Our Voice

Tri-Village Local Schools





October 2011

Student Growth through Professionalism

The employees at Tri-Village Local School system are committed to providing an excellent education to the children in our district. The district developed a strategic plan, and one of the goals that emerged was an emphasis on making data driven decisions. The teachers and administrators of the school have added more and more data available to teachers, students, and parents as a result of this goal.



Tri-Village teachers developed short cycle assessments to better assess the progress of each student at the completion of every 4.5 weeks. The two-hour early release days provides time for teachers to process the results of these assessments and meet collaboratively with other teachers to determine how best to progress with each student based on the information gained through the assessments.

Beginning in January of 2011, Tri-Village implemented a new assessment called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). This is a set of assessments for students in kindergarten through twelfth grades. The district pays for the assessments with grant money provided through a program called *Race to the Top*. The assessments are administered on-line and the results are available to the teachers within 24 hours of the student completing the assessment. MAP results are nationally "normed" so teachers can track the progress of the students against students from around the nation. The assessments are also aligned to the state tests given in the spring allowing teachers to make adjustments to what is being taught based on the level of attainment of the students in his or her class. With the abundance of data available to staff members, it is important that teachers have time to use the data to make professional decisions. Beginning this year, teachers will have an additional hour on three occasions to analyze MAP data. On October 12, November 16, and February 8 the school day will begin for students at 9:00 rather than 8:00 allowing teachers to use this hour to analyze data, and make professional decisions.

Tri-Village remains committed to giving students an excellent and rigorous curriculum that helps prepare students to be career and college ready. Teachers are striving to use their professional gifts and more data to create a unique learning path for every student at Tri-Village. We are committed to you, the students, and are proud to be a School of Excellence.

Donations Appreciated

Donations are a vital element of providing Tri-Village students with a quality education. Listed below are individuals who supported the district with generous donations. If any community member made a donation but is not recognized, please notify the district so that your generosity does not go unnoticed. The list below includes individuals or companies who were recognized by the board over the last twelve months.

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Kevin Flory Landscaping	Wee Patriots Preschool
Lowes Charitable & Educational Foundation	Wendell Thomas, Terri Thomas, & the Tony Thomas Family
Martha Holden Jennings Foundation	Wilma Barga



Help make great things happen for our school

Our school has joined the My Coke Rewards for Schools program. That means by drinking the Coca-Cola products your family already enjoys, you can get My Coke Rewards points and donate them to help our school.

Your donations will go towards rewards like sports equipment that will help our students learn, play and have fun.

It's easy to donate:

- 1. Purchase your favorite coca-Cola products to get codes (they're on hundreds of different packages, in a variety of sizes and flavors).
- 2. Go to mycokerewards.com/school & sign in (register if you aren't a member
- 3. Enter your codes to collect points then search for our school to donate points.
- 4. Enter the amount of points you'd like to give, then click "Donate".

Check out http://www.mycokerewards.com/home.do for more information and start turning My Coke Rewards points into rewards for our school.



First Annual Tri-Village Baseball—Golf Scramble

When: Saturday, October 15, 2011 Where: Beechwood Golf Course

1476 State Route 503 ~ Arcanum, OH 45304

4 Person Scramble.

Cost \$45.00 prior to the 15th, and \$50.00 to register the 15th. Registration—11:00 am ~ Shotgun Start—12:00 pm Price includes: Green and cart fees for 18 holes, meal provided

Students Spend Time Abroad

A group of students and adults from Tri-Village organized by Jim Stacy through EF Tours, spent two weeks this summer traveling to Dublin, London, and Paris. They visited St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College, and The National Leprechaun Museum. They also saw an authentic Irish dance show while in Dublin. They visited rural Ireland with a trip to Glendalough and Powerscourt Estate. After crossing the Irish Sea on a ferry, they landed in Holyhead Wales. While in Wales they toured Conway Castle and the Snowdonia Mountains. From there it was on to Stratford-upon-Avon where they visited Shakespeare's birthplace, his grave site plus the bard's wife Anne Hathaway's home. Their travels then took them on to London where they saw such sights as Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Trafalgar Square and Covent Garden. They also went on the London Eye to view the landscape of London. Some of the group visited a local pub to sample some fish and chips. They then traveled to Paris via the Eurostar train through the tunnel under the English Channel. While in Paris they went to the top of the Eiffel Tower, toured Notre Dame Cathedral, visited Montmartre, and traveled to the Palace of Versailles. A few brave souls even tried escargot as part of their evening meal. The students had an opportunity to see and do things that they have only read or studied about. But the most important thing was that they interacted with other people from other countries and cultures.

Skins Game & Mulligan 50/50 Drawing

Putting/Chipping Contest: \$5.00 per person

Longest Putt, Longest Drive, Closest to Pin

Make Checks Payable to:
 Tri-Village Baseball
Mail Entry Form & Entry Fee to:
 Tri-Village Schools
 C/O Jim Maples
 315 South Main Street
New Madison, OH 45346

Or return form to a Varsity Baseball player.

Forms are available in the high school office.

Questions, please call 937-437-0707

