

May 2017 Tri-Center Newsletter



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Superintendent's News and Comments

... Dr. Angela Huseman

**Congratulations to the graduating
Class of 2017!**

**Commencement May 21, 2017
2:00 p.m. HS Gymnasium**

Graduation is a time for excitement, celebration and a little apprehension. Most seniors want you to believe they are ready for the world NOW, but inside (and it is buried a little more deeply in some than others), next steps bring uncertainty.

I am hoping between school and family, we have taught them the lessons they need to be successful in their next steps. Academics is supposed to be the school's main charge for kids, but we hope that the lessons we have taught and the opportunities we have given them, have made them strong, confident and capable good citizens and human beings.

I found a list that Jon Gordon has published for graduates or anyone pursuing a dream:

1. Where you are now is not where you are going to be.
2. You don't have to be perfect to start. Just start.
3. Don't be afraid to fail.
4. Sometimes you have to lose a goal to find your destiny.
5. You are here for a reason. You have a purpose and you are meant to live and share it.

6. You don't have to be great. You just have to have a great desire to be your best and bring out the best in others.
7. Ignore the critics. Just show up each day and do the work.
8. Stay Positive. There is a plan!
9. If you believe your best days are ahead of you, they are. The best is yet to come.

Financial Information:

At the regular April Board Meeting, which was held on April 6th, 2017, the Tri-Center Board of Education approved the certified budget for the 2017-2018 school year. After several years of working to end the school year with a positive balance, we seem to be moving in the right direction. We estimate we will end this school year with approximately \$350,000 in unspent balance. Additionally, tax rates will be decreasing by almost \$.81, going from a rate of \$13.96883 for the current school year to \$13.15304 for the 2017-2018 school year. This is good news for the district and you, the taxpayers.

Recognition and Appreciation of Staff and School Board Members

The months of April and May contain several days/weeks of recognition and appreciation for various school employees and the board of education. Each of these individuals and collective groups come together to form a major portion of the Tri-Center Family. Their dedication and commitment to the task is tremendous--and consistent--for 180+ days every year. Please take the opportunity to

extend a word of thanks or show some appreciation for the work they do and the unselfish efforts they make to create a safe and productive learning environment for the kids of our school district.

Administrative Professional's Day: April 26th
Teacher Appreciation Week: May 1st-5th
School Board Recognition Week:
May 8th-12th

Conversations with your School Board

Our school board members volunteer many hours, early mornings and evenings of their time for the benefit of our community's children. They know they represent more than just the citizens who elected them to their positions, and they want to hear from those folks about issues (good, bad and indifferent) that are critical to all students in the district. At the same time, they are very aware that their role is to hire the superintendent, set policy and adopt goals. The superintendent and other district administrators are responsible for the the day-to-day operations of the district.

When you are considering taking a concern/request/comment to the school board member, ask yourself if the school board is the proper place for the concern. Here is a quick checklist of questions to help you with that decision:

*If I am concerned about something, have I already talked to those closest to the problem and tried to resolve it there? If it wasn't resolved there, have I followed the chain of command through the bus driver, teacher/coach, principal/AD, and superintendent? Is it still unresolved?

*Is my concern something that affects all children in the district rather than one child, one bus, one classroom of children, or one building?

*Is my concern an idea, comment or question about the daily operations of the district? Have I talked with the appropriate administrator?

If you answer to these questions is 'yes', but you are still not satisfied that the problem has been solved, you have probably followed the proper 'chain of command' and should think about contacting the school board. If you want to speak to the board at a meeting, our school board has established procedures so it can hear from concerned members of our community.

Last Day of School: May 25th, 2017

Retirees 2017

This school year will be the final year of service for the following TC Family Members:

Kim Esser--Cafeteria Worker--25 years of service
Kevin Matulka--Agriculture/FFA Instructor--32 years of service
Cheryl Schwery--Elementary Instructor--32 years of service
Diane White--Elementary Principal--33 years of service

We are saddened to see all of these loyal folks leave our active ranks, but we are happy to know they will have the chance to enjoy pursuing other goals.



Counseling Comments ...Tami Harman

Registration packets have been handed out to students and it is time for them to make plans for their course work next year. They should be planning their schedules according to their specific career goals. All Tri-Center students have formulated a 4 year plan based on their career choice through IHAVEAPLANIOWA. This is a great guide to assist them in making their schedule throughout high school.

The last ACT test date for 2016-2017 is June 10, 2017 with registration due May 5th.

The test dates for 2017-2018 are as follows:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
September 9, 2017	July 28, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 5, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 8, 2018

Tri-Center plans to provide a John Baylor ACT Test Prep before the October 28th test date, mainly for seniors and another prep before the February or April test date for juniors. It is advantageous to have a baseline score before taking the Prep course but not required. If you have any questions about the prep course please call Tami Harman 712-485-2257 or email tharman@tctrojans.org

National Honor Society

Congratulations to the graduating seniors and good-luck in your chosen career pathway. I am sure the skills of leadership, character, service and scholarship will help guide your future.



Special Olympics ... Julie Theulen

The Special Olympic team competed in track events at IWCC on Tuesday, April 11. During competition several students recorded a new personal best. Kaleigh Gillespie ran a personal best in the 200 meter run and the softball throw. Cole Osbahr ran a personal best in the 800 meter. Matthew Killpack ran a personal best in the 800 and had a personal best with the shot-put.

The following students qualified to compete at State on May 25, in Ames. Elijah Bearley - softball throw, 800 meter walk race, and bocce. Kaleigh Gillespie - bocce. Matthew Killpack - 800 meter run, shot-put, and bocce. Cole Osbahr - bocce. Joslyn Puntaney - softball throw and bocce.

The Special Olympic team would like to thank the community for their support during the spaghetti supper and silent auction fundraiser on April 8th in Minden.



**From the Elementary
Principal
... Diane White**

May 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
 May 1 May Day
 May 2 National Teacher's Day
 May 3 3rd Grade to Atlantic Dairy Farm
 May 4 1st Grade to The Rose Theatre
 May 5 No PK today
 May 5 3rd Grade to Westfair Farm Safety Day
 May 9 2nd Grade to Harrison County
 May 9 HS Awards Program 10 AM
 May 10 Baccalaureate at TC in Cafetorium 7 PM
 May 11 PK to Children's Museum
 May 11 School Nurse Day
 May 12 Kdg to the Zoo
 May 14 Mother's Day
 May 16 MS Awards Program 8:20 AM
 May 16 Track & Field Day
 May 16 Middle School Music Concert 7:00 p.m.
 May 17 Senior Trip
 May 18 Senior/Staff Breakfast
 May 18 PK to Arrowhead
 May 18 4th & 5th Grade Music/Band Program 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 May 19 Last day for FAST testing
 May 21 Graduation
 May 25 **Last Day of School 1:30 Dismissal**

Looking Ahead...

Aug 7 Registration 1-7 PM
Aug 22 Open House Night
Aug 23 First Day of School for 2017-2018

**Cassandra Harris
... Athletic Director**

Save the Date!

Youth camp information for summer 2017 is listed below. Registration forms will be coming home with your student, will be available in the school offices, or will be available on line.

Volleyball June 12-15 3rd - 5th grade
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Volleyball June 12-15 6th-8th grade
12:30-3:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball June 19-23 3rd - 8th grade
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Girls Basketball June 26-30 3rd - 8th grade
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Soccer July 10-13 1st - 5th grade
5-7 p.m.

Girls Soccer July 10-13 6th-12th grade
7-9 p.m.

Boys Basketball July 12-14 K - 2nd grade
6 - 7:30 p.m.

Football July 17-21 3rd -8th grade
6 - 8 p.m.

Flag Football August 1-4 K - 6th grade
9 - 10:30 a.m.



High School Art ... Kelly Alfors

As the year comes to a close the art students participated in the Western Iowa Conference for the arts. This year it was held in Underwood, Iowa. These are the awarded winners:

Marie Ohlinger, she received 2 outstanding awards. One for her scratch art of a steam engine and the other for her peacock batik. (Independent Art).

Jill Manhart , Outstanding award for scratch art of her dads tractor.(Independent Art).

Kelsi Stamp received an Outstanding award for her tiger scratch art (Basic Art).

Paige (Francis) Skow received an Outstanding award for her Acrylic Vase Face painting in Basic Art.

The honorable mention purple ribbon recipients are the following:

Emma Harrison for her woven rug (crafts).

Jackie Saathoff for her paper quilling (painting).

Faith Bruck for her ceiling tile.

Courtney Chapman for her safari Batik.

Jake Wohlers for his 9 squares (Beginning drawing).