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Trojan Update

Happy Valentine's Day



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Fun Facts

Every year, more than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are sold across the country for Valentines day.

Congrats to Mr. Hrasky and all his speech students!!

YEARBOOK ORDERS

If you need a yearbook for the 2019/2020 school year, head over to payschools.com

HOLIDAY HUSTLE

TC Youth Sports was excited to host the Trojan Holiday Hustle Youth Basketball Tournament again this year on January 4th. It was a great day with many people in attendance, as we hosted 15 teams that day! With the help of our officials, volunteer workers, parents, student athletes, and coaches, the day was more than a SUCCESS! Our teams have been working super hard this season and for some, this tournament closed their season. All of their hard work has paid off and the Tri-County 4th grade girls team took 1st place, Tri-County 6th grade girls team took 2nd, and the Tri-County 4th grade boys



Victoria Heady

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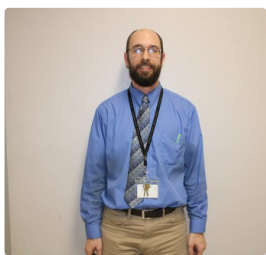
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team finished in 4th place. We are very thankful for all of the support from our volunteers and fans, we cannot make these opportunities possible without you. Go Trojans!



Teacher Spotlight



Mr. Sowers

How long have you been at TC? This is my tenth year with the district

What is your role at TC? I teach math at the Junior High and High School levels.

When did you decide you wanted to be a teacher? I decided around 10th or 11th grade.

Where did you graduate High School at? I graduated from Wapsie Valley in 2006.

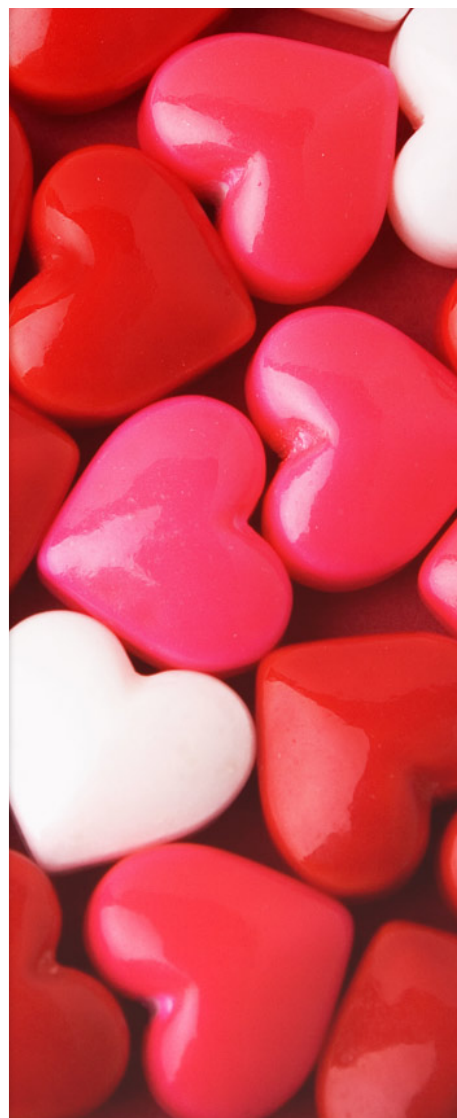
Are you a Cyclone, or Hawkeye? I prefer the Hawkeyes.

What is your favorite Pro team to watch? I'm undecided on the matter. I prefer college sports to professional sports.

What are your hobbies outside of school? Outside of school, I like to spend time with my family and play video games.

Favorite Movie? My favorite movie is Monty Python and the Holy Grail. I tend toward comedies.

Favorite Book? I suppose I would pick Ivanhoe, though this may well be the toughest "favorite" question for me, as making a choice excludes so many phenomenal works. More generally, I like the classics, fantasy, and science fiction.



Favorite Food? Enchiladas, though I am far from a picky eater.

What's one thing you can NOT live without? My wife and son. They truly are the most important thing in the world to me.

What is your favorite color? My favorite color is brown.

What is your favorite quote? Strictly for the amusement I get from it, I would have to pick "Behind every successful man stands a surprised mother-in-law." -Voltaire

Disclaimer: This is not a comment on my own mother-in-law, who is wonderfully supportive

Mrs. Zebuhr

How long have you been at TC?

2 years

What is your role at TC?

1st Grade Teacher

When did you decide you wanted to be a teacher?

In College

Where did you graduate High School at?

English Valleys

Are you a Cyclone, or Hawkeye?

Cyclone Fan!

What is your favorite Pro team to watch?

Chicago Cubs

What are your hobbies outside of school?

Spending time with family and Crafting

Favorite Movie?

Save the Last Dance

Favorite Book?

Love You Forever

Favorite Food?

Ice Cream

What's one thing you can NOT live without?

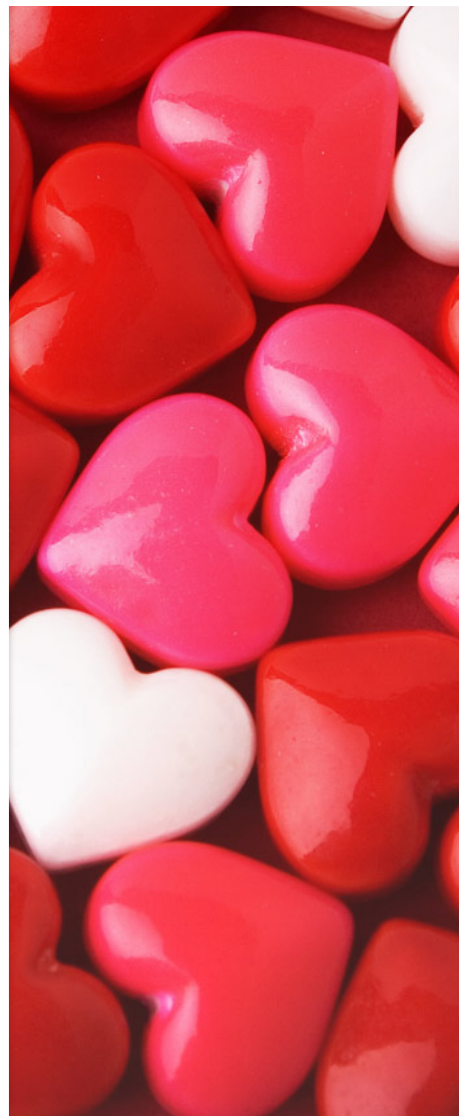
Family

What is your favorite color?

Pink

What is your favorite quote?

Life is too short to be unhappy!





Mr. Springer

How long have you been at TC? 2 years.

What is your role at TC? K-12 Physical Education/ Health. Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Junior High Baseball Coach.

When did you decide you wanted to be a teacher? My sophomore year in college.

Where did you graduate High School at? Twin Cedars.

Are you a Cyclone, or Hawkeye? Hawkeye.

What is your favorite Pro team to watch? Kansas City Royals, Kansas City Chiefs, San Antonio Spurs.

What are your hobbies outside of school? Spending time with friends and family. Going to movies and disc golf.

Favorite Movie? Halloween

Favorite Book? Pet Cemetery.

Favorite Food? Pizza

What's one thing you can NOT live without? A purpose.

What is your favorite color? Blue

What is your favorite quote? "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate, our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure."



Mr. Edmundson

How long have you been at TC? 26 years

What is your role at TC? 6th grade teacher for Reading/Lang. Arts, 4-6 grade science, Head Football, Baseball, Wrestling, and Athletic Director

When did you decide you wanted to be a teacher? My sophomore in HS.

Where did you graduate High School at? Tri-County

Are you a Cyclone, or Hawkeye? Hawkeye



What is your favorite Pro team to watch? Anymore I like watching great plays and players, but Vikings and Yankees. I also enjoy watching the world wrestling team.

What are your hobbies outside of school? Hunting and camping

Favorite Movie? Terminator

Favorite Book? Legacy

Favorite Food? The one on my plate

What's one thing you can NOT live without? My family

What is your favorite color? Black

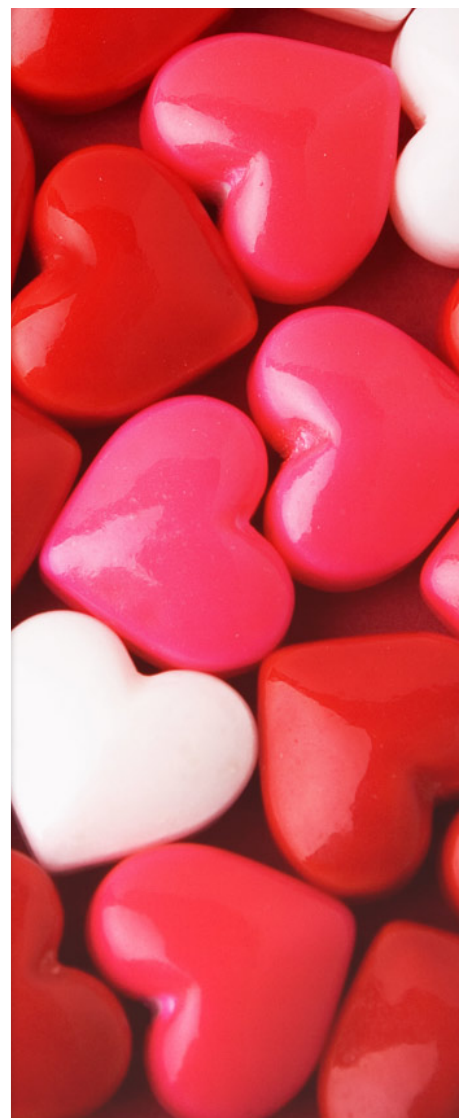
What is your favorite quote? Attitude determines preparation, preparation determines performance, and performance determines success. Coach Schipper

Update on Spanish

Submitted by: Patricia Portilla-Bedia

We are currently focusing on oral comprehension in Spanish class. For this, different strategies are used:

1. Students watch a video (a movie trailer, a commercial or a song) and complete the transcription of the video with some words given.
2. Instructions. This week, in pairs, one student read the instructions to draw a monster and the other student drew it.
3. Gamification. Such as through the handkerchief game, where a player from each of two teams fight to get a handkerchief that a person is holding in the middle of the playing court. In this case, the vocabulary learned that week is treated, since each player is assigned a number, a body part, a meal, etc.
4. Technology. For example, a student asks Alexa about the current date, the weather or a song that he/she wants to listen to.



Senior Spotlight

Seth Vance

*What is your favorite food?

Subway

*What's your favorite hobby?

Disc golf

*What sports do you play and how long have you played them?

Track 2 years, baseball 2 years, basketball 1 year

*What are your plans after graduation?

Go work at Vermeer

*Who is one teacher you look up to and why?

Dylan Springer, because he is a great coach and honorable person and a great teacher and look up to him everyday and look forward to basketball with him everyday

*What was your favorite Grade in school, why?

11th grade because it was the year i came to Tri-County

*What do you want to be when you grow up?

I would like to become a psychologist but i would be fine going into mechanics as well

*What kind of car do you drive?

Pontiac sunfire

*Do you have any siblings? How many?

Yes I have four

*If you had to pick your favorite song, what would it be?

Boulevard of Broken Dreams by Green Day

*Favorite Movie?

I like all of the Star Wars movies but probably Phantom Menace

*Favorite Pro Sports team, why?

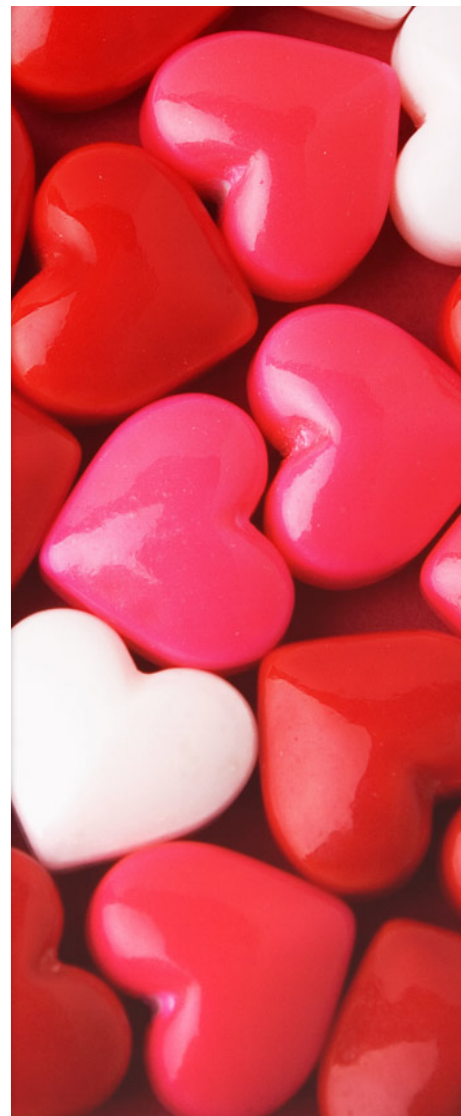
Vikings, because it has been a part of my family for a long time and i enjoy watching their games

*If you could give your fellow students one piece of advice, what would it be?

Get on the good side of the teachers and become a part of the activities they're awesome and fun to be a part of

*Favorite Quote?

"I have no special talent, i am only passionately curious" - Albert Einstein



Tanner Bracklesberg

*What is your favorite food?

meatloaf

*What's your favorite hobby?

Drive, games

*What are your plans after graduation?

work

*Who is one teacher you look up too and why?

Mrs. Moore, she was there for me.

*What do you want to be when you grow up?

A cop

*What kind of car do you drive?

Mustang

*Do you have any siblings? How many?

Yes, too many, 4 (6 all together)

*If you had to pick your favorite song, what would it be?

Randy Travis- Forever and Ever Amen

*Favorite Movie?

The Blind Side

*Favorite Pro Sports team, why?

49ers. My mom's favorite team

*If you could give your fellow students one piece of advice, what would it be?

Don't give up

Jackson Phillips

What is your favorite food? Taco bell

What's your favorite hobby? Spending time with my best friend

What sports do you play and how long have you played them? Basketball and Baseball, I've played them both for 3 years.

What are your plans after graduation? I will go to Ames and become a trade apprentice

Who is one teacher you look up too and why? Mr. Springer, because he's taller than me.

What was your favorite Grade in school, why? Kindergarten, because we got naps, and snacks.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Albert Pujols

What kind of car do you drive? Chevy Crusie

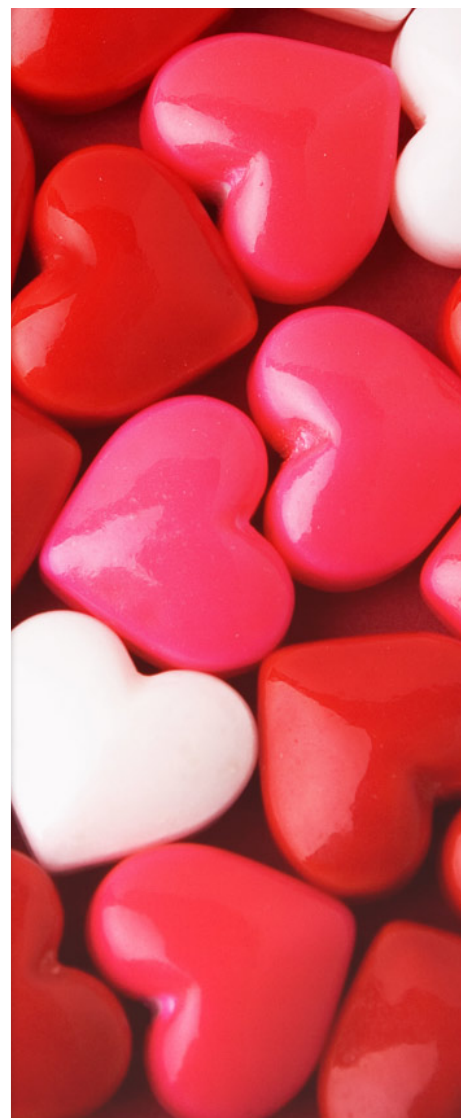
Do you have any siblings? How many? 2 brothers and 1 sister

If you had to pick your favorite song, what would it be? Silver Wings, or Monster by Steppenwolf

Favorite Movie? Where the Red Fern Grows

Favorite Pro Sports team, why? Cubs, because my grandma likes them.

If you could give your fellow students one piece of advice, what would it be? Don't buy gold

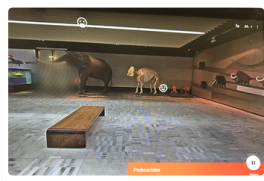


High School Students Use New Google Expeditions Equipment

Submitted by: Penny Krumm

Tri-County received funding from Richard Armstrong to purchase VR/AR equipment for the secondary students at Tri-County. VR stands for virtual reality, in which students wear goggles that shut out the exterior world and s/he only sees what is on the screen. AR is augmented reality, in which digital images are added to a limited area in front of your eyes.

Advanced Biology students used the above equipment to access Google Expeditions, a program that allows students to explore a variety of different topics. Mrs. Krumm guided the activity with a tablet and can monitor that they are following along with the tour by looking for the "smiley faces" on her screen. They used this system to observe different displays of evolution from several museums around the world. This equipment will allow students to access materials they might not be exposed to in real life.



Dear Tri-County Students and Families,

We recently shared our 100th Day with our students. I cannot believe how quickly it goes by from the beginning of the school year to now. I am extremely proud of our students, our staff, and our school.

The vast majority of students had an upward growth on their FAST scores from the Fall to the Winter.

February 5th: 2:00 p.m. Early Out: PLCs

February 11th: Birthday Lunches

February 14th: Valentines Day Parties

February 21st: NO SCHOOL: Professional Development

February 25th and February 27th: 2:00 p.m. Early Out

February 25th and February 27th: Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

February 28th: NO SCHOOL

The staff at Tri-County have been working on improving assessment scores by receiving explicit winter instruction from the Great Prairie AEA team and have been trained on mathematical interventions. The school wide focus is on improving student achievement and closing the achievement gaps specifically in the areas of literacy and mathematics. We strive to provide our students with quality instruction and learning in a safe, positive, and caring learning environment.

Students in K-6th are celebrating their growth on the winter FAST assessments by having a pizza party. Students needed to be at benchmark or show growth on the literacy and mathematics assessments.

Interventions for the secondary include reading interventions, mathematical interventions, STEM enrichments, and SEL (social emotional learning). Students are assessed during the testing periods and the secondary leadership team evaluates where each student will be best served. Interventions may include reteaching mathematical skills or functions needed to be successful, reading interventions may include book studies and vocabulary enhancement, SEL interventions may include improving social skills, providing students with creating goals, and enrichments may include technology and science based activities.

Our speech team headed to Districts on Saturday, January 25th to perform at Ottumwa High School. Our speech team consists of forty-two students in grades 9th-12th grade.

Our basketball teams and wrestling teams are demonstrating their Trojan pride on and off the court/mat. We appreciate the continued support of the students, families, and community in attending athletic events.

The pep band has had a booming success with performing at the local games. We appreciate their hard work and dedication displayed.

Let's continue to show our Trojan PRIDE in all our scholastic activities and extracurricular activities. I'm proud to be a TROJAN!

Yours truly in education,
~Ms. Berg



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Breakfast Pizza Sausage patty Juice, Fruit	4 Egg Omelet Sausage patty Toast Fruit, Juice	5 Biscuits & Gravy Egg Patty Juice Fruit	6 Pancakes Bites Bacon Juice, Fruit	7 Cereal Donut Juice, Fruit	8
9	10 Cereal Granola Bar Juice, Fruit	11 Breakfast Wrap Sausage Patty Juice, Fruit	12 String Cheese Cinnamon Roll Juice, Fruit	13 French Toast Bacon Juice Fruit	14 Cereal Toast Juice Fruit	15
16	17 Cereal Pop-Tart Juice, Fruit	18 Waffles Egg Patty Juice, Fruit	19 Sausage Egg Biscuit Hashbrown Juice, Fruit	20 Cereal Donut Juice, Fruit	21 No School	22
23	24 Cereal Toast Juice Fruit	25 Sausage Egg Muffin Hashbrown Juice, Fruit	26 Waffles Bacon Juice, Fruit	27 Breakfast Pizza Hashbrown Fruit Juice	28 No School	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 BBQ pork Sandwich Baked Beans Tater Tots Applesauce	4 Chicken Nuggets Baked Potato Green Beans Strawberries	5 Pizza Cottage Cheese Garden Salad Pears	6 Orange Chicken Savory Rice Peas Mandarin Oranges Cookies	7 Lunch Brunch	8
9	10 Popcorn Chicken Mac&Cheese Peas Apple	11 Bosco Sticks Garden Salad Cottage Cheese Peaches	12 Chili Cheese/Crackers Cinnamon Roll Pineapple	13 Chicken Patty French Fries Baby Carrots Pears	14 Sweetheart Lunch Happy Valentines	15
16	17 Chicken Wrap Chips Corn Peaches Ice Cream	18 Pork Chop Mashed Potato Pies Sandwich Apple	19 Tater Tot Casserole Greenbeans Roll Pears	20 Hot Dog Baked Beans Chips Apple	21 No School	22
23	24 Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Green Beans Pears	25 BBQ Rib Patty Mac & Corn Casserole Pineapple	26 Chicken Fajita/fixins Corn Applesauce	27 Rotini Garlic Bread Salad Strawberries	28 No School	



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