



WELCOME TO THE GROVE CAMPUS

# The Grove Campus Theodore Robinson Intermediate

## October 2017

## 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 today 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 had our first H.E.R.O.E.S. group today. We created something to take to the parade to cheer on the Blue Devils. Check in with your child for the details.

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 the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual World Blue Shirt Day. 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! Just like kids, adults need reminders ☺ 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](mailto:DornB@evansville.k12.wi.us).

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





Hang out with us, learn with us, laugh with us, grow with us, work with us and celebrate with us!

Together we can strengthen relationships, build connections and create a learning community at Theodore Robinson that is a wonderful place to be for all staff, students and families.

Barb Dorn, Principal

## Save the Date:



4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

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



## Volunteers Needed!

- Popcorn Days began in September at Theodore Robinson. Our next popcorn day will be Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We ask that students order only 2 bags of popcorn at the most and they are 25 cents a bag. In order for popcorn days to be successful, volunteers are needed to help. If you would like to volunteer to help with popcorn days, please contact the office at 882-3840 or [michelr@evansville.k12.wi.us](mailto:michelr@evansville.k12.wi.us) and I will forward this on to the popcorn ladies.

Please consider helping out so we are able to continue popcorn days throughout the year.

- We are also looking for volunteers to help with the Jack O Lantern Jamboree. The Jamboree will be Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 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 your 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 next five weeks of school briefly learning and practicing each skill.

Then each month after, we will take one skill at a time and develop it more deeply. We would appreciate it if you could find some time to discuss the meaning of these words with your child. 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 2016

2<sup>nd</sup> – Blue Shirt Day – Bully Prevention

9<sup>th</sup> – No School – Professional Development Day

10<sup>th</sup> – Mix it Up at Lunch Day

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

12<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders to the Beloit Firehouse Fieldtrip

13<sup>th</sup> – Popcorn Day

13<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders to Apple Orchard

16<sup>th</sup> – Buddy Bench

20<sup>th</sup> – Fundraiser Pickup from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

23<sup>rd</sup> – Bullying Pledge

28<sup>th</sup> – Jack O Lantern Jamboree – 6:00 p.m.

30<sup>th</sup> – See Something, Say Something

### 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 Parents and Guardians,

So far, we are off to a great start and students are settling into their new routines. I will have ALL grade levels ALL year as Mrs. Dorn was able to allow for this in the schedule! This allows me to have time to complete the *Second Step* Curriculum across all grade levels as well as discuss bullying, protective behaviors, and mindfulness.

Currently, all classes are discussing the difference between a 'fixed mindset' and a '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.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 using the *Second Step* Bullying Prevention Curriculum to discuss this topic with students. I will also send emails 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. This allows for the same home link activities to be used across multiple grade levels.

Finally, I would like to reach out to all parents and guardians to discuss small group counseling opportunities. I have had some families reach out already and would love to start up **some** of these groups in the month of October; however small groups will begin at various times throughout the school year. These groups will run for six to eight weeks, unless otherwise specified. 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](mailto: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 first year at TRIS with your students!

Sammy McNamara - TRIS School Counselor

## News from the LMC

Dear Parents,

This past month you child checked out library books from the school library! The Library Media Center has chapter books with a variety of reading levels as well picture books and easy readers. In addition to these fiction books, we also have non-fiction, bilingual books, a reference section, magazines and graphic novels.

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. Students may choose a book because of its color, size, or topic. 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.

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 bring it in to be renewed.

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.

Sincerely,

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

# October

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