



Tri County School News

March 1, 2010

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Community Meeting To Discuss Budget Issues

The second community meeting will be held today, March 1 at MacNaughton Elementary to discuss the school's budget issues. Please attend to get more information on this topic and to give your input. The meeting is at 7 p.m.

High School Choir Performs

By Howard Wilson

On Thursday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m. Tri County High School choir performed at their annual choir dinner hosted by Ed's Family Restaurant on M-46. They chose a theme of Disney classics this year. They performed songs from the classic movies of Little Mermaid, Pocahontas, Jungle Book, Mary Poppins, Lion King and many more with piano accompanist Melissa Petriella.

Two of the songs were acquainted with soloists Haley Boon, Alicia Bain and Meghan Lenau and a duet featuring Brianna Cherry and Kimberly Febig. There was also additional entertainment provided by Wally Corvine and his accordion. Over seventy people enjoyed the buffet and the performance and will hopefully be attending next year.



Choir member Alicia Bain chats with family members and Mrs. Bossemeyer during a break at the annual choir dinner.

SENIOR TRIP TO CEDAR POINT

On Tuesday, May 25th, the seniors will be taking a trip to Cedar Point. The bus will leave at 6:15 a.m. from the high school and return at midnight. The cost is \$35 per student. Please pay by March 4. Any extra seats left on the bus after March 4 will be sold until they are gone or until April 1, whichever comes first.

MacNaughton Elementary 2010-2011 Kindergarten

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before December 1, 2010 they are eligible to attend kindergarten next fall. Information regarding specific dates will be mailed to all those who register by calling our office at 231-937-4380 or email sbogardus@tricountyschools.com. The following information is needed: Child's name, sex, birth date, parent(s) name, mailing and street address and phone number.

Sand Lake Elementary 2010-11 Kindergarten

If you have a child who will be eligible to start kindergarten this coming fall (children must be 5 years old by December 1, 2010) and you haven't registered yet, please call Sand Lake Elementary at 616-636-5669 as soon as possible.

Mark Your Calendar

On Friday, March 5 there will be no school for students due to Teacher Professional Development Day.

TC TALENT SHOW

Auditions for TC's Got Talent will be March 9 and 10, with the registration deadline on March 3. The Show will be Thursday, April 15 for elementary age acts and Friday, April 16 for high school and older acts.

SAND LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINS \$1,000 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR ART DEPARTMENT

Artsonia.com, the world's largest online student art museum, has just announced the winners of its Fall Art Drive Contest. More than 2,300 art teachers in the U.S. submitted at least 100 pieces of artwork to their online school galleries this fall, making them eligible for the contest's grand prize drawing. Of those who qualified, five teachers were randomly selected to each receive a \$1,000 giftcard to Blick Art Materials.

The winning teachers include: Aaron Turner (Johnsville Elementary School, Schauk, OH), Tina Jenkins (Parkview Elementary School, Van Buren, AR), Sandy Sedine (Sand Lake Elementary School, Sand Lake, MI), Nancy Lennon (Minot Forest School, Wareham, MA), and Elise Ward (All Saints Catholic School, Davenport, IA).

Sandy Sedine, the art teacher at Sand Lake Elementary School, created the school's online art gallery in 2008. Since then, thousands of visitors have viewed the student work, joined fan clubs for the young artists, and posted comments in their guest books. This school year, Sedine has added over 700 pieces of student artwork, which can be viewed online at www.artsonia.com/schools/sandlake1.

Headquartered in Gurnee, Ill., Artsonia was established in 2000 as an online kid's art museum providing free, educational resources for kids, families, and schools to create art projects. Since its inception, Artsonia continues to integrate technology in the classroom, develop multi-cultural understanding through art and increase family involvement in children's education. To find out more, visit www.artsonia.com.

Clothing Swap Scheduled for March

"TLC For Our Community" is sponsoring a clothing swap on March 13 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Howard City VFW. All clothing is free. Please contact Erica Hysell at 231-206-1217, the email for the organization is tlc4hc@yahoo.com.

NHS Sponsored Blood Drive

The next blood drive is scheduled for April 29.

School board meetings are the second Monday of each month. They are held in Sand Lake at the Administration office at 7 p.m.



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STELLER SNOWCOMING OF 2010

By Brandie Hoyt

Starting on February 8, the students of Tri County High School took part in spirit week activities. From spirit week to the spirit stick it was a very exciting week. Snowcoming 2010 was underway and the student body was buzzing.



Photo by Sara Ransom

Trevor Gould and Jaxson Butler pose in their ugly sweaters during spirit week. Move over Bill Cosby, Jaxson's in town.

The pep assembly included performances from the percussions line, the cheerleading squad, and the poms team showcasing their guy/girl dance. The students participated in games such as Air Band, fitting as many students into the middle circle as possible. They also competed in races between the classes. The Snowcoming court was introduced and they raced to finish eating whip cream pies.

When the party was over the seniors won spirit week and it was time to get ready for the basketball game. The varsity girls started at 6 p.m., with a strong start and went on for a win. The pep band got the crowd going as the boys' varsity team warmed up. The student section was at an all time high level of noise. The boys went on to win with the school cheering them on.

Saturday afternoon the student council members arrived to set up for the dance. Around the World, from Paris to Beijing, then to Las Vegas the decorations looked great and set the stage for a great time. The dance started at 7:30 and the student councils new DJ system had lots of great music to entertain the crowd. The night continued on with the crowning of our king and queen: Cody Nisonger and Amber Gort, who shared a dance with fellow court members.

Snowcoming 2010 was a big hit. The student council looks forward to one last spirit week and dance to end the 2010 school year, GINMOCEMOH - Homecoming backwards. The student council hopes both the community and student body are just as excited.

Students participated in spirit days, dressing to various themes: pajama day, beach day, and ugly sweater/silly sock day. All classes competed to show their school spirit. Finally it was Friday and with shortened hours the students walked around with spirit shirts in the black and gold colors, sold by the student council. Votes occurred during third hour for the 2010 king and queen to be crowned at the dance on Saturday.

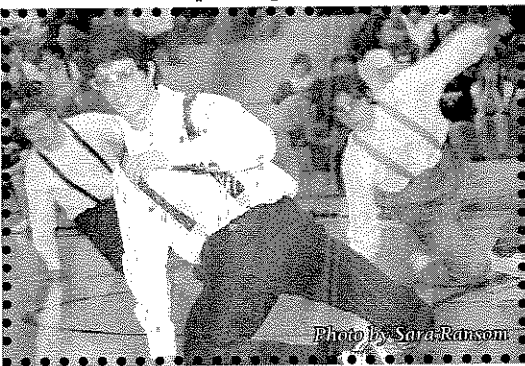


Photo by Sara Ransom

The guys are showing off their moves during the guy/girl dance.

Parent Access to Student Grades and Information

If you have a student in grades 6 through 12 you can access your child(ren)'s academic information including grades, homework scores, attendance, discipline, history information, graduation requirement status, transcript information, and immunization information through the activation of the school's Parent Gateway. The site is listed at www.tricountyschools.com, in the Parent Portal icon on the home page under, "Things you may be looking for." If you are not registered, please contact the high school or middle school office.

In addition to viewing your student's academic and attendance information, an Education Development Plan (EDP) is listed. This is a plan of action in which students identify/record career goals and an educational pathway to achieve them. EDP's will include students' career pathway choices, careers they are interested in and four-year plans for classes that will assist them in entering those careers. The EDP is a place for students to store work information, extra-curricular activities in which they participate in, and volunteer service. Students can revisit their EDP's each year or at any time to make adjustments. Parents and students both have access to their EDP's via the web.

Information about Parent Gateway was mailed to parents the end of January. If you didn't receive the parent portal access information, please contact the high school (231) 937-4338 or middle school offices (231) 937-4318.

Jazz Along the White Pine

The Tri County Music Department will be presenting "Jazz Along the White Pine" on Friday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Tri County High School. The jazz band will be featured along with some "Special Guests." Come and enjoy great entertainment, great food, and great fun! Please see the schools website for ticket prices and more details at tricountyschools.com. The event is sponsored by Tri County Band Boosters, Lattitudes Roadhouse, and Victory Sign and Graphics.

BUILDINGS OPEN FOR WALKERS

Tri County Area Schools has two buildings available for walking. Sand Lake Elementary and MacNaughton Elementary will be open from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. All walkers are asked to complete a Building Use Form and turn it into the school's office.

SPORT PHYSICALS

On Wednesday, June 2, 2010 the White Pine Family Medicine will be at Tri County High School to offer sports physicals for our TC athletes. Physicals will be given from 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and cost is \$20.

Help the Schools Earn Money

Sand Lake Elementary is collecting box tops, Campbell soup labels, old cell phones, and used ink cartridges. Please drop these items off at the school office.

Edgerton Upper Elementary is collecting box tops, Campbell soup lables, Spartan labels, and ink cartridges.