

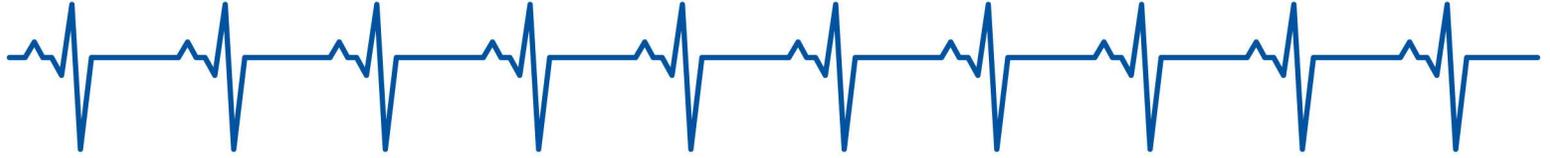


The Patriot Pulse



Tri-Village Local Schools

December 2013



National Honor Society



On Friday, November 22nd the Tri-Village Local School District inducted seven new members into the National Honor Society. Superintendent of schools, Mr. Josh Sagester, commenced our induction ceremony. The current National Honor Society members along with Principal Morris described the purpose of the Society followed by the lighting of candles signifying character, service, leadership and scholarship. The seven members inducted into the 2013-2014 NHS consisted of one senior, two juniors, and four sophomores. Following the ceremony the new inductees and their families were invited to a reception sponsored by the district to celebrate the students remarkable accomplishment.

Front Row: Riley Hollinger, Trent Laux, Zach Bevins, Michaela Hoening

Back Row: Olivia Mt. Castle, Sarah Witmer, Raya Mikesell

Spelling Bee

Students in grades 3-8 took part in our annual district Spelling Bee on Tuesday, December 17th. The Elementary Bee consisted of students in grades 3-5. This year's champion was Torie Richards while our runner up was Matthew Holzapfel. Torie is a 3rd student and will represent the district in the County Bee on January 30th, 2014 at Franklin Monroe.

Our Junior High Bee took place on the same day in the afternoon. The Junior High Bee consisted of students in grades 6-8. This year's Junior High champion was Macy Schepis while our runner up was Darren Callihan. Macy is an 8th grade student who like Torie, will represent the district as well in the County Bee at Franklin Monroe.



Mr. Lee Morris, Darren Callihan, Macy Schepis



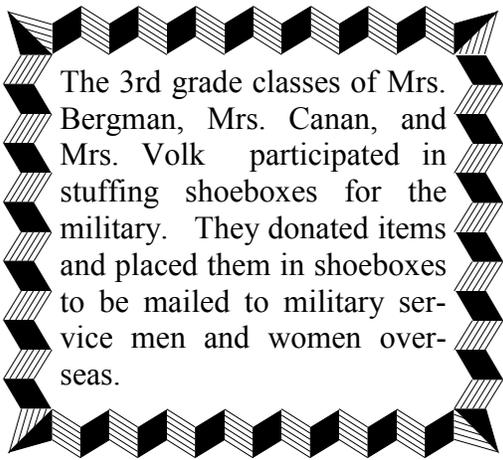
Matthew Holzapfel, Mr. Shane Mead, Torie Richards



The contest called on public school teachers and their students to propose ways to improve their communities through the use of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The contest has historically focused on the environment, but this year other types of community-oriented improvement proposals will be considered. The proposals should explain how the project will boost student interest in STEM, describe how students will be involved in the project, and demonstrate "the school's and students' need for technology."

Five winners will receive prize packages totaling \$146,000 and will be able to attend an award ceremony in the nation's capital. A special "Environmental Innovation Award," valued at \$50,000, will also be presented to one winner by the [National Environmental Education Foundation](#). Other prizes include: A \$30,000 technology package for 15 national finalists; A \$20,000 technology package for 51 state winners; and Two Samsung tablets or 255 state finalists.

Congratulations to Mrs. Puckett for being selected as one of the five state Finalists for the state of Ohio in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest. She was selected out of more than 2,300 applications. For being one of the finalists she earned two Samsung Galaxy Tabs to aid in instruction. She will now compete against four other schools for the state Winner position. Should she win, our school will receive a video technology kit valued at \$20,000.



The 3rd grade classes of Mrs. Bergman, Mrs. Canan, and Mrs. Volk participated in stuffing shoeboxes for the military. They donated items and placed them in shoeboxes to be mailed to military service men and women overseas.

Adopt-A-Family

The High School Student Council once again sponsored the Adopt-A-Family campaign. The student council sponsored several activities over the last few weeks to raise money for this worthy cause. Specifically, district staff members and students were afforded the opportunity to buy "turkey feathers" for their favorite teacher. The winning teachers then had to dress up for a day of fun and laughter. This year's winners were Mr. Morris, Mrs. Heckman, Mr. Graham and Mrs. Hampton. Additionally, the student council sold hot chocolate, egg sandwiches, and candy grams to raise money for families in need. Furthermore, the fundraising effort by the entire district paid dividends, as we were able to raise a whopping \$4,116. The money raised will be used to buy gifts and food for each of the five families adopted. The High School Student Council would like to thank all those who participated and supported this event.



Christmas Concerts

A great big thank you to Miss Veneman and Mrs. Price for ringing in the holiday with the musical performances during the month of December. Also, we would like to thank the parents for the wonderful support and turn out for the evening concerts.

Upcoming Events

No School December 20th - January 6th
 School Resumes January 6, 2014
 1 Hr Delay Schedule January 8, 2014
 No School January 17 and Jan 20th
 Early Release February 5, 2014 @ 1:15 p.m.