

School Talk

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District Mission Statement

The mission of the Tenino School District is to provide an educational environment which meets the diverse needs of each student and ensures the opportunity to develop individual potential and to become a competent and contributing member of society.

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members:



Each fall the school district leadership team, comprised of the Board of Directors and school district administrators, meet to review what went well the previous year, identify areas for improvement, and discuss possible new projects and programs. Two goals were identified for the school district for the 2001 and 2002 school year.

Goal One: Tenino School District has measurable academic standards for student achievement. The first goal focuses on maintaining high academic standards for all students. Our student scores on state and national tests are

soaring compared to other school districts that are similar to us in size and community demographics. Even though our students are making great strides in improving their academic performance, the leadership team believes it is important that we stay focused on continuing to improve student learning. We are already in the process of studying plans from school districts from around the state with the intent to implement a plan that will continue to challenge and support our students so they may achieve at higher levels of performance.

Goal Two: Tenino School District has an effective communications system with the community.

The second goal centers on communications. We know that effective communications are key in building a strong home and school connection. Working together as a community we have the opportunity to help our children excel as learners and people. We have analyzed our current external communication system and have identified ways to improve communications with our parents, guardians, students and community.

I believe these goals will enable us to stay focused on meeting the needs of our children. Please give me a call at (360) 264-3400 if I may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Steve Smedley



Kourtney St. John



Schuyler Jorgensen



Sevanna Puente



Nathaniel Hicks & Lacey DeMulling

Tenino Schools Care

The Tenino School District students and staff have joined together to support one another and to help families of victims and rescuers in response to the September 11th tragedies and aftermath.

Students and staff have joined together to support people who have been most affected by the tragedy. A coin drive was held raising over \$1,450 which was donated to the Red Cross. Students and community members attended a candlelight vigil at the high school. Patriotic songs are continuing to be sung at school assemblies and activities. Some students have expressed their feelings through artwork. Parkside and Tenino Elementary School students have written letters to firefighters, emergency personnel and police officers in New York. Middle school students initiated a "Red White and Blue Day" to show their patriotism. Also, a letter from Dr. Smedley was sent home to parents/guardians outlining the District's response to the tragedy and alerting parents/guardians of what behaviors to watch for in their children that may indicate emotional distress.

Through these troubled times we will continue to grieve for our Nation and for the people who have lost their lives. Please be assured that the Tenino School District continues to be committed to serving the needs of our students and community.

January is School Board Appreciation Month


The Tenino School District Board of Directors consists of five hard-working dedicated individuals committed to making our schools the best they can be. Board President Debbie Lund, Vice President Laura Chapman and members Sally Anderson, K. Diane Dolstad and Perry Shea work collaboratively to formulate and approve board policies, make decisions regarding the school district, celebrate successes and address concerns from community members. Board members volunteer their time and put in hundreds of hours each year. When you see a Board member, please stop and thank them for a job well done.



December

Tenino School District Activities



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
PES = Parkside Elementary School TES = Tenino Elementary School TMS = Tenino Middle School THS = Tenino High School H = Here A = Away <i>Times and dates are subject to change.</i>						1 SAT Test THS - Wrestling - T.C., Invitational - A
2	3 THS - Senior Class Meeting - 9:15 a.m. THS - Girls Basketball vs. Capitol - 5:45 - A	4 TMS - Volleyball vs. Chehalis - 4:00 p.m. THS - Boys Basketball vs. Newport - 5:45 - H	5 PES - Pacific Science Center Van Visits THS - District Levy Forum - 6:30 TMS - Volleyball vs. Centralia - 4:00 p.m. - H	6 TES - Pacific Science Center Van - "Space Odyssey"	7 PES - Assembly - 8:45 PES - 2nd Grade Dental Screenings THS - Girls Basketball vs. Ilwaco - 5:45 - H  Tree Lighting at Dr. Jump's Office	8  Winterfest ACT Test THS - Boys Basketball vs. Rainier - 5:45 - A THS - J.V. Wrestling Tournament at Hoquiam
9	10 PES - Report Cards Sent Home TMS - Food Drive Begins	11 TES - Report Cards Mailed THS - Girls Basketball vs. Eatonville - 5:45 - H THS - Boys Basketball vs. Eatonville - 5:45 - A . TMS - Volleyball vs. Chehalis - 4:00	12 TES - 5th Grade Chior Concert - 7:00 p.m. TMS - Volleyball vs. Rochester - 4:00 - A TMS - Progress Reports Mailed School Board Study Session 6:00 p.m.	13 TMS - Progress Reports Mailed THS - Boys Basketball vs. Hoquiam - 5:45 - H	14 PES - Winter Sharing Assembly - 8:45 TES - Award Assemblies - 5th Grade - 8:30 4th Grade - 9:00 3rd Grade - 10:15 THS - Girls Basketball vs. Hoquiam - 5:45 - A THS - Boys Basketball vs. Orting - 5:45 - A	15 THS - Wrestling - White Pass Invitational - A
16	17 TMS & THS - Band Concert - 7:00 p.m. at THS TMS & THS - Spaghetti Dinner Before Concert - 5:30 p.m.	18 THS - Boys Basketball vs. Rochester - 5:45 - A TMS - Students to Enchanted Village - 4:30 p.m. School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	19 PES - Assembly - 1:30 to 2:00 THS - Holiday Assembly - 2:00 p.m. THS - Girls Basketball vs. Rochester - 5:45 - H	20 THS - Wrestling vs. Montesano - 6:00 - H Winter Break →	21	22
23 ↘ 30	24 ↘ 31	25  Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29
← Winter Break →						



Parkside Elementary School Penguin Talk

Brock Williams, Principal • (360) 264-3800



2nd Graders Complete DRA Testing

Second grade is a crucial year for children to become fluent and accurate readers. Parkside's second grade recently completed the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA). This state-mandated test measures the reading level of second grade students. Students meet one-on-one with teachers and read a grade-level story. Accuracy, fluency, phrasing and comprehension are measured. Results of this test are shared with parents/guardians at conferences. For children with borderline or below grade-level reading skills, a plan for extra help is created, including after-school tutoring. Often increasing reading time at home is all it takes for students to improve their reading skills.

Timmy Russell, Tina Kinney, Destany Tetreault, Jered Wieburg



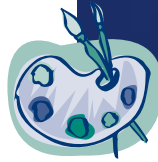
Colton Mills, Shanowa Bond & Erika Vance

Marissa Shirley & Susan Ebel



Welcome New Staff

Please welcome new paraeducator Debbie Perry.



2nd Grade Explores Abstract Art

Mrs. LaRue and Mrs. Ryckman's second grade classes have been studying abstract art techniques. They recently created "Picasso Pictures" in which they sketched themselves in true Picasso style. They have also been studying art with triangles. The students are very proud of their wonderful artwork. The hallway outside the second grade classrooms is decorated with the students' masterpieces.



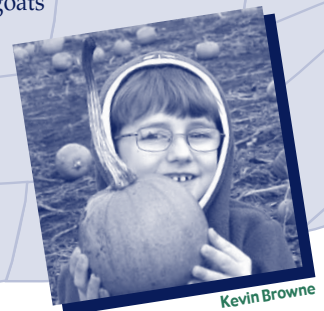
Paraeducator Leane Bergford & Kelly Ebel

Hailey & Kirston Holmaran



Kindergarten Students Found Perfect Pumpkins!

The Parkside Kindergarten students visited Hunter's Pumpkin Patch in mid-October in search of the perfect pumpkin. Fortunately, perfect pumpkins were found by all. Students and chaperones enjoyed the brisk day searching for pumpkins, looking at the animals (the mini-donkeys and pygmy goats were favorites) and meandering through the hay maze. In preparation for the trip, Kindergarten students learned how pumpkins grew and practiced "pumpkin math."



Kevin Browne



Tenino Elementary School

Tiger Talk

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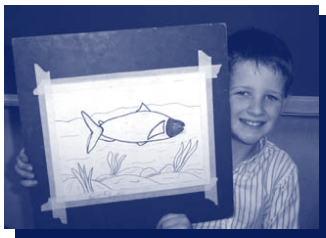


5th Grade Students Study Salmon

What function does the "lateral line" serve on a salmon? What do you call a fish that lives in freshwater and saltwater? Mr. Bill Smith's 5th grade students can answer these questions and more after studying salmon and their lifecycle. A field trip to the Tumwater Falls Hatchery allowed students to observe first-hand how salmon



Shelby McNeal



Cody Lake

eggs are harvested. The unit was concluded with a salmon watercolor project. It was evident how well students understood salmon by the details shown in their wonderful paintings. (Answers: A "lateral line" allows the



salmon to detect changes in water currents and stay upright, and an "anadromous" fish is one who lives in both freshwater and saltwater.)



Tailor Kennedy

Cheyenne Larson – A Real Leader

Cheyenne Larson is a 3rd grade student in Mrs. Wilson's class who knows how to get herself and others motivated. When Cheyenne learned that Tenino Elementary was having a penny drive to raise money for victims of the September 11th tragedy, she, accompanied by her mother, asked her neighbors to donate money. In one night, she collected \$66.20. She remarked that she "stayed up past my bedtime counting the money."



The next day when she turned in the donations other students were impressed by her enthusiasm. They discussed ways to earn money, such as mowing lawns and weeding flower beds, to donate to victims. With Cheyenne and other students' encouragement, Tenino Elementary students and staff raised over \$850. Good job TES! The American Red Cross appreciated the donations very much.

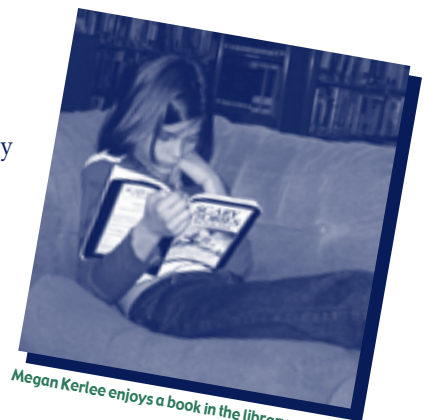


Back - ??????, ?????, Ryan Schlessler, Brad Engebret, ?????
Front - Femke deBoer, Tailor Kennedy, Katie Burnham

TES Students are Motivated Readers

If you walk through the halls at Tenino Elementary School, you will see motivated readers. Students and staff use the Harcourt Brace Series for reading instruction. The series includes a variety of literary selections that are read and studied in class. Phonetic skills are also taught.

Other components of the reading program are the STAR Test and Accelerated Reading (AR) Program. At the beginning of the school year, students take the STAR test to determine reading comprehension and which level of books the student should practice reading every day. The AR Program allows TES students to choose fiction and non-fiction books that match their interests and are at their reading level. Once a student finishes reading a book, a test is taken on the computer to assess reading comprehension. After completing the test, the student may move up a level or, if needed, read another book at the same level. Students enjoy reading books that are about subjects that are of interest to them and are at their reading level. They also enjoy measuring their success on the AR computer program.



Megan Kerlee enjoys a book in the library.



Tenino Middle School Knight Talk



Randy Kramer, Principal

• (360) 264-3600 •

Kevin Kier, Administrative Assistant



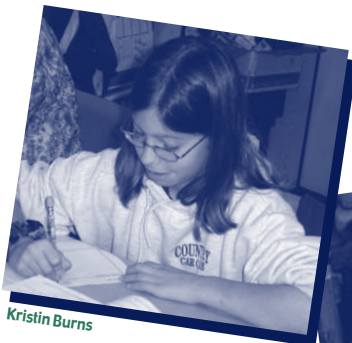
Kelsey Preston, Alison Schwiekert, Caitlin Bergh, Samantha Wiggins

A.S.B. Officers Elected

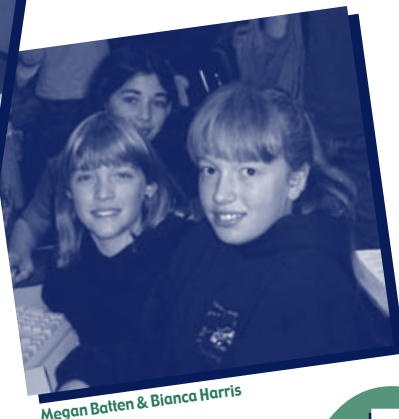
Elections were held for the 2001 – 2002 A.S.B. Officers. The new officers are President- Caitlin Bergh, Vice President- Samantha Wiggins, Treasurer- Kelsey Preston and Secretary- Alison Schwiekert. Congratulations!

TMS Students Raise Money

Tenino Middle School students are raising money to help pay for field trips, special events and sports uniforms. In October, students participated in a "Fund Run." They collected pledges from their friends and families and ran and walked for one hour at the High School track. Over \$1,600 was raised by enthusiastic runners and walkers. A magazine sale began in November to raise additional funds.



Kristin Burns



Megan Batten & Bianca Harris

Marilyn Miller is Awarded Teacher Leadership Project (TLP) Grant

Congratulations to Ms. Marilyn Miller, teacher at Tenino Middle School! She has been awarded the Teacher Leadership Project Grant for the 2001 – 2002 school year. The grant is funded by the *Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation* and provides \$9,000 to each grant recipient to use to purchase computers, a projector and a printer. The grant also provides Microsoft Office and Microsoft Encarta software for each computer and provides a laptop computer. Ms. Miller's class has seven new computers for student use. Technology training for the grant recipient is also a part of the grant. Ms. Miller has attended six days of technology training and four additional days are scheduled. She emphasizes that "The grant focuses on discovery



learning and using technology as a tool for learning." Students in her classes will be doing a variety of projects, including research papers and producing PowerPoint presentations. High school teachers Geraldine Maxfield and LeeAnn Mueller also received the grant for the 2001 – 2002 school year. A total of eleven Tenino School District teachers have been recipients of the TLP Grant in

the past three years. Congratulations, Ms. Miller, Mrs. Maxfield and Mrs. Mueller! Thank you, Bill and Melinda Gates!



Students from Ms. Miller's Class



Students from Miss Bliss' class sing "The Great Pumpkin is Coming to Town".



Reese Baumann

Tenino High School Beaver Talk



Rock White, Principal

Jeff Johnson, Assistant Principal



High School Band Activities

There are a lot exciting activities for the 60+ high school band members this year. The band, under the direction of teacher Jim Cutler, began the season in August with a trip to Cispus Learning Center in Randle, Washington. They spent three and one half days focusing on team building, leadership training, goal setting, learning marching techniques and reviewing music for the coming year.

The band performs at football games and at alternating girls' and boys' basketball games played in Tenino. Students will also perform concerts for parents/guardians and community members on December 17th and March 18th. Last year the THS Band marched at a parade in Vancouver, British Columbia over Memorial Day weekend.

Students also have the opportunity to join Jazz Band. Jazz Band is held during the 20-minute reading period. Before a student is allowed to join, he/she must complete all reading requirements. Some students choose to complete their reading over the summer so they can start jazz band on the first day of school. The Jazz Band performs at school concerts, Open House, school banquets, and occasionally enters competitions.

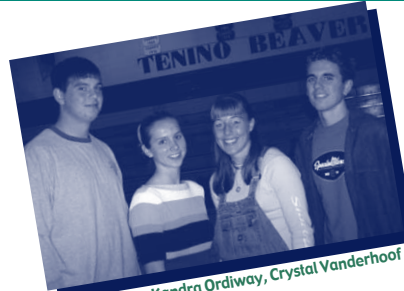


Josh Neumeier, Brent Hedden, Andrew Larkowski



Melody Feden

The band is planning a trip to Cody, Wyoming, from June 30 to July 5. They will march in two parades and perform an outdoor concert. A stop at Yellowstone National Park is also planned. A garage sale/car wash was held in October to raise funds for the trip. Additional fundraising activities are planned throughout the school year, including dinner for the community, hosted by band students and parents/guardians, before the concerts in December and March and a Valentines Day dance for high school students. Fundraising activities, parents/guardians and students fund the trip. Please support the THS Band and attend the concerts and dinners!



Seth St. John, Kandra Ordiway, Crystal Vanderhoof & Ben McPike



Aimee Skeers



Elli Schuster



Megan Chapman

Homecoming Court

Congratulations to the 2001 Homecoming Court. Court members were: Freshmen Alicia May and Bryant Yale; Sophomores Kayla LaRue and Ryan Jory; Juniors Melody Feden and Tyler Smedley; and Seniors Sarah Jutte and Derek Johnson,

Kandra Ordiway and Seth St. John. Homecoming Queen and King were Seniors Crystal Vanderhoof and Ben McPike.



Ryan Jorg, Kaya LaRue, Melody Feden & Tyler Smedley

Homecoming Extravaganza!

Homecoming Spirit Week began on Monday, October 15 and continued through Saturday, October 20. Each school day during spirit week had a different theme, including "Red White and Blue Day," "Costume Day," "Rock Star Day," "Grease (50's) Day" and "Red and Black

Day." Students showed their school spirit by dressing in very creative costumes. The week ended with the Homecoming Football Game with Montesano on Friday night and a semi-formal dance on Saturday night. The theme of the dance was "Get Down in China Town." The THS Leadership class transformed the High School commons into an authentic Chinese scene. Junior Tashana Klonius showcased her talents by creating traditional Chinese paintings on banners that were hung around the room. There is no question that THS students have a lot of school spirit!



Austin Songer, Staphanie Jacobs & Jessica French



Linsey Bailey & Kate Eisenmann



January



Tenino School District Activities

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		13	14	15 THS - Boys Basketball vs. Hoquiam - 5:45 - A THS - Girls Basketball vs. Hoquiam - 5:45 - H	16	17 THS - Boys Basketball vs. Rochester - 5:45 - H THS - Wrestling vs. Forks - 6:00 - A School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18 PES - Assembly - 8:45 THS - Diversity Assembly - 9:15 THS - Girls Basketball vs. Rochester - 5:45 - A	19 THS - Wrestling - Willapa Harbor Invitational - A THS - JV Wrestling - vs. Timberline - 9:30 a.m. - A
		20	21  No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22 THS - Diversity Assembly THS - Boys Basketball vs. Forks - 5:45 - H THS - Girls Basketball vs. Forks - 5:45 - A	23 THS - Senior Presentations - 7:00 p.m. School Nurse Day Thank you Nurse Charla	24 THS - Girls Basketball vs. Montesano - 5:45 - H	25 PES - Assembly - 8:45 TES - Award Assembly - 5th Grade - 8:30 4th Grade - 9:00 3rd Grade - 10:15 THS - Wrestling vs. Rochester - 6:00 - A THS - Boys Basketball vs. Montesano - 5:45 - A 2nd Quarter Ends Grades 6 - 12	26
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Athletic & Extra-Curricular

Alyssa Kantnik Excels At District Swim Competition!

Alyssa Kantnik, a sophomore at THS, recently competed at the District Swimming Competition. Alyssa won 8th place in the 100 yard back stroke competition and 9th place in the 50 yard free style. Her times for both events were personal bests. Alyssa was the only competitor from Tenino swim team to qualify to compete at Districts. Alyssa is the daughter of Ursula and David Kantnik and sister of Andrea Kantnik. Congratulations Alyssa!



THS Soccer Team Competes At State!

Congratulations to the THS Girls Varsity Soccer Team. They are the first THS soccer team ever to compete at the State Soccer Tournament. The team traveled to Bellingham, Washington on November 6th to play in the first round of the State play-offs. The girls played a great game but were unable to claim victory.

The team is composed of talented, competitive players. Offensive Player Crystal Vanderhoof was named SW Washington 2A All-League First Team and Offensive Most Valuable Player. She also was recently recognized as the "Athlete of the Week" in *The Olympian*. Other All-League First Team players were Witney Evander, Sarah Hollingsworth and Becky May. Ashlee Fitch was recognized as a All-League Second Team Player. Head Coach Bill Lesmeister and Assistant Coach Dave Dafoe lead the team.

School Nurses' Day

January 23, 2002, is School Nurses' Day. Tenino School District would like to thank Charla Dunham (affectionately known as Nurse Charla) for her caring attitude and outstanding work. Charla has been with Tenino School District since 1979. She was honored with the National School Nurse of the Year Award for the 1999 - 2000 school year. We appreciate your hard work and dedication Nurse Charla!



Tyler Smedley Competes at State Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to Tyler Smedley! Tyler, a junior at THS, competed at the State Cross Country Championships at Tri Cities, Washington on November 3. He finished 102 out of 182 runners on the 3.1-mile course with a time of 18:16. Coach Gordon Robertson remarked "Tyler had a real good season. He is a hard worker and a great leader." Tyler is the son of Jane and Steve Smedley and the brother of Megan, Katelynn and Ryan. Congratulations Tyler!



AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 40 CFR Part 763

The above referenced legislation required school districts to provide notification to all employees of compliance with required inspections, tests, evaluations and management plans for all known or suspected asbestos-containing materials in school buildings. All work involving asbestos-containing materials in this district has been completed by people who are EPA certified. Asbestos that remains is being managed. The results of inspections and management plans may be found in each school and are available for inspection to any interested party.

The Tenino School District building plans include recorded surveillance, inspections, training for maintenance and custodial staff and a record of all asbestos related activity.

The High School, Middle School and Elementary School contain asbestos in some floor tile. The tile is in good and safe condition, well maintained. It is regularly inspected in accordance with EPA rules and regulations. In addition, the middle school contains a small amount of asbestos containing transit material in its welding booths. This material poses no danger and, like the floor tile, is regularly inspected and maintained. Our other sites, Parkside, the Administrative Office, Beaver Stadium and the Bus Garage/Maintenance Buildings are asbestos free. This issue of the Tenino School District Newsletter is being used to convey the required notification to residents of Tenino School District.

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