



Our Voice

Tri-Village Local Schools

We're on our way to building for tomorrow

A School of Excellence



December 2012

Message from the Superintendent

Coverage on Survey Continued

As stated in the last edition of the Our Voice, the district will continue to share the results of the surveys that were distributed to the community in the October 2012 edition. No clear direction was given to the district on how best to proceed financially to stabilize the district's economic future. The following graph displays the results of the survey:



	Raw number out of 84 surveys	Percentage
Seek a permanent improvement levy	35	42%
Seek an income tax	31	37%
Offer larger classes	19	23%
Consolidate	5	6%
Stop maintaining the building	4	5%
Charge rental fees	52	62%
Shut down facility-outside activities	27	32%
Cut transportation	26	31%

As you can see there was only one idea that resonated with the community and that is to charge rental fees. To clarify, the district does already charge rental fees. However, the Board has always tried to allow access to the building to community groups. The philosophy is that the community built this building 10 years ago and we have attempted to give the community access to the building if the activity included Tri-Village students. However, other entities were charged to use the facility. Unfortunately, even if we charge each group that currently uses the building we would not generate significant revenue. The idea was included in the survey, because people had asked for the item to be included, but realistically it is not an option that will make a significant impact on the annual budget.

As a result of the survey, we have negotiated a rental fee with the Wee Patriots Preschool. However, this is not a practice that most schools implement with pre-school units. Generally, the school district sees the benefit educationally of having students enrolled in a preschool and waives any rental agreements, but based on the response of the survey we will listen to the will of the people and charge the Wee Patriots for the use of the building.

To Be Continued

Spelling Bee



Students in grades 3-6 took part in our annual spelling bee today. Teachers conducted spelling bees in their room until they came down to two winners. These winners from each classroom competed in the elementary school. We are proud to announce this year's winner is Mekenna Anderson and the runner up is Alia Aytte. Congratulations to these students on their success and congratulations to all the students who participated in the spelling bee. Your hard work is appreciated!

On Thursday, Dec. 6th, our annual junior high spelling bee took place. After 22 rounds and over 150 words, our 23 contestants were brought down to our winner. Macy Schepis beat Tyler Martin for 1st place by spelling intricate. Congratulations to Macy and Tyler for all of their hard work and a great competition!



After winning the regional M&S competition in September, Macy Fraylick, Craig Harrison, and Seth Thomas finished their journey at the premiere M&S competition in the world held in Orlando, FL, this week. For three days, the trio manned a booth that presented their simulation project on fire drills. They briefed guests who visited their project and were judged by non-disclosed evaluators. At the

end of the week, they gave a 50 minute presentation and had a Q&A session with the evaluators and the audience. Out of 6 schools from across the nation, they walked away the winners. We are so proud of them and congratulate them on all their success!

Adopt-A-Family

Mrs. Heather Stump and the high school student council arranged and organized the Adopt-a-Family campaign. This year they were able to adopt five families and raised \$4,500 with the help of the entire student body and staff, New Madison Kiwanis Club, and Friendship Community Church. Thank you to everyone who made this such a successful campaign.

8 Inducted into NHS



FR: Courtney Osborne, Alex Bietry, Jenna Cline
BR: Macie Simons, Sara Bowman, Matt Werner, Heather Ferris, Rachel Ferris



Three inducted into Tri-Village Hall of Fame

Tri-Village inducted 3 new members in the Athletic Hall of Fame. From L-R: Mike Stump, Class of 1987, Kara Schlechty Graham, Class of 2003 and Kent Hofacker, Class of 1973.