Students in all grades at TBMS have recently been presented with three lessons on Internet Safety: Appropriate Online Behavior, Social Networking and Cyber Bullying. Below are some tips from netsmartz.org for parents:

- Clear, simple, easy-to-read house rules should be posted on or near the monitor.
- Look into safeguarding programs or options your online service provider might offer.
- Always read a website’s privacy policy before giving any personal information.
- Websites for children are not permitted to request personal information without parental permission.
- If children use chat or email, talk to them about never meeting in person with anyone they first “met” online.
- Talk to children about not responding to offensive or dangerous email, chat, or other communications. Report any such communication to local law enforcement. Do not delete the offensive or dangerous email; turn off the monitor, and contact local law enforcement.
- Keep the computer in the family room or another open area off your home.
- Let children show you what they can do online and visit their favorite sites.
- Know who children are exchanging email with and only let them use chat areas when you can supervise.
- Children should not complete a profile for a service provider and children’s screen names should be non-descript so as not to identify that the user is a child.


New Rule—Shots Before School

By: Tyler K. and Sadie H.

By next school year the state is requiring all students to have a whooping cough shot. We interviewed the district nurse, Mrs. Horton, and asked her what whooping cough is. “Whooping cough is a disease that produces coughing fits that can make it difficult for people to breathe,” she replied. We also asked her how you get whooping cough and she said, “Whooping cough is an airborne communicable disease that you get from coughing or sneezing. It’s passed from person to person.” Also, we asked why the shot is so important and she told us that whooping cough has become more common among kids your age. “The California Department of Health wants to prevent the spread of this disease.” Another question was what would happen if a student did not get the shot? “The student would not be able to attend school unless they had a waiver from their parents,” she replied. We also interviewed two students, 8th grader Paaras P. and 7th grader Rachel Sprague about whooping cough. We asked them if they’ve gotten the shot yet. Rachel said no she hasn’t gotten it yet. Paaras also replied no.
Teacher of the Month: Ms. Chandler

By: Zack Detillion and Kaleb Neal

This month for Teacher of the Month the TBMS staff chose Mrs. Chandler, an 8th grade language arts teacher. We went to go interview Mr. Gonsalves and we asked him why students like Ms. Chandler. He said, “She is a great role model for students and she is involved in many school events such as the hockey program after school and in the tutoring program to help struggling children.” Next, we went to Mr. Volmer and asked him why he chose Mrs. Chandler for Teacher of the Month. His response was, “She always cares about her students and staff and tries her best to help them.” Finally, we asked Robert Ramos and Elena Battistoni, two of her 8th grade students, if they think Ms. Chandler deserves to be teacher of the month. Robert replied, “Yes, she deserves teacher of the month because she is nice and she helps explains the homework.” Elena Battistoni said, “She is a great teacher and she has a great technique for teaching.” Congratulate Ms. Chandler for being such a great teacher when you see her around campus.

Excellent Students

“I would like to recognize Carmen Ignacio, Gaby Silva, and Victoria Lerda for being the top three students in math this month and last month.” ~Mrs. Damos

“The character trait that Mrs. Jacobo and I observed during the month of January was happiness. The students who I observed being happy in the classroom included: Shelby Knafla, Suleiman Saleh, Justin Adair, Alexa Donald, Kelsey Blaylock, and Philip Engineer. Thank you for bringing happiness into the classroom.” ~Mrs. Damos

“Mrs. Damos and I observed the character trait of happiness during the past month. Here are the students who brought happiness and positivity to my classroom: Kaleb Ross, P.J. Engineer, Shelby Knafla, Suleiman Saleh, and Alexis Sheiring.” ~Mrs. Jacobo

“I would like to congratulate the following students for already meeting their 2nd Trimester AR goals: Treinor C., Missie C., Mikayla F., Nicole L., Youssef M., Ashley R., Andy T., Jacob A., Paramveer K., and Kyley K. Keep up the good work!” ~Mrs. Arnold

Perfect Attendance

By: Sienna Flores & Mikayla Graziani

So far this year some amazing students have gotten perfect attendance, and we were lucky enough to interview some of them. First, we interviewed Mrs. Kemp, our attendance clerk, asking how many people got perfect attendance. Mrs. Kemp replied, “We have 83 students who have gotten perfect attendance for the first trimester.” Then we asked her what their reward was. She answered, “They got a certificate that says ‘Perfect Attendance’, a Red Robin’s kids meal, and their choice of regular or peanut M&M’s.” Which grade level had the most people with perfect attendance? She said that 6th grade by far had the most people with perfect attendance. Then we interviewed Linzy Cummings, a 6th grader, CJ Lomba, a 7th grader, and John Reyes, an 8th grader. First, we asked them if it was hard to get perfect attendance. Linzy and CJ replied with a no, while John said, “Yes, because I’ve been sick.” Do you plan on getting perfect attendance all year? They all replied, “Yes.” Have you ever gotten perfect attendance before, if so, when? Linzy said, “No, I don’t think so.” CJ answered, “Since 3rd grade.” And John replied, “For the past three years.” Then we asked John how he’s been able to maintain perfect attendance. He said the he just comes to school everyday. Congrats to everyone who got perfect attendance first trimester!

Progress Reports

By: Xiomara Osuna and Cheyenne Freyslaben

Progress reports are being sent home on the 21st of January. We interviewed Mr. Woods and asked him, what was the purpose of getting your progress report mailed home every semester when you can just look on Teacherease? He answered, “Well… parents may not be able to access into teacher ease.” Do you get calls when students get bad grades on their progress report? “No, but the teachers do.” After interviewing Mr. Woods we interviewed Selena Velasquez, Jessica A., and Kevin T. We asked them how they feel when they get their progress report. Selena said, “Bad,” Jessica said, “Scared.” And Kevin said, “Ashamed, because I have bad grades.” Do you think getting your progress report mailed home every semester is a good idea? Jessica responded, “No, terrible because parents can see Teacherease.” Selena responded, “No.” Kevin responded, “Yes, so you can look at your grades.” What would your parents do if you got a bad grade? Jessica said, “Ground me, and take away my cell phone.” Selena said, “Nothing.” Kevin said, “Take away my Xbox.”
Enrichment Changes

By: Abbie Williams and Malia Blume

This year enrichments will be changing on Tuesday January 18th. The enrichments that are changing are, Music Appreciation, Art, Computers, Science Tech, and Spanish. We interviewed, Spencer Baucom, Beenish Farooqi, Cameron Cline, Cami Scott, Jessica Leege, and Brianna Miller. What enrichment do you have? Spencer answered, “Art.” Beenish and Cameron also have art. Brianna said, “I have Music Appreciation.” Cami said, Music Appreciation and so does Jessica. What do you like about your enrichment? Spencer said, “Art and drawing.” Beenish said, “I like to learn new things and do different kinds of art.” Cameron said, “My favorite thing about art is playing with clay.” Brianna likes to listen to different kinds of music. Cami said, “Watching movies.” Finally Jessica said, “I don’t know.” Next, we asked. What enrichment do you hope to get? Spencer and Beenish said, “Computers.” Cameron said he wants computers. Cami and Brianna and Jessica said art because it sounds fun. In art you get to draw, use clay, paint and be creative. Listen to music, learn about different artists, and play the recorder is what you get to do in music appreciation. Hope you enjoy your new enrichment.

Lunch Detention

By: Marisa Torres and Ashley Murphy

We took the time to interview Mr. Woods, Mr. Volmer and Justina Thompson. First, we asked Mr. Woods what the reason was that they were having detention at lunch time instead of afterschool starting on January 24th. He replied, “So we can help the people who can’t come and pick up their child afterschool.” We then asked him if he liked the idea of having the detention moved to lunch. “Yes,” he told us, “because we won’t have as many Friday schools.” Next, we asked what enrichment do you hope to get? Spencer and Beenish said, “Computers.” Cameron said he wants computers. Cami and Brianna and Jessica said art because it sounds fun. In art you get to draw, use clay, paint and be creative. Listen to music, learn about different artists, and play the recorder is what you get to do in music appreciation. Hope you enjoy your new enrichment.

Valentine Dance

By: Sivanah Tatem and Brittany Ladd

Dances are fun activities that are put together for our school by the Leadership class. This February the Valentine’s Day dance will be fun and exciting for everyone. We asked a few leadership students things like, how would you describe the Valentine’s Day Dance? Megan Green said, “It’s going to be blue and fishy!” Shannon Alvarez said, “It’s a cute theme, and it’s going to look really nice.” While Morgan L. said, “It’s going to look way better than the other previous dances we’ve done.”

How did you guys come up with the theme? Megan Shannon and Morgan all told us that they had a vote between classical heart, prince and princess, or underwater. Underwater won the vote!

How are you going to decorate for the dance? Shannon said, “Fish on the wall, green octopus, and dolphin balloons.” Morgan said, “We’re going to have balloon arches on the ceiling, a giant sand castle table with all the candy and stuff.”

We also asked Justine P. a couple questions about this upcoming event. What do you think the dance is going to look like? She said, “Amazing and I am going to have a good time with my friends!” Are you looking forward to going to the dance? Justine told us, “Yes, because I probably won’t be doing anything for Valentine’s Day and because there will be candy there.” That is all for the dance, don’t forget to by your tickets this February and we hope to see you there!

- Lolli-grams will be sold at lunch February 1st—10th and delivered 6th period on February 14th.
- Cost: Single $1, Bunch: $5, Teddy Bear: $3
- Dance Tickets on sale February 1st—3rd
- Cost: $5.00
- Tickets bought on February 4th, the day of the dance, will cost $8.00
- 6th grade: 3:00-4:30 pm
- 7th/8th grade: 6:00-8:00 pm
Yearbooks

By: Alyssa & Anessa DeSouza

School is coming to an end! Everyone is making memories that will soon be forgotten! If you buy a yearbook those memories will last forever! The 2010-2011 TBMS yearbooks are getting sold fast! The last day to get a yearbook with personalization and to be guaranteed to get one is January 28! We interviewed some students for this article! They are Alie Cecil, Ariella Appleby, and Tristan Carder. Our first question we asked them is have you purchased a yearbook yet? Alie said, “No, but I’m going to get one!” Tristan answered, “No”. Ariella answered, “Yes I did!”. The next question we asked them was what do you want to see in this year’s yearbook? Ariella and Tristan answered, “I want to see me in the yearbook.” Alie said, “I want to see more pages and myself in it.” We then asked our last question. Did you put your baby picture in the yearbook? Tristan Carder answered, “I’m not in 8th grade.” Alie said, “Yes, my baby picture will be in the yearbook.” Ariella replied, “Nope.” Don’t forget the last day to get personalization and be guaranteed to get a yearbook is January 28. Prices go up to $46 on February 1st. We sell out of yearbooks every year; don’t be the only one without a copy of this very special book. Visit www.jostensyearbooks.com to order online or pick up an order form in the main office.

6th grade student spotlight

By: Megan Snook

For this month’s 6th grade student spotlight I chose these students to interview: Alexis Randall, Michael Gage, Ashley Rustad, Mariah Fairless and Ashley Manisp. The first question I asked is what is your favorite thing about 6th grade? Michael Gage said, “All of the different classes.” Mariah Fairless said, “Art” and Ashley Rustad said, “The food is better and there are more choices.” Alexis Randall said, “The dances” and Ashley said, “Just being in middle school at Twelve Bridges”. The next question I asked was, do you like Twelve Bridges Middle School so far? They all said yes with a smile on their face! I also asked what is your favorite color? Michael Gage said, “Black”. Mariah Fairless said, “Yellow”, Alexis Randall said, “Purple”, and Ashley Rustad also said purple while the other Ashley said, “Navy Blue”. All five interviews with these 6th graders were fun and interesting and had great interests.

7th grade Student Spotlight

By: Alyna Velasquez & Alexa Sanchez

This month we have chose Anthony Smart, Peter Manley, and Shayna Sorriano to interview for our 7th Grade Student Spotlight. We first interviewed Anthony Smart, a new student to our school. Our first question was how he liked Twelve Bridges Middle School so far. “It’s good, it’s cool,” said Anthony. The next question we asked, was who his favorite teacher’s. “None,” he replied. We next, asked him what his favorite subject is. “Science,” he responded. Our last question was what the school did you used to go to? “Wilson C. Riles,” he said.

The next person we interviewed was Peter Manley. The first question we asked was who his inspiration was. “Ray Allen,” he answered. Our second question, was what his favorite subject was. “T.A., so much fun! Mrs. Moss third period,” he exclaimed. Who is your favorite teacher, we then asked. “Mrs. Moss,” he announced. Our final question was what his favorite song is. “I don’t know, there’s a lot of good songs,” he mentioned.

Our final person we interviewed was Shayna Sorriano. The first question we asked was what she wanted to be when she grew up. “I don’t know…um… an artist,” she revealed. The next question was what her hobby was. “Umm…going on the computer, and reading, I’m smartical,” she told us. What’s your favorite subject, we asked. “T.A. for Mrs. Atkinson and P.E.,” she spoke. Our final question was who her favorite teacher was. “Mrs. Ford,” she revealed.

Leadership News

Mark your Calendars!

February 7th-16th Pop Tab Collection Drive ~ Benefits the Sacramento Chapter of the Ronald McDonald House

February 25th—Logo Wear Orders Due

February 25th—Crazy Hat Day

March 4th—Read Across America Day! ~ Wear your PJ’s

March 17th ~ St. Patrick’s Day Activity
8th Grade Student Spotlight

By: Alina K. & Gabby Barquet

We interviewed future high school students, and asked them a few questions about middle school. Tiphani Daniel is one of the students we interviewed, the others are Samuel Brasher, Alina M., and Wyatt Adair. The first question we asked was, what is your favorite memory of 8th grade so far? Tiphani answered, “Actually being here and making friends.” Sam said, “Hanging out with friends at lunch.” Alina said, “Hanging out with friends.” Wyatt replied, “I have no idea.”

The next question was, are you excited for high school next year? Why? Tiphani replied, “Yes, because I know a lot of high school students.” Sam said, “Sure, because I get to drive a car... eventually.” Alina said, “Yes, because I get to go to a new school.” Wyatt answered, “Yes, because it sounds a lot more fun than middle school.” When asked who is your favorite teacher of your whole middle school years? Tiphani replied, “Mrs. McClanahan because she is really fun!” Sam said, “Mrs. Young, 7th grade math teacher.” Alina answers, “Probably Mrs. Mac.” Wyatt said, “Mr. G.”

The last and final question was, what are you going to miss about middle school? Why? Tiphani tells us, “All my friends that are in 6th and 7th grade.” Sam said, “The lunch food because last year they served Chinese food.” Alina replied, “The teachers because they are awesome!” Wyatt answered, “These 8th graders have had some good 8th experiences.”

8th Grade Girls Basketball

By: Tony Roberts and Eddie Z.

Girls basketball is back for another great season. On the seventh grade team is Malory N., Megan Green, Riley Akerman, Dominique Bustamante, Matteson C., Jordan Sienkiewicz, Rachel Sprague, Kalyn Allen, Destiny Perry, Catalina Bussion and Ariaella Brown. On the eighth grade team is Taylor Galli, Chantel Sharp Kelly B., Kate L., Brook S., Karlee Dornbush, Karlie Mederios, Ashley N., Alana Scott, Karla McCommas, Haley F. and Kyla Baldovino.

We took some time to interview some of the players from the seventh grade team. First, we interviewed Jordan Sienkiewicz and asked her if she was exited to be on the school team and why? She replied, "Yes, I’m glad that I can finally play with girls that I played against in the community league.” We then asked Madison C. if she thought she would have a good season and she said, “Yeah”. Next we interviewed one of the players from the eighth grade team, Karlie Mederios. We asked her if she played last year and she said, “I did”. We then asked her who would be the biggest challenge and she replied, “Olympus, because we lost to them last year on our home court, but we will get them this year.” We wish this years teams the best of luck.

Wrestling

By: Joshua Abdelshaid

The 2011 wrestling season is in full swing. I asked Tony Faris why he got into wrestling he replied, “It seemed like fun sport to do.” What clothing do you wear? He replied, “A tight suit called spandex.” How many times do you exercise a day? He replied, “I exercised 1 to 2 times a day.” Was wrestling your first sport this year? He replied, “Yes, wrestling was my first sport I did this year.” Do you have practices a lot? He replied, “Yes, everyday except Friday and Saturday.” Is there special gear you have to wear? He replied, “Yes, head gear.” Have you ever won any matches? He replied, “No, I haven’t won any matches.”

Then I went to go interview Ryan Ojeda. What got you into wrestling? He replied, “I wanted to try it and I enjoyed it so I joined again.” How many matches did you win? He replied, “4-0 its my score so far.” Does wrestling make you sore? He replied, “Sometimes, after conditioning” Are you looking forward to joining next year? He replied, “Yes” Was wrestling your first sport? He replied, “Yes” Who was the toughest team you went against? He replied, “Buljon”.

Message from the School Nurse

Two reports of strep throat have recently been reported. Please keep students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher at home. Students must be fever free without medication for 24 hours before they may return to school after an illness.

Tutoring

If your child is in need of after school tutoring please check out the services provided by Springboard. The flyer is located on the homepage of the TBMS website. To enroll visit springboardafterschool.com. Rates are $13.99 per day.
Important Dates

2/14  Early Release Day
2/17  No School
2/18  No School
2/21  No School
3/1   7th Grade Writing Test
3/2   Early Release Day
3/3   Early Release Day
3/4   Early Release Day
3/4   Trimester 2 ends
3/11  Report Cards Mailed
3/14  Early Release Day
4/11  Early Release Day
4/12-4/15 State Testing

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From the TBMS Library

New links have been added to the school library webpage. You can take a library tour and view the awesome facility we have here at TBMS. There is also a curriculum link which will allow you to access the school online textbooks. For quick reference, links are available to local newspapers and Time magazine.

Below are a couple new books here in the library:

Accelerated Reader reading level: 6.0

**Points: 14.0**

Patricia Wrede’s fans will not be disappointed with this latest title, which adds an historical fiction twist to the fantasy. Eff, the teller of the tale, is twin to Lan, who is the seventh son of a seventh son. As such, he becomes the custodian of special powers.

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**Accelerated Reader reading level: 4.1**

**Points: 4.0**

Nan Marino has written an impressive first novel in this book which unfolds during the summer of 1969. The main character is 10-year-old Tamara Simpson who is very angry and upset by Muscle Man McGinty, a new kid in her neighborhood.

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**“The time is always right to do what is right.”**

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

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From the Cafeteria

During this school year, the number of returned checks has been on the rise. Up until this point the Food Service Department had not passed on bank service fees for returned checks.

**New Changes effective January 1, 2011:**

A service fee of $15.00 will be reflected on the student’s account (that the check was credited to) along with the amount of the returned check.

Checks will no longer be accepted from households who have two returned checks during the same school year.

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Check you child’s grades 24/7 at TeacherEase.com. Contact your child’s teacher if you do not have a password.