



TMS E-News - 10/27/17

Now that school starts in the morning when it is still dark outside, please be cautious of people walking in the parking lots!

***In the afternoon, please use the parking spots to wait for your student.
DO NOT park along the curb as this blocks the flow of traffic.
PLEASE DO NOT use the entrance as an exit!***

What's Happening at TMS

Nov. 7 - Election Day/ No Students

Nov. 10 - End of Trimester 1

Nov. 15 - PTG meeting at LaRosa's - 6:45pm

Nov. 17 - Report Cards Sent Home

*** See Separate Attachments Listed Below ***

**Glen Helen Parent Informational meeting will be held
Thursday, November 16 from 6:00-7:00 PM**



**Order your yearbook online! Orders will be taken through December 20th.
Order forms are in the office!**

Any student that carries an inhaler or epipen at school must have a medication permit on file in the clinic. Please call Terri Horvath RN at 273-3314 with any questions. Thank you.

If you use Facebook or Twitter, please follow our pages for information coming out about TMS. You can find us on Facebook. Search Talawanda Middle School, and on Twitter at Talawanda MS

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Oxford Families of Children with Exceptionalities

Hello! On behalf of our 70+ member group, Oxford Families of Children with Exceptionalities, we would like to invite and welcome you to help us grow and improve! Our little group started with 5 like-minded parents and has grown immensely! Our goal is to advocate, support, encourage, and share our journey's as families of children with special needs. We stay connected via our FB group and have wonderful, collaborative meetings with many local entities. We are currently in discussions with McCullough-Hyde/Tri-Health in attempts to bring more local therapists to Oxford. We have spoken to the City Manager about adding education for local law enforcement and first responders, and we are working with the schools to help ensure our kiddos receive all the services they deserve. We are willing to help anyone in need of advocates to send a broader message to our town. You are NOT alone! Join Us!!! Please find us on FB or email Erin at paternem@miamioh.edu

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TMS Citizenship Essay Contest

October 24 - November 6, 2017

Theme: *America's Gift to My Generation*

(Thanking veterans of the past for the world your generation lives in today)

DIRECTIONS/ FORMAT = You will write an essay or letter to a veteran. It can be a man or a woman, any branch of the service, and can be a veteran of any war. The letter should be typed and printed out – **YOU CAN NOT JUST SHARE IT WITH A TEACHER.** It needs to be printed and turned in to the TMS office.

All entries will be mailed to local VFW halls for our veterans to read.
Winning entries will be held and read at the THS luncheon.

Prizes -- 6th grade - \$75.00 Scholarship to Camp Glen Helen
 7th grade - \$75.00 Scholarship to Columbus Zoo & COSI
 8th grade - \$75.00 Scholarship to Washington, D.C. 2017

Winner of top overall letter/essay will have name placed on a plaque outside of the office. The winners will also read their essay at a THS Veteran's Day breakfast.

RULES: Letters or Essays are judged on the following:

- 1- Letters are to be 300 - 450 words.
- 2- Letters are to be typed (size 14 font, 1.5 spacing, and "Times New Roman" font).
- 3- You must turn in a paper copy. You can't share it on Google Docs.
- 4- **Age appropriate writing. . . IT MUST BE YOUR WORK NOT SOMEONE ELSE!**
- 5- Correct English and grammar usage
(word usage, sentence structure, punctuation, spelling, clarity, flow, etc.)

Helpful Hints/Suggestions

- 1- Make several revisions before you turn in your final copy.
- 2- Ask someone to read it and offer suggestions to improve it.
- 3- Don't wait until the last minute. **Write a version and wait a day before rewriting/revising.**
- 4- Take pride in your work. Make sure it is your best effort!!

Interested in working on your physical fitness?



Join the Braves Fitness Club

- The Braves Fitness Club will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 4:00 beginning October 26 and continuing through the end of February.
- We will meet in the new TMS Fitness Room.
- Exercises will include cardio, free weights, and fitness bands
- Any student planning to attend must arrange their own ride home from TMS at 4:00.
- Students do NOT have to commit to all dates. Come as your schedule allows.

Meeting Dates:

Thurs., Oct. 26	Tues., Oct. 31	Thurs. Nov. 2
Thurs., Nov. 9	Tues., Nov. 14	Thurs. Nov. 16
Tues., Nov. 21	Tues., Nov. 28	Tues., Dec. 5
Tues., Dec. 12	Tues., Dec. 19	Thurs., Jan. 4
Tues., Jan. 9	Thurs., Jan. 11	Tues., Jan. 23
Thurs., Jan. 25	Tues., Jan. 30	Thurs., Feb. 1
Tues., Feb. 6	Thurs., Feb 8	Tues., Feb. 13
Tues., Feb. 20	Thurs., Feb. 22	

★ Students *MUST RETURN* the attached permission slip to participate. Contact Mrs. Klenk with any questions - klenke@talawanda.org.

Braves Fitness Club



Student Name _____

My child has my permission to participate in the Braves Fitness Club at TMS. I understand that I must provide a ride home for my child at 4:00 on meeting days.

Parent Signature _____

Emergency Contact Number _____

Please return to Mrs. Klenk in room 305.

OPERATION "CARE PACKAGE"

Students/Parents,

Talawanda Middle School will be creating "**Care Packages**" to support our troops deployed overseas. We would like to thank everyone who turned in addresses of family members, THS grads, and friends stationed overseas. Every effort will be made to send them a box filled with some treats and letters/cards of encouragement and support. TMS is teaming up with *Blue Star Mothers*, an organization located in the Dayton/Centerville area, to mail our packages overseas.

Security is very high. Several inspections and forms need to be filled out before a package is ever sent to our troops. The Blue Star Mothers can bypass a lot of the red tape and help ensure a quick delivery. Each tutorial at TMS has the option of filling a box for a soldier overseas. The box will contain small snacks and comforts that soldiers stationed in Afghanistan or Iraq or ?? may not have access to. For example, a box could contain the following:

Granola bars	Beef Jerky/Slim Jim	Small packages of nuts
Drink powders	disposable floss sticks	Crossword/Sudoku books
Cookies	Peanut Butter Crackers	Tuna Packs/ Cup a Soup

LETTERS and CARDS of Thanks and Encouragement

We are asking that each student create a letter or card for a soldier. It does not need to be a long letter or anything special, BUT it must meet the following criteria:

- First name is OK -- but no last name.
- The letter/card can not contain your address or the school's address.
- Anything inappropriate and the letter will be removed from the box.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS will read every letter and decide if it is worthy of sending.

We are also asking students to donate 1 or 2 items to be placed in the box. Teachers have also asked students to spend only \$1 or \$2 dollars (\$3.00 max). Many grocery stores have items that only cost a dollar and that is perfect. Soldiers like small snacks that they can carry on patrol and eat on the run. Bulk items are not a good idea. You can buy a big box of granola bars but just send in 1 or 2 bars not the entire box. If families want to donate more, all extra supplies will be given to the Blue Star Mothers. Please, have a talk as a family and discuss the importance of supporting our troops. Students, ask your parents to look at your letter or to help you write a letter to a soldier stationed in a foreign land away from their family. The box needs to be completed by November 3rd so start bringing in items to your tutorial teacher ASAP!

Thanks, and remember this is a voluntary activity. No one will be forced to write a letter or to donate items if they choose not to participate.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS should be directed to John Brinck at brinckj@talawanda.org

Attention Talawanda Middle School Families!

Save your Plastic Caps and Lids!

Please start saving your plastic caps and lids! The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is leading a bottle cap and plastic lid recycling initiative at TMS. The recycled bottle caps and lids will be collected until we have enough to **make a bench for TMS made completely of recycled lid and cap plastic** material we have collected!

Here is how you can help us:

- **Collect plastic bottle caps and plastic lids** (see list of acceptable caps and lids below)
- Feel free to collect large amounts at home and bring to school in grocery bags or ziploc bags - the whole bag can be placed in the collection bin
- **Please rinse** all lids and caps before bringing them to school
- Place lids and caps in a **collection bin** - there is one located in each grade level hallway and one in the cafeteria
- Collection will continue until we have enough to build a bench for TMS (Kramer and Marshall already have benches and Bogan is collecting this year for a bench!)
- Spread the word! Tell your friends, family, and neighbors and ask them to collect too!
- This benefits our community (recycling!), the school (we get a bench!), and you (you help make TMS a better place!)
- Questions? Contact NJHS Advisor Mrs. Murray murraym@talawanda.org

NJHS students will be responsible for collecting, cleaning, and sorting lids and caps here at school. This project is possible through the ABC Promise Partnership program at Green Tree Plastics, LLC. We appreciate your help in this project that promotes recycling and will benefit our school with a new bench!

ACCEPTABLE CAPS

medicine bottle caps	drink bottle caps
milk jug caps	flip-top caps (ketchup, mustard)
detergent caps	spout caps (mustard)
hair spray caps	spray paint caps
toothpaste tube caps	ointment tube caps
deodorant caps	caps w/ RECYCLE NUMBERS of (2) (4) (5)

ACCEPTABLE LIDS

cottage cheese container lids	cool whip container lids
mayonnaise jar lids	coffee can lids
yogurt lids	cream cheese container lids
peanut butter jar lids	butter container lids
ice cream bucket lids under 8"	Prescription bottles labels removed

TMS Makerspace

All students will be given the opportunity to visit the Makerspace this year during their GYM TUTORIAL TIME. Team A students will be able to create, invent & learn during the first trimester and Team B will be able to do so during second trimester. Our supplies in the Makerspace are limited at this time, so we are asking for donations. If you have questions, please email Mrs. Greene : greenem@talawanda.org. Thank you!!!!

Suggested Donations

STORAGE Containers	Circuits	Play-doh
Expo Markers	Batteries (all sizes)	Copper Foil Tape
Paint/Paint Brushes	LEGOS/K'NEX	littleBits
Colored Duct Tape	Card Stock	Chibitronics
Wood Scraps	Wood Glue	Sphero
Jewelry-making supplies	Glue guns/Glue Sticks	Qubits
Makey Makey	Craft Sticks	Yarn
Nails (Various Sizes)	Construction Paper	Aluminum Foil
Screws (Various Sizes)	TOOLS	Marbles
Science Kits	Ziploc Storage Bags	Foam Balls
Glue Sticks	Old Electronics	Tissue Paper
Broken Toys	Cups and plates	Wood Blocks
Rubber Stamps	Sizzix Machine	Q-tips
Cricut Machine	Small LED lights	Straws
Microphones	Small Motors	Pipe Cleaners
Fabric Scraps	Wires	Beads
Origami Paper	Cleaning Supplies	Clips
Rulers	Erector Sets	Clothes Pins
Stayflo	Sewing Machine	Dowel Rods
Buttons	Needles/Thread	Safety Pins
Magnets	Modge Podge	Any Craft Supply

1ST ANNUAL SPOOKTACULAR CHARITY CAR SHOW AND TRUNK OR TREAT



CALLING ALL KIDS AND PARENTS

PUT YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ON AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN.
PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

OCTOBER 28TH, 2017 5-9 PM

WALMART SUPER CENTER 5720 College Corner Pike, Oxford OH

SAFE FAMILY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT, FREE TO THE SPOOKTATERS, GHOSTS, AND GHOULS ALIKE

CAR SHOW REGISTRATION INFO: Contact Sgt. Patrick Piccioni

Phone: 513-523-7131 E-mail: ppiccioni@oxfordtwpohio.org
Or simply stop in the Oxford Twp PD, 925 S. Main St Oxford, OH

Pre-registration list will be formed and payment can be made the day of the event.

*Public Vehicles welcome for trunk or treat.
Some FEL Applies for Charity. Thanks.*

CALLING ALL HOT RODS, MUSCLE CARS, OFF ROAD TRUCKS N JEEPS,
MOTORCYCLES, COLLECTORS AND ENTHUSIASTS



PRE REGISTRATION BEGINS OCT. 1ST - 26TH. COST \$10 A CAR

DAY OF REGISTRATION OCT 28TH, COST \$15 A CAR

REGISTRATION AND SET UP BEGINS AT 4P

Decorating your vehicles is encouraged but not mandatory.
When it comes to decorating there are the obvious choices (webs, spiders, pumpkins, brooms, fog, strobes, etc...) Have fun with it!

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TROPHIES AWARDED BEST OF SHOW, BEST DECORATED, BEST OF CATEGORY.

1ST 50 REGISTRANTS GET A DASH PLAQUE COMMEMORATING THE EVENT.



PLEASE BRING INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY TO HAND OUT



FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE ON HAND TO PURCHASE DURING THE EVENT. PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES. THANK YOU TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND DONARS. DONATIONS OF ANY KIND ARE WELCOME. PLEASE CONTACT SGT. PATRICK PICCIONI, OXFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT. @ ppiccioni@oxfordtwpohio.org or #513-523-7131 and leave a message.



Talawanda families are invited to join us for

Oxford Empty Bowls

*A benefit soup luncheon dedicated to hungry people in our community
featuring bowls and art from Talawanda High School and Kramer Elementary
School students!*

*Held in conjunction with Miami University's Hunger + Homelessness Awareness Week and the City of
Oxford/Talawanda's/Miami University's Veterans Appreciation Day*



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**Saturday, November 11, 2017
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

❖ Oxford Community Arts Center ❖

Purpose: To join other Empty Bowls projects worldwide to raise awareness and money to combat hunger. All proceeds will be donated to the Oxford Community Choice Pantry to support its efforts to provide food to local families in need.

How it Works: At the luncheon, guests choose from amongst a collection of beautiful bowls created, decorated and donated by Miami University and Talawanda/Kramer students and Oxford area potters. Their bowls are then filled with their choice of soups made by local cooks. Luncheon guests then keep their bowl to use or display at home and to serve as a reminder that there are always empty bowls in the world. Homemade bread and desserts, and beverages donated by area businesses will also be served.

Cost: \$10 adults (with bowl); children 10 and under eat for free (bowls not included)

*For more information on Oxford Empty Bowls: Connie Malone, malonecm@miamioh.edu
For information on Hunger + Homelessness Awareness Week: Leigh Ackerman, ackerm1@miamioh.edu*

Co-sponsored by the Miami University Office of Community Engagement & Service

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Book Festival

THE REGION'S LARGEST **BOOK FESTIVAL!**

SATURDAY, | 10 A.M.
OCTOBER 28 | to 4 P.M.

Duke Energy Convention Center



- Entrance to Books by the Banks is **FREE!**
- Enjoy youth-oriented panels and special author talks.
- Extra 20% discount for teachers at Books by the Banks! Teachers must have their Joseph-Beth Golden Apple card or a valid Buckeye Educator's ID to receive discount.

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Registration, post-race refreshments, awards, and door prizes will be at the concession stand on the northeast end of the park. To register, cut and return the form below with payment. Race-day registration and packet pick-up will start at 7:30 a.m. More information at www.abrave5k.com

All proceeds benefit the Talawanda Track & Field and Cross Country programs.



Advocating for the Education Rights of Children

Hello Talawanda Community! We would like to welcome and encourage you to take this opportunity to share your input and to use your voice by participating in the community committee- **Advocating for the Education Rights of Children**. This committee is designed to be inclusive of all families and students in the community, for the purpose of working together on behalf of all kids and to provide a support to any family in need.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming events:

- **The first meeting will be held at 1pm on November 2, 2017 at the Lane Library.** This meeting will serve as an opportunity to meet new members, update everyone about the goals and objectives of the group, and a chance to collaborate with members of the Talawanda team.
- **There will be a special event hosted on November 2, 2017 at the THS PAC at 6:30pm,** outlining the many services available in Butler County and how to connect and access these programs.

The evening event is open to the entire Butler County community. Providers in attendance will have a focus of working with children with disabilities.

Parents can become educational advocates and leaders by being informed, being involved, asking questions, seeking additional resources and taking action by understanding and exercising their rights.

Kathy McMahon-Klosterman will serve as the facilitator of the event. The Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities will be there to answer questions. Please consider attending.

BIO- Kathy McMahon-Klosterman, Professor Emerita of Educational Psychology, received the Distinguished Service Award by the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.

McMahon-Klosterman is currently serving as president of the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities. For three decades she has prepared students majoring in special education and connected them with programs like Best Buddies.

"Kathy worked with MRDD/DDD for decades supporting the mission that 'all people should have opportunities to participate in community life with fellow citizens and develop a sense of belonging to the community,'" wrote Susan Mosley-Howard for the nomination.



Kathy McMahon Klosterman

TMS Clubs!!!

Please also visit our TMS web page to view clubs.

Yearbook Club

Plan, design yearbook

Advisors: Sharon Oberschlake and Suzanne Burch

oberschlakes@talawanda.org

burchs@talawanda.org

TMS Garden Club

We are building a new TMS garden to learn about where our food comes from, how to grow it in the most environmentally responsible way possible, and eventually share what we grow with the cafeteria salad bar or the Oxford Food Pantry. We will have our science classes test our soil, the STEAM club is helping build what we need, and we will research what grows best in our seasonal climate. We will have guest speakers in the winter including botanists, members of Miami's Slow Food Initiative, and various others.

Advisors: Amy Clay and Lindsay Krause

claya@talawanda.org

krausel@talawanda.org

Math Club

6th graders

Miami University tutors every Thursday after school to help students with the math content, common misconceptions and preparation. We currently have 46 students and about 14 Miami students participating.

Advisors: Don Gloeckner and Tammi Waite

gloecknerd@talawanda.org

waitet@talawanda.org

TMS Little Aggies

Open to 6-8th grades

Middle School Agricultural Program!

Leadership, agriculture, & fun to be had by all!

Advisor: Mike Derringer, THS FFA teacher

derringer@talawanda.org

Middle School Contact: Steven Hricko

hrickos@talawanda.org

Drama Club

The purpose of the club is to put on an annual school musical.

Advisor: Kelly Case (assisted by Beth Fryer)

casek@talawanda.org

fryerb@talawanda.org

Peer Mediators

We meet Wednesdays during 7th and 8th grade tutorial

Students are being trained in conflict resolution and once they are fully trained, students will be able to help peers who are in conflict to resolve their issues peacefully using compromises and win/win solutions.

Advisor: Laura Jewett

jewettl@talawanda.org

Student Council (elected students)

Scheduled Meetings - Friday's after school

Gather student input hosts events, raise money, etc... to benefit TMS

Advisors: Steven Hricko and Samantha Koontz

hrickos@talawanda.org

koontzs@talawanda.org

Mathcounts Competition Team

A national middle school coaching and competitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging "bee" style contests. The program provides engaging math programs to U.S. middle school students of all ability levels in order to build confidence and improve attitudes towards math and problem solving.

Advisor: Lori Gloeckner

gloecknerl@talawanda.org

STEAM Club (Engineering)

Meetings as scheduled - generally about 2 times per month after school until 4/4:30.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math are considered the core subject areas of invention and innovation. STEAM club will look to provide students with opportunities to explore and create through multi-discipline (civil, electrical, chemical, mechanical, etc.) discussions and activities.

Advisor: Eric Schlade

schladee@talawanda.org

NJHS

Select group of students that meet during the regular school day. Those students who are in NJHS are 8th graders and are inducted at the end of 7th grade.

Beth Ziepfel and Megan Murray

ziepfel@talawanda.org

murraym@talawanda.org

Guitar Club (The Shredi Knights)

We learn how to practice, maintain and improve musical theory understanding and guitar upkeep. We also just do some jamming together to get used to playing with other musicians live!

Advisor: Raj Sundram

sundramr@talawanda.org

Writer's Club

Advisor: Cheri Day

dayc@talawanda.org

Talawanda Diversity Club

Introducing the new Talawanda Middle School Diversity Club! We are interested in spreading appreciation of the differences that every student brings to TMS, and celebrating what makes each one of us unique. We will explore what we can do at school and in our greater community to help our place be safe and inclusive for all students.

Advisor: Amy Clay

claya@talawanda.org