

EVANSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

The Grove
Campus
Theodore
Robinson
Intermediate

October 2018

WELCOME TO THE GROVE CAMPUS

News from the Principal

Hello TRIS Families,

Welcome to the new school year!

We are off to a great start!

Homecoming Week always brings lots of energy and excitement. We were a sea of blue last Friday in clothing, tattoos and beads☺ It seems like a long time ago now but we began our first day with an all school Celebration where we welcomed our new 3rd grade class to Theodore Robinson. All staff were introduced to students and we talked about how all of the adults are here to help and support each one of them. I challenged all staff and students to focus on "Kindness" this year. We talked about how we have a lot of control over our Theodore Robinson School Community so let's work together to treat ourselves and each other with kindness. Certainly it will take hard work and we will make mistakes along the way but together we can make the culture at TRIS a positive and caring one where we meet everyone with kindness. Mr Miller introduced our H.E.R.O.E.S. Program and students learned the line-up call and response that we will use to end our Celebrations. Ask your child to see if they remember it.

We will have monthly Celebrations where we get together as a school in the gym and have some fun while acknowledging the hard work of all students and staff to make TRIS the best place that it can be.

Each month we will have H.E.R.O.E.S. Groups. The letters stand for Helping Everyone Respect Others Every Day at School. Every student is placed with a staff member in a group of about 13 students from all of the grade levels at TRIS. The group meets for 30 minutes once a month to get to know each other better through games and activities. The purpose being to build community across our school by developing relationships between staff and students that may not normally be together. We will have our first H.E.R.O.E.S. group in October.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Mrs McNamara sent out a message center email with details. We will be focusing all of our Cool Tools Lessons and Guidance Classes during the month on this. We will also have a school-wide activity each week. Monday is

World Day of Bullying Prevention.™ If your child wishes to join in, we are all wearing blue. We will be giving students wristbands on Monday as well and hope that kids will wear them throughout the month. Please continue to watch for emails from message center as the month continues.

I want to thank all of you for your help with drop off/pick up. It seems to be going really well! Please let me know if you have questions, ideas or concerns. My direct line is 882-3842 and my email is

DornB@evansville.k12.wi.us.

Thank you so much for sharing your children with us! It is truly a pleasure.





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Barb Dorn, Principal

Save the Date:



Music Concert Dates

4th Grade: Thursday,
December 6th

5th Grade: Tuesday,
January 29th

3rd Grade: Thursday,
February 21st

All concerts will have a
9:30 AM and 6:30 PM
Performance



Volunteers Needed!

- Would you like to help out the 4K-8 PTO? They would love to have more volunteers to help out with all the wonderful events, fundraisers and other worthwhile ways they work to help out the kids at Levi Leonard, Theodore Robinson and JC McKenna. Even if you just want to or can only help with one event or clipping or counting Cash for Trash items, they need you! Please contact Tiffany Bessire at tfharper@uwalumni.com and she will set you up!

They are also looking for volunteers to help with the Jack O Lantern Jamboree. The Jamboree will be Saturday, October 27th from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Grove Campus Fieldhouse. Please be watching for an email to sign up if you would like to help out.

BACKGROUND/VOLUNTEER FORMS

If you would like to volunteer in your student's classroom or maybe go on a fieldtrip, a volunteer/background form must be filled out. They are available online or in the office. Please return to the office when completed.

FAST FACTS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTHY EATING IS AN IMPORTANT KEY TO PROMOTE STUDENT SUCCESS



Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

The Benefits of Physical Activity in School – be an advocate for a healthy, active lifestyle for our kids!

1. Physically active students reflect reduced absenteeism in school.
2. The rate of academic learning per unit of class time is enhanced in physically active students.
3. Obesity has more than doubled in children & tripled in adolescents in the past 30 years.
4. Activity helps develop healthy bones, joints, and muscles. It also offers opportunities to socialize & learn valuable new skills.
5. Choosing healthier foods may help boost your memory and mental abilities.

Try this Kid-Friendly Recipe from “Kids Health”

(A Fantastic Family Resource Website)

<http://kidshealth.org/kid/htbw/htbwmmainpage.html>

Awesome Applesauce

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients: 2 small red apples
2 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tsp. sugar
2 pinches of cinnamon

Utensils: knife & blender or food processor

(You'll need help from your adult assistant)

measuring spoons
serving bowls

Directions:

1. Peel the apples and cut them into small pieces. Throw out the core.
2. Put the apple pieces and lemon juice into the blender or food processor and blend until the mixture is very smooth.
3. Pour the mixture into two small bowls and stir in the sugar and cinnamon.
4. Enjoy you awesome applesauce!

Serves 2

** See Nutritional Analysis on the website

Cool Tools Program

CARES

This year at Theodore Robinson Intermediate School, we will again use CARES as our Cool Tools Program. This program is in line with the Responsive Classroom® approach to teaching. Responsive teachers believe that the social and academic curriculums are equally important. We also believe that how children learn is as important as what they learn and that the greatest cognitive growth occurs through social interaction. As a school community we will be developing an environment where everyone can learn, feel safe, feel a sense of belonging and significance, and have fun. The social skills that have been found to be important in developing an effective learning environment and proven to increase student achievement are represented by the acronym CARES.

C - Cooperation

A - Assertion

R - Responsibility

E - Empathy

S - Self-Control

We are spending the first eighteen weeks of school focusing on the Zones of Regulation. Please check out Mrs. McNamara's email for details. Then, we will spend five weeks briefly learning, reviewing and practicing the CARE skills. Following that, we will take one skill at a time and develop it more deeply. Developing these social skills is not only good for success in school, but also helps your child to become a "contributing citizen of the world community."

Thank you in advance for all that you do to make your children successful learners.

Upcoming Events and Other Information

October 2018

1st – World Day of Bullying Prevention™

5th – 5th Grade Outdoor Day

8th – No School – Professional Development Day

9th & 10th – 4th Graders to Apple Orchard

10th – Fight Cancer – Wear Pink Day (let's have a sea of pink)

11th – 3rd Graders to the Beloit Firehouse Fieldtrip

19th – Fundraiser Pickup from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

22nd – Bullying Pledge

23rd - Family Conferences

25th – Family Conferences

26th – Popcorn Day

27th – Jack O Lantern Jamboree – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Studies have linked regular school attendance and punctuality to student achievement and success in future careers. Many times parents or guardians are unaware of the total number of days that their children have been absent or tardy. We will help you out with that. If your child has three excused absences in one semester, you will receive a letter stating that your child is close to five absences. At five, a doctor's excuse will be required, consistent with School Board policy #430. If absences or tardies are unexcused, you will be notified on that day. Five or more unexcused absences will require an attendance conference with the principal and is deemed "truancy" under Wisconsin Statutes.

Parents may excuse their children for up to ten days per year for any purpose, providing the parent/guardian submits prior written approval. For more details on this, please check School Board policy #430 on our website



Counselor's Corner

Dear TRIS Families,

I am excited for another awesome year here at TRIS! I will once again have classroom guidance time weekly with all of our classes, which is amazing!

Currently, all classes are discussing the difference between a 'negative fixed mindset' and a 'positive growth mindset.' Students are learning to have a growth mindset in all aspects of their lives! We are continuing to work on becoming a growth mindset school, and we continue to develop that mindset in our students and staff so that they will be able to approach school and life positively. Teachers are using Mindset bell ringers in the classrooms to help reinforce these lessons.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month and this will be the primary focus in guidance lessons for all students. We kick off National Bullying Prevention Month on Monday, October 1st with **BLUE SHIRT DAY, WORLD DAY OF BULLYING PREVENTION!** We encourage all students and staff to wear **BLUE** shirts to show their support of bullying prevention. I will be sending out an email through Skyward to remind students! I will continue using the Second Step Bullying Prevention Curriculum to discuss this topic with students, there will also be emails sent out to all parents and guardians that will include a home link so you can continue to discuss this topic at home if you would like. All students will follow the same topics, however the examples and thought provoking questions differ depending on the grade level and each grade level will have a different home link.

Finally, I would like to reach out to all parents and guardians to discuss small group counseling opportunities. I have sent out information in regards to small groups through Skyward email and have sent home paper copies based on request. Small groups will run for six to eight weeks, unless otherwise specified. These groups will run for approximately 40 minutes per week during school hours. Please check your email for more information on the groups being offered as well as the guidelines for signing up your student(s).

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, comments or concerns. I can be reached by phone at 882-3847 or by email at

mcnamaras@evansville.k12.wi.us. Also, please check your email as this will be my primary way of communicating weekly guidance topics and home links.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year at TRIS with your students!

Sammy McNamara, TRIS School Counselor

News from the LMC

Dear Parents,

This past month your child checked out library books from the school library media center.

Students choose their own books! Learning to select a book is something each child needs to discover. This discovery may include books that are too easy, too hard or too boring. You can foster a love for reading in your child by encouraging your child to look at, read and enjoy books. Read together and ask your child questions about what they are reading. Please also discuss your expectations for your child in regards to books they check-out. Be aware that the TRIS LMC has a wide range of reading levels and content available to meet the needs of all our students.

Mark on your calendar your child's assigned library day. This is the day that books should be returned to school. The care and responsibility of returning borrowed books will be yours and your child's. Students are allowed to check out three books at a time. If a student does not return his/her book during their library time (or before) they will not be allowed to check out another book until it is returned. If a student is not finished with their book by their next library time, they may renew the book.

It is very important for our students to learn to be responsible for their library books. Please see that your child carries his/her library books in a book bag or backpack to help protect the items. Keep water bottles separate from library materials or empty, if the water bottle will be carried in the same bag. Fines and fees will be assessed if a book is damaged or lost.

We wish you and your child much shared enjoyment of our library books and thank you for your help in making a responsible library patron of your child.

Abby Beyerl, K-12 Library Media Specialist and Dawn Yeager, Library Clerk



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HEALTH SERVICES

Greetings from the school nurse! I am looking forward to working with you and your child. To ensure your child's health and safety, I would like to share a few items with you.

MY CONTACT INFORMATION

Abbey Tway, RN – District School Nurse

Office Phone: 608-882-3161

Cell Phone: 608-295-4358

Email: twaya@evansville.k12.wi.us

Fax: 608-882-5838

HEALTH CONCERNS

If your child has a health condition or needs special medical care during the school day please inform me before the start of school. Please let me know if your child has a medical condition, such as:

- ❖ Diabetes
- ❖ Seizure Disorder
- ❖ Severe allergies that require an EpiPen
- ❖ Asthma
- ❖ Any other condition that requires a health intervention during the school day

MEDICATIONS

Prescription and non-prescription medication may be administered to students during the school day. In order for medications to be given by district employees, the following guidelines will need to be followed:

- ❖ All prescription medication must be in the original bottle/package.

- ❖ All prescription medication must be in the original pharmacy container with correct information on the label.
- ❖ If half tablets are to be given, the parent will be responsible for sending the medication in that form.
- ❖ If liquid medication is to be dispensed, please provide a medicine cup/syringe to measure and administer, proper consent forms must be completed by the student's health care provider and/or parent/guardian prior to administering the medication. Consent forms can be found on the Evansville Community School District website or are available at your child's school office.
- ❖ Medication must be brought to school by a parent/guardian.
- ❖ All medication must be brought to school in original container labeled with your child's name and must include dosing information (time and frequency medication needs to be given, physician's name and phone number, and correct dose).

Physicians & parents may fax a written order and consent to:

Abbey Tway, School Nurse

Fax: 608-882-5838

IMMUNIZATIONS

Wisconsin Law requires that all students have a record of their immunizations at school by the start of the school year. Please refer to the STUDENT IMMUNIZATION LAW handout to determine which immunizations your child may need. If you choose not to immunize your child, please fill out the waiver on the bottom of the STUDENT IMMUNIZATION RECORD and return it to school. Completed forms can be turned in to your child's health office or faxed to me at 882-5838.

COMMUNICABLE ILLNESS LETTERS

If a communicable disease is diagnosed within your child's classroom, a letter will be sent home. If your child is diagnosed with a communicable disease, please inform the office right away. This is very important to help prevent the spread of these illnesses. Examples of some communicable illnesses may include:

- ❖ Strep Throat
- ❖ Influenza
- ❖ Impetigo
- ❖ Chicken Pox (Varicella)
- ❖ Head Lice
- ❖ Pertussis
- ❖ Scabies
- ❖ Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

EEF Grants Over \$6,000 to Evansville Teachers

The Evansville Education Foundation (EEF) recently awarded over \$6,000 in grants to Evansville teachers. Proceeds from EEF fundraisers like the Homecoming raffle and the Strawberry Festival, as well as donations from generous Evansville citizens, made the following grants possible:

Levi Leonard

- Stories of Many Colors books: Deb Fritz
- Boogie Boards (tablets for kids): Jennifer Johnson and Tamara Wallisch

TRIS

- iPads for reading support: Kari Reuter and Kendra Statton
- "Hold Back the Water" STEM activity: Connie Schultz

JC McKenna

- Mindful Educator training: Beth Oswald and Kelli Ours
- Supplies for functional skills program: Brittany Shotliff
- Robotics and engineering supplies: Dave Kopf
- Flexible seating: Abby Beyerl

EHS

- Robots for computer programming: Christine Schullo
- Music composition commission: Amanda Leahy
- Music for Jazz Clubs: Amanda Leahy
- Global Education Project Club: Dana Teske
- Brain Power Project for Advanced Learners: Melissa Bonow
- Makerspace supplies: Abby Beyerl

In addition to annual grants, the EEF provides each school with discretionary funds to help students with financial needs. Are you interested in supporting education in Evansville? Check out our new website at www.evansvilleeducationfoundation.org for volunteer opportunities. The EEF is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support learning in the Evansville Community School District.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5	2 1	3 2	4 3	5 4	6
7	8 No School Professional Learning	9 5	10 1	11 2	12 3	13
14	15 4	16 5	17 1	18 2	19 3	20
21	22 4	23 5	24 1	25 2	26 3	27
28	29 4	30 5	31 1			