



TIGER NOTES!

January Newsletter, 2016

A message from your Principal ~

Looking forward, looking back

Tonasket Middle School is such an amazing place for teaching and learning. Where we have been and where we are headed remain such a wonderful story.

Let's take a look at 2015 in review and smile at the improvements that occur from dedicated teachers and our all-star students, working hand in hand with you the parents.

January and February: In response to the Tonasket School District's new Strategic Plan, and in just doing the right thing, monthly parent nights began. Our first session in January set the stage for the partnership work and what we should be working on as a team for the rest of the year. That partnership gave us the data from parents to make shifts in our *Positive Behavior Intervention System*, (PBIS) for the good of the school.

March: The TMS team began the process of implementing Intensified Algebra for our students through a grant partnership with College Spark, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, University of Texas' Dana Center and Agile Minds. This allowed for us to move closer to algebra for all students by grade eight.

April: For the first time ever at TMS, the testing window opened for the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Throughout the spring our students worked at this new model of assessment to show what they know.

May: Staff and Parent partnerships paid off and a training on PBIS was held to solidify the new process for increased success of middle school students in their behavioral choices.

June: We were awarded a grant of almost \$80,000 for the Leader in Me implementation and hosted three days of staff development.

July: We welcomed Mr. Steve McCullough to our team as the district's new Superintendent.

August: August was about training but it rapidly became about fires. We started the year under concerns for our community and those impacted by the fire season. We are grateful to work in a community that cares so deeply about each other.

September: As a part of The Leader In Me, students take the lead. A club presented by students and organized by students was started. The name now is ROAR, it is a club that supports students to make healthy decisions in life. This was the first of several clubs now in place.

October: New programs such as drama and 7 Habits were starting to be seen in the school making a difference for our kids.

November: Student Led Conferences were added to the fall to allow a partnerships in goal setting with parents about learning earlier in the year.

December: Our students showed their success. Science Fair, News Broadcasts, Drama Productions, Concerts and High Levels of Engagement and Learning in Reading, Writing, Math and Science.

The Leader in Me, through the 7 Habits, work hard to help us be planners as well as doers. Where are we headed in 2016 and what are the big rocks we are taking on?

- ❖ You will see us hosting the first ever Leadership event for TLIM on March 31
- ❖ You will see us offering 7 Habit training to new staff and to parents
- ❖ You will see more student organized, student interest clubs and organizations
- ❖ You will see increased roles for students for building level leadership
- ❖ You will see a student leadership team being formed
- ❖ You will see ever greater excellence in personal, social and academic growth for students
- ❖ You will see us continue to "Unleash the Greatness" in each child

Unleashing Greatness,
Jay Tyus, Principal
Tonasket Middle School



BOOKS WITHOUT WORDS:

Congratulations to everyone who won one of the great books without words or any of the other gifts! We hope you have the opportunity to create your own story during the holidays. The New Year will arrive with more opportunities to learn.

We hope you can join us for another big meeting on January 20 at 6:00 pm. Remember every third Wednesday of the month the Migrant Program makes dinner for you to have the opportunity to enjoy a family evening along with the other families who are interested in a positive and learning experience. As always, children attending our meetings is important, as well as other activities to contribute to their success.

COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE:

January 1-21 the TMS WE Serve class is having a coat and blanket drive. Please donate gently used coats and blankets to the middle school office. The WE Sever class will be donating these items to the Okanogan County Community Action Council at the end of January.

Calendar of events

- Jan. 1 – New Years Day
Winter Break, No School
- Jan. 4 – Return to normal class schedule
- Jan. 11 – Second semester ASB officer packets in office
- Jan. 13 – Early Release, 12:25 p.m.
- Jan. 14 – Free The Children Assembly, 8:30 a.m.
Second semester ASB packets due
- Jan. 15 – Preliminary ASB vote during first block
Good Temperance Day Assembly
- Jan. 16 – Wrestling TD Tournament @ Okanogan, 10:00 a.m., bus leaves @ 7:15 p.m.
- Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King Day, No School
- Jan. 19 – ASB Speech practice, 6th block
- Jan. 20 – ASB Assembly during POI
Wrestling vs. Pateros, LR, Oroville, 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 21 – Primary ASB vote during first block
Girls Basketball vs. Oroville, 5:00 p.m.
- Jan. 26 – Girls Basketball @ Omak, 5:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 3:45 p.m.
- Jan. 27 – Early Release, 12:25 p.m.
Wrestling @ Liberty Bell, 6:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 28 – End of Semester
Girls Basketball vs. 5:00 p.m.
- Jan. 29 – Mid Year Day, No School
- Feb. 2 – Girls Basketball vs. Omak, 5:00 p.m.
Groundhog Day
- Feb. 3 – Wrestling @ Oroville, 6:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 4 – Girls Basketball @ Okanogan, 5:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 3:45 p.m.
- Feb. 7 – National School Counselor Week
- Feb. 9 – Election Day
Girls Basketball @ Oroville, 5:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 3:45 p.m.
- Feb. 10 – Early Release, 12:25 p.m.
Ash Wednesday
Wrestling vs. LR, Nespelem, Okanogan, 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 11 – Girls Basketball @ Brewster, 5:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 2:45 p.m.
- Feb. 12 – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 – Presidents' Day, No School
- Feb. 16 – Girls Basketball vs. Lake Roosevelt, 5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 17 – Wrestling @ Okanogan, 6:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 18 – Girls Basketball @ Liberty Bell, 5:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 2:45 p.m.
- Feb. 23 – Girls Basketball vs. Bridgeport, 5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 24 – Early Release, 12:25 p.m.
Wrestling @ Liberty Bell, 6:00 p.m., bus leaves at 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 27 – Wrestling Culminating Tournament @ Omak, 10:00 a.m., bus leaves @ 7:15 a.m.

GO TIGERS!

