

November 2016 Tri-Center Newsletter

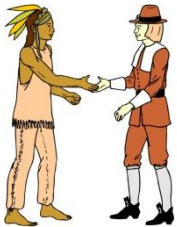


High School 485-2257

Middle School 485-2211

Elementary 485-2271

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Superintendent's News and Comments

... Dr. Angela Huseman



Tri-Center Mission Statement

“Committed to maximizing student potential.”

Tri-Center Belief Statements

- All students can learn and succeed, although in different ways and at an individual pace.
- Learning should take place in real-life contexts and should reflect the interrelated nature of subject areas. Using resources in the community can help students understand how present learning is connected to future work experiences.
- Learning should be approached as a lifelong, continual process.

- In order to function in a global society, students need to understand individual and cultural differences and be responsible for one's actions.
- We strive for an environment that promotes responsible digital citizens.
- It is the responsibility of everyone associated within the school to develop a climate that fosters positive self-concepts and self-esteem.
- Learning occurs best in a safe, clean, attractive and comfortable non-threatening environment that promotes accountability.
- Students learn best when their unique personal, social, and academic needs are met by caring teachers and administrators who have high expectations.
- Excellence will be achieved by hiring, nurturing, and retaining innovative teachers who are leaders in their field.
- Learning occurs best when students are involved in a variety of academic and extracurricular activities.
- Self-discipline, personal responsibility, respect and a commitment to a strong work ethic will be encouraged, expected and exemplified.
- Family and community support (enhances the learning process) promotes the learning process both academically and socially.
- Functional families are an integral part of student achievement.
- Learning occurs best in an environment where students, teachers and parents meet face-to-face to develop specific plans to support students in order to help them to achieve at the highest possible level (discuss progress and goals).

Having just recently meant with our School Improvement Advisory Committee, I felt now was a good time to get this information out in front of

everyone again. This group also discussed the results of our Needs Assessment and Testing Data. You can find all of this information on our website: tctrojans.org under the District Information tab then SIAC and October Minutes. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please let Dr. Huseman know.



Counseling Comments ...Tami Harman

Inclement Weather:

As the seasons change, the type of weather that could affect our school schedule is on the way. We will make every effort to make decisions related to school cancellation, late starts, or early dismissals as timely and effectively as possible. We will post announcements to our website, Facebook page, twitter feed and local TV and radio stations, in addition to sending automated e-mails and phone calls to families that have given us contact information. Please remember, Parents, that the final decision is always yours. If you feel your student should stay home due to weather or other reasons, keep your student home and notify the school office. Also, if you do not believe you are receiving school messages, please call one of the offices to confirm your contact information.

NONDISCRIMINATION/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Tri-Center Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment) marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status(for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Equity Coordinator, Chad Harder, Secondary Principal, Tri-Center Community Schools, 33980 310th Street, Neola, IA 51559, (712)485-2257, charder@tctrojans.org.

November is a great month for seniors to really work on college material because we have a break between sporting events and the next sport practices. It is also a month that we give Iowa Assessments.

Seniors:

There are still quite a few seniors and parents that I have not met with in regards to graduation requirements, scholarship materials, and post-secondary planning. Please call 712-485-2257 or email tharman@tctrojans.org to set up an appointment. My goal is to have 100% of the seniors with parents set up this meeting. I have met with 20 of the 54 seniors and their parent(s) to this date.

Juniors:

It is time to look at your schedules and make plans to ACT test. My recommendation is to take the February 11th test to establish a baseline and then take the John Baylor Test Prep here at Tri-Center before the April 8th test date. The common recommendation is to take the ACT twice junior year and twice senior year. Depending on the score, then parents/students will need to determine if more testing is needed.

Juniors will be taking the ASVAB (Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery Test) on February 23rd here at Tri-Center. This assessment gives them good career information.

Iowa Assessment Testing will be during the week of November 14th. Please encourage your son/daughter to do their best on these assessments. It is a great measurement tool for the student, parents and the school.

November College Representatives:

November 9 Northwest Missouri State University
8:15
November 9 University of Northern Iowa
1:45



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

November Highlights

- Nov. 4 No Preschool today
 - Nov. 4 & 5 Variety Show at the HS 7:00 p.m
 - Nov. 5 Turn your clock back one hour.
Daylight Saving Time Ends
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- Nov. 7-11 Iowa Assessments Testing
Grades 1-5
 - Nov. 8 Election Day
 - Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
 - Nov. 11 1:30 Out
 - Nov. 14 No Preschool today
 - Nov. 14-18 Iowa Assessments Testing MS/HS
 - Nov. 14-18 American Education Week
 - Nov. 22 Soup 'n Shop w/Student Council at
HS Cafétorium
 - Nov. 23 1:30 Dismissal
 - Nov. 23 Grandparents Day at Preschool
 - Nov. 24 Happy Thanksgiving – No School
 - Nov. 25 No School - Thanksgiving Vacation



**Grandparents &
Special Relative Day!
Wednesday, November 23**

...Paula Heck, Pam Schroder and Susie Fah

- Who:** Grandparents or Special Relative Day
- What:** A Thanksgiving Brunch
- When:** Wednesday morning, November 23
(The day before Thanksgiving)
- Where:** In our preschool classrooms

Tri-Center Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Tri-Center Scholarship Foundation, Inc. will be hosting an event in conjunction with Neola's Old Fashioned Christmas in December. Our portion of that event is "Christmas Villages" - a display of eight lighted Christmas villages. The villages will be displayed in the balcony area of St. Patrick's Hall in Neola on Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 11, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. While there is no charge to view the villages, free will offerings are appreciated.

The Christmas Villages on display will be hosted by:

Cindy Cochran, Libby George, RaeShelle Jensen, Katie Marvin, Sheila Nelson, Heather Turner and Carolyn Zangger



**Student Council's Soup and Shop
November 22, 2016
5:30 – 8:00 PM**

Tri-Center Student Council's (Elementary, Middle School, and High School) would like to invite you to our annual "Soup and Shop" on Tuesday, November 22nd from 5:30-8:00 in the high school Cafetorium. There will be a free will donation Soup Supper from the student council and local vendors for you to shop for all your Christmas needs. Tri-Center music students will provide you with some evening entertainment as well. Hope to see you there!