

TVMS Newsletter

October 23, 2015

Important Dates

Oct. 19-28	“Coins for a Cause”
Oct. 26-28	6 th Grade Outdoor Education Field Trip
Oct. 30	“Pink Out” Day
Nov. 5	Vision/Hearing Screening
Nov. 9	Report Cards Issued
Nov. 11	Super Hero Day
Nov. 12	Dental Clinic
Nov. 30 – Dec. 4	Spirit Week at Chick-fil-A Arundel Mills
Dec. 12	Fall Picture Make-Up Day
Dec. 14	FluMist (Tentative Date)

A Note From the Principal

TVMS Families,

October continues to be a busy time at TVMS. We are in the final stretch of our first marking quarter, which ends on Friday, October 30th. Please continue encouraging your student to strive towards excellence. Quarter one eports cards are scheduled to go home with students on November 9th.

TVMS students and staff are gearing up to enjoy the first Wolf Pride Celebration Day of the year on Friday, October 30th. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities such as a dance, movies, face painting, karaoke, video games, yoga, dance lessons, 3-on-3 soccer tournaments, and more.

In addition to the Wolf Pride Celebration on October 30th, TVMS wants to be flooded in a sea of pink in support of Susan G. Komen’s mission to save lives and end breast cancer. We encourage all students and staff to dress in support of “Pink Out” Day. To further support breast cancer awareness, students are having a *Coins for Change* competition by grade level. All donations will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

There are several updates from our Health Room regarding the FluMist, dental clinic, and new state immunization requirements. Please take a moment to read these announcements and note important deadlines.

We are still in need of the following missing items from some of our students: overdue media books, non-returned textbooks from last year, and completed Family Emergency Forms. If your child has to return any of these items, please encourage your child to bring them to school. If you need any assistance with your Family Emergency Form, please contact Student Services, and they will be happy to assist you.

Regards,

Shiney Ann John, Principal

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News from the Health Room

HCPSS is working in collaboration with community partners to provide services for your child during the school day. Please return permission slips/consent forms that are required for your child to receive the services by the required due date to take advantage of these services.

FluMist

Reminder, due to a national shortage, the FluMist scheduled for October 22nd has been postponed. The new date for Howard County Health Department to come to TVMS is December 14th. **The consent form deadline has been extended until Friday, October 30th.** Any consent forms returned after that date will not be accepted.

Dental Clinic

Chase Braxton Health Services will come to TVMS on **Thursday, November 12** for the Dental Clinic, free oral screening, and fluoride application. On **Friday, November 20**, sealants will be applied based on the November 12 screening. Consents forms are due no later than **Friday, October 23**. You may scan them to stacy_mclean@hcpss.org.

Attention 6th grade Parents/Guardians

****IMPORTANT – NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS****

The State of Maryland now requires 1 dose of Tdap vaccine and 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine for **all students entering Grade 7.**

The vaccinations are now part of your child's 11-year-old well visit. Please contact your child's doctor to administer these required vaccinations, and send/fax an **updated** copy of your child's immunizations to the Health Room. Our fax # is 410-712-6050.

If you have questions, please call Thomas Viaduct Middle School at 410-313-8714 to speak to Stacy McLean, School Nurse.

Naviance

Throughout the school year, students are learning about their strengths' themes and how to use their strengths towards personal success and goals. Although students have each of these strengths within themselves, certain themes have been identified as their top three strengths. Each month we will be highlighting one of the ten strength themes in order to allow you to become more familiar with each--achieving, caring, competing, confidence, dependability, discoverer, future thinker, organizer, presence, and relating.

This month we are highlighting: **ACHIEVING**

What can parents/guardians do to help their ACHIEVER learn and grow through strengths development? Achievers have more energy than others. How does your student most like or desire to channel his or her energy? Are there some activities, projects, or responsibilities you could suggest? At the end of the day, help your student know his or her accomplishments. Point out the things you have noticed that your student has done. Ask what he or she did that day, and then listen to appreciate and recognize it. How can you best showcase your student's accomplishments? Find ways to display what he or she has done. This could be a wall of photos, a scrapbook, a portfolio, a refrigerator display, or a list of daily, weekly, or monthly achievements.

While students will receive lessons and communication about Naviance and the strength' themes throughout the school year, we encourage you to discuss this information at home with your child. We are currently holding a contest through October 30th to encourage you to log onto the Naviance program with your child from the Thomas Viaduct Middle School website. Please email Ms. Raines (Nicole_Raines@hcpss.org) or Ms. Harig (Ashley_Harig@hcpss.org) and share the following: your child's full name, one of their strengths, and how you see your child using this strength at home. All responses will be entered into a drawing for ice cream from Cold Stone Creamery. We look forward to "growing strong" together this school year!

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Spirit Week at Chick-fil-A

See which school REALLY has the most spirit. Come out and support Thomas Viaduct Middle School during Spirit Week! 20% of net proceeds will go to the school. Be sure to tell your cashier! See you soon!

Chick-fil-A Calendar Fundraiser

Get your Chick-fil-A 2016 calendar for \$9.54 Enjoy the monthly treat. They make great gifts and support the TVMS Fundraiser. Please let the Front Office know if you would like to purchase one.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month – “Coins for a Cause”

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The TVMS PBIS Committee is sponsoring “Coins for a Cause” to support breast cancer awareness and research. Students and staff can donate change at lunch from October 19 through 28. Collected change will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Donations are by grade level, and the grade with the highest total will earn an incentive to celebrate.

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Overdue Media Books

Media currently reports many books are overdue. Please remind your students to return their books to the Media Center as soon as possible so that they do not risk missing any of the Pride Celebration on October 30th.

Alpha Staff

Have a TVMS staff member who is making a difference? Please nominate them for Alpha Staff. Eligible to be nominated are teachers, counselors, office, custodial, and administrative staff. Students, parents, administrators, colleagues, or community members can nominate staff for their excellence in the classroom. Forms may be picked up in the Front Office, requested via email at michelle_mackall@hcps.org, or found online at the TVMS [website](#).

Congratulations to our newest recipients:

Amber Stasch	Sheila Jones-Wagner	Teri Stevens
Jorden Lim	Alison Daniels	Nikki Younger
Nina Paparazzo		

Tips for School Success

Take Care of Technology Equipment - Students must take care of the technology equipment, which can be viewed as a privilege. It is also important for students to learn to protect the technology resources (Cennamo, Ross, and Ertmer, 2010). Malware such as viruses, worms, and Trojan horses are even more prevalent today because of the increased use of email, fax, blogs, social media, etc. Students should be alert and active at all times when encountering suspicious messages, links, pop-up windows, etc. to prevent computers from being infected with malicious software (Cennamo et al., 2010). Students should immediately let their teacher know if there may be malware on a computer, so that any problems can be addressed right away. For more tips, please visit the [website](#).

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Policy Corner - Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media (Policy 8080)

Students must act in a responsible, civil, ethical, and appropriate manner when using technology for HCPSS-sanctioned activities. Students may not reveal personally identifiable information (e.g., home phone numbers, addresses, or social security numbers) except in specific circumstances where such information is required to complete academic assignments. In such circumstances, prior written consent from the parent or legal guardian of the student is required. Schools will identify times and places for online activities. Schools will also ensure that signed HCPSS parent permission forms (Responsible Use of Technology Agreement/ Internet Use Permission Form) for each student are collected and kept on file. Students will access only those network resources for which they have obtained permission, using the account assigned to them.

Students will not create, access, download, store, or print content that:

- Depicts profanity, obscenity, the use of weapons, terrorism, or violence.
- Promotes use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal or harmful products.
- Contains sexually suggestive messages.
- Is sexually explicit or obscene.
- Depicts gang affiliation.
- Contains language or symbols that demean an identifiable person or group or otherwise infringe on the rights of others.
- Causes or is likely to cause a disruption to school activities or the orderly operation of the school.
- Contains rude, disrespectful, or discourteous expressions inconsistent with civil discourse or behavior.
- Constitutes bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, or intimidation in violation of Policy 1040 Safe School Environments, or Policy 1060 Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, or Intimidation.

For a complete description of the policy, refer to the *Student & Parent Handbook 2015-16*.

Tween Club

Calling all tweens! There's a new club in town! Join us for fabulous activities that are sure to excite.

Howard County Library, Elkridge Branch
6540 Washington Boulevard, Elkridge, MD 21075
Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Ages 9-12

Oct. 27	Hallo-tween: Creepy Crafts and Eerie Edibles
Nov. 10	Just Dance and other Wii Games
Nov. 24	Egg Drop Strawbees Engineering Challenge

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