

TES March Newsletter 2011-2012
Title 1 Targeted Assistance School

Mission: "To engage students in the learning process and to provide a challenging and nurturing environment"

Congratulations to the following students for achieving "Honor Roll" status for the second marking term. **All A's:** Kristin Lednum, Sincere Taylor, Camden Harrison, Cian McCue, Savannah Stewart, Clayton Tyler, Garret Hayden, and Jasmine Robinson. **All A's and B's:** Amber Cassidy, Chase Colburn, Elijah Haddaway, Jeremy Patchett, Nate Schultz, Nathan Shores, Michael Kemp, Benjamin Romberger, River Russell, Michael Bedford, Lillian Muckleroy, Jozie Wilson, Eve Yacopino, Taylor Gowe, Dylan Lomax, Emily Meyer, Tanner Richards, and Coby Wilson. WELL DONE!

March Highlights to Remember:

- March 6: Interims go home
- March 7: Fifth and sixth graders go to Avalon Theater for program
- March 10: P.T.O. Soup and Yard Sale 9 am. to 1pm.
- March 21: Bd. Of Ed. Meeting at SMMHS @ 7 p.m.
- March 22: Early dismissal -Teacher inservice
- March 27: Bay Hundred Town Meeting-Dr. Salmon at SMMHS library 7 p.m.
- March 28: Kindergarten Registration 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

March 12 -21: MSA testing for grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. Reading and Math assessments. Science will be tested in April for fifth grade students. Testing time begins at 9 am. Some tips to help students do their very best include

- 1. Attend school on time.**
- 2. Be well rested.**
- 3. Attend school with a positive attitude.**
- 4. Eat a good breakfast at home or at school in the morning.**
- 5. Take pride in your work.**
- 6. Check your work if you finish before time.**

Attention Parents: Message from Bill Mengel, TCPS Food Services Manager.

"Lately PaySchools has been experiencing great difficulties in accurately showing your child's school lunch balance. Please utilize the TCPS webpage instead of PaySchools to obtain accurate school account balances. Simply pull up the TCPS webpage. Scroll over to DEPARTMENTS, then down and click on Food Services. You will be taken to the TCPS Food Service webpage. Here you can click on the Cafeteria Purchase History Link. You can see all school meal transactions and the remaining balance. We appreciate your patience as we work through this computerize account reconciliation processes. Rest assured that the financial integrity of on-line deposits will not be comprised during the time period. All account deposits can still be made confidently through the PaySchools website."

From the principal's desk:

March is here and state assessments (MSA) are a focus for all students in grades three through six. Parents will receive a report card indicating their child's MSA scores-be it basic, proficient, or advanced. Parents usually receive the report card sometime in September.

100 DAYS!! Yes, we did attend 100 straight days. On February 8th, a 100th day celebration occurred! Usually the 100th day of school is not celebrated on the actual 100th consecutive day due to SNOW, but this year we made it—celebrating on the actual 100th day. Students in grades K through 2 engaged in a host of 100 days activities. Activities included reading 100 books, sharing collections of 100 items, and a host of others that involved the number “100.”

Free Port Discovery Passes! Expires March 31st. The Maryland State Department of Education Division of Special Education and Early Intervention Services is providing free passes for up to 6 people to experience all the fun activities at **Port Discovery Children's Museum** in Baltimore through March, 2012. These are laminated passes that can be checked out for a specific date and returned. Please contact Carol at 410.820.6940 or czinser@tcps.k12.md.us to reserve the passes.

There are several parent support workshops available in March and April. Respond to Carol Zinser at the above number or email for both of the following: March 8th from 6-7:30 pm at the Education Center, “How Can I Help My Child with a Learning Disability?” Request childcare by March 5th. April 3rd from 6-8 pm at the Education Center, “All About ADHD.” Request childcare by March 30th.

School Improvement: Over the past years, I have sent to you an annual progress report on the school improvement goals. However, this practice has been altered due to a new state rule/procedures for releasing public data. Due to small group size and in accordance with FEPR guidelines, these statistics cannot be released publicly. If you are interested in more data on state assessments, check out mdk12.org or mdreportcard.org. Data that is permissible for public release will be posted there.

Quarterly data for the second marking term has been recorded and staff has been checking out student progress for this term. TCPS staff has the opportunity to Meet and Greet Michelle Shearer, the 2011 National Teacher of the Year at Easton High School on March 7th at 4 pm. I have personally heard her speak and she is quite an inspiring speaker! It is great to have this opportunity so close to home. This event is sponsored by the Talbot County Public Schools Retired Personnel Association.

Attendance: The year to date as of January is 95.1%. For the month of January, each grade (4, 5, and 6) had 97%. Grade five was the highest with 97.2%.

Think Spring!



MEDICAL and DENTAL CARE for SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

**DID YOU KNOW THAT CHOPTANK COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEM
OFFERS A SCHOOL BASED HEALTH PROGRAM?**

**OUR PROGRAM IS OPEN TO
ALL TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Health Services May Include:

- Sick Visits
- Health Risk Assessment
- Medication Prescriptions
- Sports Physicals
- Health Education
- Dental Screening
- Dental Cleaning
- Application of Sealants
- Fluoride Treatment
- Oral Health Education

*Please note, School Services do not take the place of your Primary Care Provider
and/or Dentist*

***Don't forget to enroll your child in these programs!
Enrollment forms may be obtained from your school nurse
or at www.choptankhealth.org***

For more information on these programs, call 410-479-4306 ext. 5012,

Services provided to children will be billed to Medicaid or their health insurance carrier. Students without insurance can apply for a sliding fee scale.