also available for children in day care.

It was a first in the THS library (1949 bldg) when Casey Wuske, a sophomore at THS played his guitar for a small group of students and staff the day before Christmas. At the end of last summer Casey decided he would like to learn to play the guitar and so he self taught himself to do so. It was a nice concert and got everyone in the Christmas spirit.





Visit to the Library

The kindergarten class has been learning about our community. Throughout the year, the class visits some of the local businesses (the ones within walking distance from the school). The purpose of these trips is to expose the students to the kinds of businesses in our village as well as to learn about community helpers. Recently, the class visited the Tigerton Village Library. Peggy Slicer gave the class a tour of the library and read a few books to them.

Tour of the Fire Station

The kindergarten class took a walking field trip to the Tigerton Fire Station. Jay Curtis and Joey Gauthier gave the students a tour and told them about the fire trucks. The picture shows the class at the fire station with Jay and Joey. Front row: Braelyn Jueds, Cole Erdmann, Mason Breitenfeldt, Dane Desrochers, Jolie Bennett, Mya Smith, DeAjah Cornelius, Jaelyn Brady Back row: Remington Giese, Finley Swartz, Roselyn Lehman, Renata Nordwig, Brett Tiller, Brody Arndt.



READING BUDDIES



Once a week, the fifth grade students read to the kindergarten students. During this time, each fifth grader reads to a kindergarten partner. This is a great opportunity for the fifth graders to practice their oral reading skills. It also gives the kindergarten students a chance to listen to someone else read to them. The pictures show some of the pairs of "Reading Buddies".



Pictured are: (Back row) Bruce Harris (our tour guide), Trinity Socha, Aubry Arndt, Joey Zimdars, Michiah Hanson, Gabe Dahlstrom, Colten Hirt, Maverick Maas, Hayden Miller, Gavin Laatsch, Kyle Brady, Angel Welch, Rae Ann Strehlow, Wyatt Zychowicz, Jessica Burayi, Ethan Carlson, and Lewis Cornelious; (front row) Deryck Graham, Sienna Breaker, Adin Pranke, Izzy Zychowicz, Hudson Miller, and Easton Davis.

Third Graders Tour Lumber Company

On October 13, Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Poppe's third grade class toured the Tigerton Lumber Company. The students really enjoyed observing the debarker, sawmill, transfer, wood mizer, and planing mill working in action. They also caught a glimpse of the big storage sheds, and learned that the Tigerton Lumber Company sells its lumber to many places, including other countries. The students also experienced the heat from the kilns. The third graders toured the mill as part of their science unit on "Earth's Resources." Students learned what happens to the wood after it is hauled into the mill. The students were also amazed at the huge size of Tigerton's lumber mill.



Afternoon at the School Forest

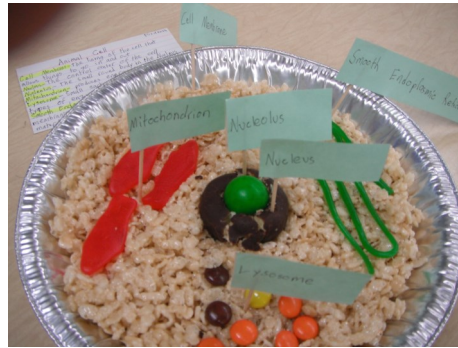
The Tigerton 4th graders in Mrs. Block's class spent a recent October afternoon at the School Forest. Some of the activities they took part in were measuring the board feet of a tree with a hypsometer, identifying producers, consumers, and decomposers, and writing about and sketching pictures of things they had seen, heard, felt, and thought of while there. The pictures show some of the class posing in the middle of the forest (Natasha, Jessalyn, Carley, Isaiah, Isabella, Arrianna, Camryn, Loghan, Seneca, Samantha, Edythe, and Elizabeth) and Isabella filling out her forest booklet.



4TH GRADE CELL MODELS



The fourth grade students recently completed a unit of study in Science that included the smallest unit of life, the cell. As a conclusion, each student made a 3-dimensional model of either a plant or an animal cell. The requirements were to make the cell out of any materials, make it an open view so we could see inside it, and label and describe the cell and its parts. Some students even made their cell out of edible ingredients. The photos show a plant cell made by Camryn Miller (far left) and an edible animal cell made by Elizabeth Steuck. Great job 4th grade class!



Fang's Reading Club



The Tigerton Elementary School is gearing up for the "Fang-tastic" Reading Club, sponsored by the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers! Fang's Reading Club is geared toward students in grades K-5, and consists of four two-week segments (8 weeks total) beginning Sunday, January 24th and wrapping up Saturday, March 19th. Each two-week segment corresponds to one base (first, second, third, and home). Each teacher will set up reading goals for students in their class.

When students reach a base, they are awarded with an incentive prize compliments of the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. If a student reaches all four bases, they hit a home run and are awarded with a FREE ticket which includes a hot dog & soda voucher for Tigerton's Family Night on Friday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m. This Family Night is open to the ENTIRE SCHOOL, not just reading club members.

Fang will visit the Tigerton Elementary School the afternoon of Wednesday, January 20th. Along with a short story, Fang will be available for a class picture and student autographs, so bring along any Timber Rattler memorabilia that you want to have signed.

More game and ticket information will be sent home at a later time.



Pictured is the kindergarten class with the check for the Box Tops. Front row: Brett Tiller, Remington Giese, Roselyn Lehman, Cole Erdmann, Jolie Bennett, Jaelyn Brady. Middle row: Mylan Maas, Mya Smith, DeAjah Cornelius, Brody Arndt, Dane Desrochers. Back row: Renata Nordwig, Mason Breitenfeldt, Cameron Bork, Braelyn Jueds, Finnley Swartz

Earn Cash For Our School

Tigerton Elementary School recently received a **check for \$398.50** from Box Tops for Education! The Box Tops were sorted, cut and counted by Mrs. Kreklow's summer school math class and this year's kindergarten class.

The kindergarten class will be taking care of more Box Tops in March and in May. The students would like to thank everyone for saving Box Tops for our school and would like to remind you that you can send Box Tops to school with any elementary school student or you can drop them off in the school's office. The school earns 10 cents for each Box Top, and as you can see, they really add up.



A Day at the School Forest

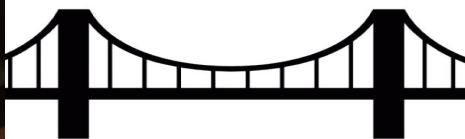
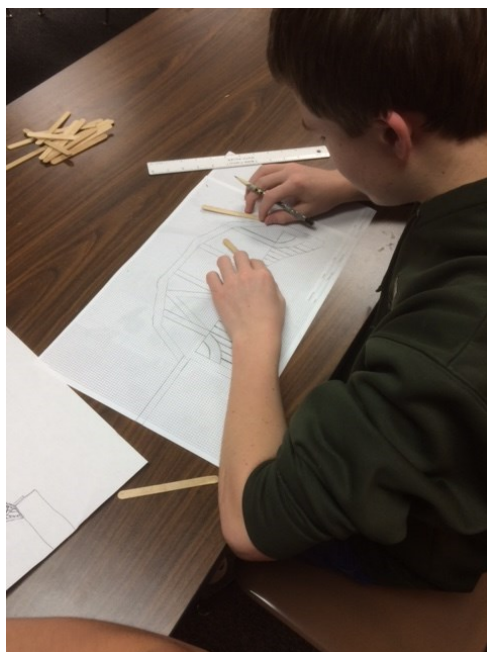
This fall the seventh grade students spent the day at the school forest participating in integrated activities involving math, science, social studies, and language arts. As scientists, they recorded observations about the different habitats within in the school forest and identified various types of trees using a dichotomous key. As mathematicians, they found the diameters of trees using a mathematical formula and staked out a plot of land measuring 500 cm X 500 cm. As writers, they used their senses and wrote a detailed description of their plot of land. Finally as cartographers, they made a map of their plot of land using accurate scale and direction.



EXPLORING TECH

Students in Mr. Jueds' Exploring Technology class are working on designing and building bridges. The goal is to create the most efficient bridge (weight of the bridge compared to the weight it hold) using the materials provided.

Shown are the students working on their scale drawings of the bridges.



2015 Required Notice of Youth Suicide Prevention Resources



More youth suicide prevention resources are available at: http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov/sspw_suicideprev

Youth Suicide Prevention Resources Are Available

To get updated information on suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention resources, visit DPI's website. There are downloadable documents on the state laws, a fact sheet on youth suicide, and updated suicide prevention curriculum. It also includes an updated webinar of an online gatekeeper training for all staff and DPI's updated one day training flyer, description, and calendar. Other resources include strategies on suicide interventions, memorial suggestions, and other topics.

Know the Signs

Suicide doesn't usually happen out of the blue—there are often warning signs for others to see or hear. Get the *FACTs* and know the suicidal thinking signs of your students, friends, and family members.

Suicide Prevention: Warning Signs

Feelings

- ♦ Hopelessness
- ♦ Rage, uncontrolled anger, seeking revenge
- ♦ Feeling trapped – like there's no way out
- ♦ No sense of purpose in life

Actions

- ♦ Acting reckless or engaging in risky activities
- ♦ Withdrawing from friends, family and society
- ♦ Increased alcohol or drug use
- ♦ Giving away prized possessions

Changes

- ♦ Decline in quality of school work
- ♦ Dramatic mood changes
- ♦ Anxiety, agitation, change of eating/sleeping habits

Threats

- ♦ Threatening/talking about hurting self

From American Association of Suicideology

Suicide Is a Complex Problem

Multiple factors are involved when someone dies by suicide. Oversimplifying the reasons someone takes their own life is not helpful. For instance, saying bullying "caused" someone to end their life is not all-encompassing. Not all bullying victims kill themselves. Research suggests many factors contribute to suicide. These include: biological factors, precipitating factors, and triggering events. Examples of biological factors include mental illness or losing a family member to suicide. Precipitating factors include poor grades, attending an unsafe school, victimization, or family rejection. Crisis/triggering events include experiencing a major loss, humiliation or bullying, and having access to lethal means. Suicide is a complex problem that is often misunderstood when oversimplified.

From American Association of Suicideology (AAS) webinar January 2011.

Identifying mental illness or alcohol/other drug abuse problem is significant.

- ♦ The most common mental illness leading to suicide is depression. It is also the most treatable!
- ♦ In the 2013 YRBS, over 25 percent of high school students experienced persistent sadness or hopelessness. About six percent of high school students attempted suicide. This shows that depression is somewhat common, but suicide is not.
- ♦ Binge drinking is highly correlated with suicide attempts. Ninety percent of people who died by suicide had some form of mental illness and/or an alcohol/other drug abuse problem.

Reducing access to lethal means can be very worthwhile. (see www.meansmatter.com)

- ♦ Limiting access to the means for suicide provides the most significant reduction in suicide rates. Most often, youth who attempt suicide use a gun kept in the home.
- ♦ Do not allow youth to have unsupervised access to firearms and certain medications. Encourage safe/secure storage of lethal means is a critical prevention strategy.

When youth are facing what they believe is a crisis and exhibit warning signs of suicide, be sure they are not left alone or sent home without supervision.

Suicide Prevention Resource Center
www.sprc.org

Prevent Suicide Wisconsin
www.preventsuicidewi.org

Helping Others Prevent and Educate about Suicide
www.hopeuswi.org

American Association of Suicidology
www.suicidology.org

WI Safe and Healthy Schools Training Center
www.wischools.org

Important Resources



What can you do if you are concerned about a student?

Teachers and other school staff are well-positioned to observe student behavior and to ACT if there is a suspicion that a student may consider self-harm. Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem; but for kids, their problems can seem endless at this stage. If we get them through the crisis, there is a 80 percent chance that they will never attempt suicide. ACT stands for **A**cknowledge, **C**are, and **T**ell.

A

Acknowledge feelings rather than minimizing them. Telling a student to “get over it” or “move on” is not a realistic outcome when dealing with a person with depression.

- “I’m sorry to hear about this. It sounds really hard.”

C

Show Care and Concern for the student by taking the next step.

- “I’m worried about you. I don’t want anything bad to happen to you or for you to be hurt.”

T

Tell a member of your crisis team. They know how to work with students who have concerns like these.

- “Let’s go talk with someone in the counseling office.”

These steps (Acknowledge-Care-Tell) are central components of the “Signs of Suicide” program (SOS), an evidence-based school-wide intervention program. SOS kits for middle school and high school are available through your local CESA. The law mandates schools to educate students on suicide prevention; see the laws handout on the DPI website for further details on curriculum.

Common Concerns

What if I make a mistake? Can I be sued?

State law insulates all public and private school district employees and volunteers from civil liability for their acts and omissions when trying to intervene in a student’s possible suicide. The legislature found it so important that adults take action when a student is suicidal that they insulated those adults from civil liability for their efforts with suicidal students.

Does asking about suicide cause a student to attempt it?

No. This issue has been thoroughly studied. By asking a student about suicidal intent, you are offering to help them. Please do your best to reach out to students.

Seeing Urgent Warning Signs? Here’s What to Avoid

All children and adolescents can experience moodiness and will take time to ask life’s big questions. Since they lack the perspective of time, they can become overwhelmed. The best roles for teachers are to support students, and if you see the suicide warning signs, use ACT. Some of the statements below might make perfect sense for students who aren’t suicidal; but when kids are in crisis, these things can make it worse.

Here are some things to avoid when you see the urgent warning signs:

Don’t Shame

- “You’ve got to get over this. It’s not a big deal.”
- “Why are you so worried? Move on!”
- “You’re too sensitive. Grow up!”

Don’t Delay

- When you see urgent warning signs, get help right away; don’t wait.

Don’t Blame

- “If you wanted a better grade, you would have worked harder.”
- “You’ve got no one to blame but yourself.”
- “Maybe you should change your attitude if you want friends.”

Don’t Give Up

- Suicide is NOT a destiny—when people make it through the suicidal crisis, they usually go on to live healthy, productive lives.

Don’t Do It Alone

- Consult other pupil services staff or administration to help.

Varsity



Seated: Charity Desrochers, Camryn Miller-manager, Abby Knaup; Kneeling: Assistant Coach Jenny Korth, Ashley Knaup, Erin Buch, Head Coach Holly Block; Standing: Kartina Parrott, Alliyah Neveaux, Monika Minniecheske, Lonna Minniecheske, Summer Kopitzke, Kiasen Buntrock

North Woods
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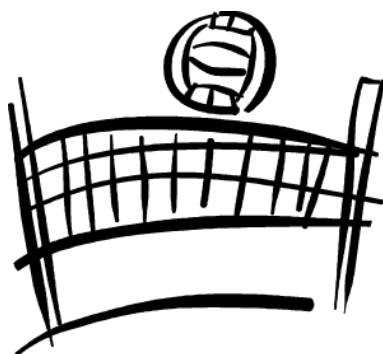
THIS VOLLEYBALL

Overall Record

11-16

**CWC Conference
Record**

6-7



Front: Chenee Block, Coach Jenny Korth, McKenna Marquardt; Middle: Gracie Zimdars, Camryn Miller-manager, Molly Brehm; Back: Tabby Arndt, Katrina Parrott, Jaidan Miller, Kelsi Shumaker, Leah Jobe, Kendra Kalwitz

Volleyball Banquet Awards

The Varsity volleyball team recently held their banquet to hand out awards and celebrate the season. The following players were recognized: Summer Kopitzke - 4 year award and Most Valuable Player, Abby Knaup - 4 year award, Erin Buch - 4 year award and CWC Honorable Mention, Ashley Knaup - 4 year award, Lonna Minniecheske - CWC 2nd Team, and Alliyah Neveaux - Coach's Award. Missing from the photo was Kiasen Buntrock - 4 year award and Most Improved Player.



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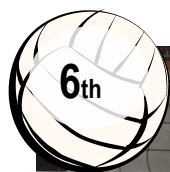


Tigerton Athletes Receive All-Conference Honors

Alec Berg - 2nd Team Offensive Line; 2nd Team Defensive Line
Hayden Harris - 2nd Team Defensive Back; Honorable Mention Quarterback
Travis Marquardt - Honorable Mention



Middle School **Volleyball**



The Tigerton Middle School had seven 6th grade girls out for its volleyball team this season. During the season, these young athletes practiced the fundamental skills (serving, bumping, and setting) of volleyball while learning the importance of teamwork, commitment, and sportsmanship. Although they struggled throughout the season against some of the older teams we competed against, their skill level improved greatly and they maintained positive attitudes despite adversity. They finished the season with a 6-8 record. Coach Brady said, "It is exciting to know that such a young team will be back next year with more strength, quickness, and agility. They had a good season, and I am looking forward to watching them play together in the future."

Pictured are: (front row, l to r) Elizabeth Robbins, Bethany Jobe, Leandra Kalwitz; (middle row) Kyle Brady-team manager, Mackenzie Maas, Autumn Fredenberg; (back row) Mary Kreklow, Coach Michelle Brady, Jaycee Hoppe-Schmidt

The Tigerton Junior High School 7/8th grade volleyball team ended their season with a 4-10 record. Each player made a significant contribution to the team, especially with each player's skill level ranging from beginner to intermediate with improvements throughout the season. The six team roster consisted of Ladia Block, Adrienne Brady, Savannah Swartz, Brooke Herres, Bethany Kreklow, and Colleen Smith. In each game, the girls stepped to the challenge and played exceptionally well together showing all the skills that each one has developed throughout the past few years or the most recent season. Teamwork and bonding was evident both on and off the court, which made for such a wonderful season. A big thank you goes out to the parents and fans for the support to make the season a success. It is hoped that these girls will go on to play volleyball at the high school level and continue to build upon their junior high successes. Hope to see you for next year's season or best of luck in your future sport endeavors ladies!



The Tigerton Junior High School 6/7th grade basketball team consisted of a 8 team roster, which included Triton Elfert, Zeke Griepentrog, Gavin Hidde, Kaden Jueds, Justin Knaup, Isaac Schoen, Gage Shumaker, and David Uttenreither. Most of the season was dedicated to introducing basic skills and concepts, such as dribbling, passing, defense, and rebounding skills. Even though the team had very some to little exposure to the game of basketball, they had a desire to learn and improve throughout the season. With a ferocious tenacity, the team battled game after game with a never say die attitude and stayed competitive in most games. Each and every player showed tremendous growth from the first practice through the end of the season. It is hoped that these boys will go on to play basketball throughout the remainder of junior high and into high school in order to continue to build upon their skills.



Middle School Basketball



The Tigerton 8th grade team roster consisted of 6 hard working players. We had four eighth grade players: Allen Jobe, Austin Hoffmann, Landon Prey, and Ryan Buntrock and two 7th grade players: Kaeden Miller and Mitchell Zimdars. Our team ended the season with a .500 record and were extremely competitive in every game we played, never losing by more than 10 points. Each player worked hard and improved throughout our season. I was excited to watch their hustle on the defensive end of the court. Keep up the hard work and good luck in your high school years 8th graders!

Thanks to Mr. Jueds' Graphics class for editing and formatting the team photos.



HS BOYS BASKETBALL

The 2015-16 Boy's Basketball team has started the season with 14 guys out. On Varsity there are 10 guys 4 of them are returning from last year's team along with 3 returning starters from last year. This year's squad includes Hayden Harris, Dexter Block, Logan Moderson, Alec Berg, Travis Marquardt, Wyatt Matteson, Alan Parrott, Patrick Bailey, Conner Harris and Gaven Ferg. The JV consists of 4 freshman Braxton Michaelis, James Krieger, John Uttenreither, and Steven Parrott, they are coached by Pat Bailey.

"We have started the season kind of slow. Thus far we have had four games and lost all four, but we have made improvements in each game from the start of the season. Against Bowler we had the lead for much of the game and lost it in the last few minutes. Our next game we had the same thing happen. We led most of the way against Tri-County but failed to finish the game. So we are capable of winning some games we just need to improve on some things as a team."

-Coach Nick Desrochers



Teddy Bear Toss!

Please bring a new or gently used teddy bear to the basketball game on

Friday, January 15th

Event is co-sponsored by the THS Spirit Club.

Toss Those Teddy Bears!!

All the teddy bears will be donated to the Safe Haven Domestic Abuse Shelter in Shawano and other area children's charities.



High School Phy-Ed



High School Physical Education students having fun bowling and learning lifetime skills and activities

JV/Varsity Boys Basketball		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1/15	Marion	6:00
1/19	Rosholt	6:00
1/21	@ Gresham	6:00
1/26	Menominee Indian	6:00
1/29	Tri-County	6:00
2/2	@ Bowler	6:00
2/5	@ Port Edwards	6:00
2/6	Lena	4:00
2/9	Almond	6:00
2/12	Wild Rose	6:00
2/16	@ Rosholt	6:00
2/19	@ Marion	6:00
2/25	Gresham	6:00
3/1	Regionals-TBD	
3/4	Regionals-TBD	
3/5	Regionals-TBD	
3/10	Sectionals-TBD	
3/12	Sectionals-TBD	
3/17-3/19	State Tournament	

JV/Varsity Girls Basketball		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1/14	@ Marion	6:00
1/19	@ Rosholt	6:00
1/22	Gresham	6:00
1/26	@ Menominee Indian	6:00
1/28	@ Tri-County	6:00
2/1	Bowler	6:00
2/4	@ Port Edwards	3:00
2/6	Lena	3:00
2/8	@ Almond	6:00
2/11	@ Wild Rose	6:00
2/16	Rosholt	6:00
2/18	Marion	6:00
2/23	Regionals-TBD	
2/26	Regionals-TBD	
2/27	Regionals-TBD	
3/3	Sectionals-TBD	
3/5	Sectionals-TBD	
3/10-3/12	State Tournament	

MS Girls Basketball		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1/14	Manawa	4:00
1/18	Bowler	6:00
1/19	@ Rosholt	4:00
1/21	@ Neopit	4:00
1/25	Gresham	6:00
1/28	Marion	4:00
2/2	@ Manawa	4:00
2/4	@ Bowler	4:00
2/8	Menominee Indian-Parents Night	6:00
2/11	@ Gresham	4:00
2/15	@ Marion	4:00
2/16	Rosholt	4:00

Visit the Interactive Conference calendar at www.tigerton.k12.wi.us (click Calendar) to download calendars, see schedule changes, and to sign up for notifications.



Front row: Jamie Hauser, Tracy (Hoffman) Spencer, Heidi Anderson, Jessica (Olson) Hammons, Mindy (Sivertson) Bailey, Valerie (Hoffman) Rosenow; Row 2: Beth (Hoffman) Rogowski, Missi (Hoffman) Rosenow, Trisha (Hilley) Hoffman, Jessica (Laatsch) Resch; Row 3: Coach Glenda Smith, Toni (Retzlaff) Montez, Cora Schultz, Claire Schultz-Ware, Kelly (Harvey) Sufka, Kristen (Prey) Desrochers. Missing from the photo: Payton Bailey, Taylor Bailey, Erin Ortner, Brittney Lehman, Morgan Marguardt

Alumni Volleyball

Over 20 former Tigerton Volleyball players gathered together on November 21st for an alumni tournament. The girls had a round-robin tournament followed by a social. Thanks to Trisha Hoffman for organizing this fun-filled event!

Join us for the next
FAMILY NIGHT
 featuring entertainer
DAN KIRK

"The Juggler with the Yellow Shoes"



Walking taco supper
 served from 5:30-6:15pm
 Performance to follow
 Hope to See You There!

Yearbook Grad Ads for Sale!!

The yearbook staff is giving THS Senior parents, grandparents, friends and relatives the opportunity to purchase a Graduation Ad for the 2016 Tigerton Yearbook.

The cost is \$25 per ad. We ask that you supply a photo and write a few sentences congratulating the senior. Each ad will take up approximately 1/3 of a page.

You can email photos and a write up to djueds@tigerton.k12.wi.us or drop off the information in the High School Office.

Hurry!! Deadline for the Ads is Feb. 15th!

Thank you for your support of the Tigerton Yearbook!

TIGERTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 16th -Taste of Tigerton Soup & Cookie Contest @ 1905 Village Hall—10:30 a.m.
- 18th -Martin Luther King Day
 - Promotion Committee Meeting @ 1905 Village Hall—10:00 a.m.
- 19th -MS Design Committee Meeting @ 1905 Village Hall—1:15 p.m.
 - Moppet School for 3-Year-Olds @ Tigerton Elementary—6:00 p.m.
- 21st -End of 2nd quarter/1st semester.
- 26th -Main Street Book Club @ 1905 Village Hall—7:00 p.m.
 - Moppet School for 3-Year-Olds @ Tigerton Elementary—6:00 p.m.
- 28th -Economic Restructuring Meeting @ 1905 Village Hall—12:30 p.m.
 - Tigerton Main Street Board Meeting @ 1905 Village Hall—1:15 p.m.

February

- 1st -Tigerton Village Board Meeting @ Community Center—5:30 p.m.
- 2nd -Groundhog Day
 - Embarrass River Lions Meeting @ Morris Town Hall—6:30 p.m.
 - Tigerton Lions Club Regular Meeting @ Main Street Diner—6:30 p.m.
 - Moppet School for 3-Year-Olds @ Tigerton Elementary—6:00 p.m.
- 8th -Tigerton Fire Dept. Meeting @ Fire Hall—6:30 p.m.
 - Tigerton School Board Regular Meeting @ THS Board Room—7:00 p.m.
- 9th -American Legion Post #239 meeting @ Legion Hall—7:00 p.m.
 - Tigerton Legion Auxiliary meeting @ Legion Hall—7:00 p.m.
 - Moppet School for 3-Year-Olds @ Tigerton Elementary—6:00 p.m.
- 12th -Organization Committee Meeting @ 1905 Village Hall—1:00 p.m.
- 14th -Valentine's Day
- 15th -President's Day
 - Promotion Committee Meeting @ 1905 Village Hall—10:00 a.m.
- 16th -Moppet School for 3-Year-Olds @ Tigerton Elementary—6:00 p.m.
 - MS Design Committee Meeting @ 1905 Village Hall—1:15 p.m.
- 18th -Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- 19th -Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m./NO SCHOOL
- 23rd -Main Street Book Club @ 1905 Village Hall—7:00 p.m.
 - Moppet School for 3-Year-Olds @ Tigerton Elementary—6:00 p.m.
- 25th -Economic Restructuring Meeting @ 1905 Village Hall—12:30 p.m.
 - Tigerton Main Street Board Meeting @ 1905 Village Hall—1:15 p.m.

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for a comprehensive
 school calendar.