

# TVMS WOLF PRIDE

Personal Responsibility | Respect | Integrity | Diligence | Excellence

## Important Dates

- **11/21** MAP Reports
- **11/24** Picture Make-up Day
- **11/24** Market Day Pie Pick-Up (7pm in the cafeteria)
- **11/24-25** Early Dismissal - Schools Close 3 Hours Early
- **11/21-24** Book Fair or order online until December 9th
- **11/25** Honor Roll Assembly
- **11/24-11/26** Parent / Teacher Conferences
- **11/26** School Closed for Students
- **11/27-11/28** Thanksgiving Break
- **12/1** Vision & Hearing Re-screening for 8th Graders
- **12/1-2** Book Fair or order online until December 9th
- **12/12** Interim Progress Reports Issued
- **12/17** Chorus and Orchestra Winter Concert
- **12/18** Band Winter Concert

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear TVMS Families,

It was excellent seeing so many of you this week during American Education Week. The staff enjoyed having you visit and we were pleased to see so many parents experience the excellent instruction and nurturing environment. Some of our parents today got to see the excitement on students' faces when their names were called as our November Pack Leaders for each content. We are proud of the connection we have created with students and families at TVMS.

Next week, we will be hosting our first Honor Roll Assembly. We will be celebrating the students who have earned their name on the Principal's, Gold, or Silver Honor Roll. The Honor Roll, coupled with our celebration of Pack leaders, allows us to celebrate the success and achievement of students in many areas in school.

TVMS is looking forward to seeing many parents during our parent/teacher conferences scheduled from November 24-26. Parent connection is one of the most valuable indicators of success in a student's life. Thank you for being valuable partners in your child's academic success.

Regards,

Shiney Ann John,

Principal





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## Pack Leaders of the Month

TVMS is approaching the traditional concept of Student of the Month differently. Students and families may not be familiar with this approach to recognizing student leadership, but TVMS realizes students display strengths in one or more of the academic areas and is focused on capitalizing on individual strengths.

TVMS is proud to recognize our Pack Leaders of the Month. Each month a student from one of the 12 academic areas will be recognized for displaying the PRIDE traits (Personal Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Diligence, Excellence). The academic areas include Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Reading, Art, Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science, Health Education, Physical Education, Performing Arts, and World Language. Recognized students will receive a certificate of accomplishment and be acknowledged on the morning news. In addition, students will have their picture posted in the TVMS Alpha Hall of Fame. We look forward to highlighting TVMS students for their individual student strengths in a variety of academic areas.

### Pack Leaders of the Month for November

#### 8th Grade Students:

ELA - Jill Patel  
 Math - Gabrielle Aidam  
 Reading - Donte Billy  
 Science - Jose Romero  
 Social Studies - Karen Tran  
 Art - India Mallard  
 FACS - Hannah Gorel  
 Health - Josiah Leonard  
 Performing Arts - Lacey Ramey  
 Physical Education - Ali Bowens  
 Technology Education - Henry Thang  
 World Language - Min Woo Kim

#### 7th Grade Students:

ELA - Marcus Magsayo  
 Math - Julie Tu  
 Reading - Jhani Andrews  
 Science - Laila Carroll  
 Social Studies - Keegan Hall  
 Art - Emily Polimeni  
 FACS - Kai Carpenter  
 Health - Katy Jimenez Diaz  
 Performing Arts - Maddisen Watkins  
 Physical Education - Tara Jackson  
 Technology Education - Scott Trout  
 World Language - Mikaleigh Rogers

#### 6th Grade Students:

ELA - Cole Bosely  
 Math - Connor Schein  
 Reading - Devon Gorel  
 Science - Lynise Thompson  
 Social Studies - Nathan Miller  
 Art - John Holmes  
 FACS - Nicole Onumah  
 Health - Jabari Pinkney  
 Performing Arts - Tavell Lewis-Jones  
 Physical Education - Madison Barrett  
 Technology Education - Tayshawn Yates



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## Policy Corner

### **Discrimination (Policy 1010)**

The Board is committed to providing an educational and work environment that is free from discrimination, fosters equitable opportunities and values diversity and commonality. To that end, the Board prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, physical or mental disability, age, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation in its educational program, including co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, and in the workplace. For a complete description of the policy, refer to the Student & Parent Handbook 2014-15.

### **Picture Make-Up Day**

Mark your calendar! Picture Make-Up Day is scheduled for Monday, November 24, for students who were absent on Picture Day in October or are new to the building. For students who would like their picture retaken, you must bring the entire original packet with you on November 24. Order forms are available in the Front Office, and payment is due at the camera.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

We look forward to seeing many of you during our Parent/Teacher conference dates of November 24-26. When you come into the building, we will have a table set up with the schedules for your conferences. The staff member on duty will be glad to give you a copy so you have the room numbers, along with a map of our building. We also want to wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

## Reflections Arts Program and Showcase

What do you imagine would make the world better? Who inspires you? What are your visions? Write a poem or story, compose a song, take a picture, choreograph a dance, produce a film, or create a piece of visual art that tells your interpretation of the theme: "The world would be a better place if..."

No experience is required to participate in Reflections! It is a student arts competition and showcase sponsored by the PTSA. Individual student participants earn Den Dollars for submitting any creative work. The winning entry for each category gets a monetary prize.

Visit [www.tvmsptsa.org](http://www.tvmsptsa.org) and complete the student participation form and select from any one of the categories. All entries must be submitted to the PTSA mailbox in the front office by December 1. Winners will be announced in the spring and recognized at a showcase ceremony. Contact is Tia Howard at [tvms.ptsavpi@gmail.com](mailto:tvms.ptsavpi@gmail.com).

## Map Reports

Today, Friday, November 21, your child was given to bring home their score report for the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment they took in September. This report will reflect how well your child performed on the test and will provide a target for where we want them to end up in the spring. MAP is one of the assessment tools used to gauge your student's progress in school. All students took both the math and reading MAP assessments and should have a report to share with you. Along with the report is a FAQ sheet. If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact your child's math or English teacher, school counselor, or a member of the administrative team.



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## Book Fair is Here!

Start your holiday shopping and support your school. The TVMS Book Fair will be open:

- Friday, November 21 - 8:00am-2:30pm
- Monday, November 24 - 8:00am-7:30pm (open until 7:30pm during conferences)
- Tuesday, November 24 - 8:00am-7:30pm (open until 7:30pm during conferences)
- Monday, December 1 - 8:00am-2:45pm
- Tuesday, December 2 - 8:00am - 2:45pm (open during PTSA meeting)

You can also shop online until December 9th, and books will be shipped for free to the school. Please click [here](#) to begin shopping.

## Alpha Staff of the Month Nominations

Staff at Thomas Viaduct Middle School plays an important role in the lives of young adults, families, and society. Each month we would like to recognize a few of our staff members for their achievements. This award is for their dedication, professionalism, and work. Eligible to be nominated are teachers, counselors, and office, custodial, and administrative staff. Staff will be nominated by students, parents, administrators, colleagues, or community members for excellence in the classroom and/or school.

### Criteria:

1. Connect – Shows own strengths and interests, their projects connect learning activities with the larger world and student interests, and connects with students, families, and the community.
2. Collaborate – Shares resources and creates school initiatives with others to foster student and school-wide success.
3. Create – Demonstrates creativity in the school environment that inspires students to learn and inspires others in the building.

A nomination form can be picked up in the front office, be requested via email, [michelle\\_mackall@hcpss.org](mailto:michelle_mackall@hcpss.org), or found online at the [TVMS website](#). Forms should be returned to Mrs. Mackall by 8 a.m. on the 20th of each month. **However, for November's recognition, we are requesting all forms be submitted by noon on Tuesday, November 25th.**

## Tips for School Success

**Take the Lead-** Children learn by example. Let your kids “catch” you reading. Take time to learn a new skill and discuss the experience with them. Sit down and pay bills or do other “homework” while your kids do their schoolwork.

If you display a strong work ethic and continually seek out learning opportunities for yourself, your kids will begin to model that same behavior in their own lives. For more tips on school success, visit [www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org)

## Boxtops

TVMS PTSA will receive 10 cents for every box top that is submitted! A collection box is located in the cafeteria. Thank you for your support.

## Message From Media

Encourage all students to return overdue items. Thank you for your help!

## Lost and Found

Please ask your student to check the lost and found on the cafeteria stage for missing items, such as lunch bags and jackets. **Parents are also welcome to check the table that will be set up during Student Conferences. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity on November 26th.**