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Together Achieving Educational Success

A Message from the Elementary Principals

—by Assistant Principal Mrs. Ashton Shultz

We are incredibly proud of the amazing accomplishments made by all of our students this year. As we complete the final days of the school year, we want to wish all of our families a wonderful and relaxing summer filled with lots of opportunities for love, laughter, and quality family time. Whether it is hanging out at the pool, going camping, or staying in for a movie, nothing is more important for our students than the time they get to spend with you. We are grateful for the support of our families and community and all you do for our students.

If you are looking for things to do this summer, check out the following online resources. They offer a ton of creative ideas to help students practice reading, writing, and math skills, as well as fun suggestions for family time activities.

Have a great summer everyone!



Reading Ideas
from Reading Rockets



Family Activities
from Parents



Math Activities
from Mind Research Institute



Summer 2023

June 1	Last Day of School 1/2 Day Early Student Dismissal
August 24	PreK-12 First Day of School



SOARing Into Summer

Tyrone Elementary students are soaking up fun and SOARing into summer by celebrating at the end-of-year SOAR Carnival held May 31, 2023! This popular event is made possible through the generosity of the Tyrone Elementary PTO, the Elementary PBIS Program and Title 1 Reading. School Resource Officer Tim Strohmeyer took this photo from the rooftop of the school during the event.

Happenings in First Grade!

—submitted by Mrs. Neumann and Ms. Hall, First Grade Teachers

May was a super busy month for First Grade at Tyrone Elementary! We were lucky enough, thanks to our amazing PTO, to be able to attend two different field trips. We visited Cresson Lake Playhouse to see the production of *Frozen Jr*—a favorite, of course! We also visited Buckhorn Recycling and Compost with an afternoon planting flowers donated from Leidig's Greenhouse and a visit from a green house. These activities were all great assets to our plants and soil unit.

First Grade also worked hard at showing off everything they learned during assessments, and ended the year celebrating with the 12 Days Till Summer! The students truly enjoyed having themed days with different reading, writing, math, and science activities. Our days also lead us to be outside a little more enjoying the weather, with opportunities to work together with our peers both in our own classes, as well as friends from other classes. Ask your child which day they enjoyed most! As we wrap up the year, we are sad to leave our friends, but we are so thankful for the time we spent together and the relationships we built and grew in first grade!



Exploring Art—by Mr. Fernandes, Tyrone Elementary Art Teacher

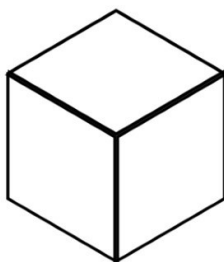
Elementary Art students at Tyrone use our classroom as a flying ship of the imagination, finding strange places and creatures that help us to learn about art.

Recently, some 3rd grade classes discovered what seemed to be a giant cube. They landed to investigate, and discovered that it was a farm. The farm fields happened to be shaped in such a way that they looked like a cube from the air, even though they were flat. We talked about how our world is 3D, and how artists who want their images to look real have to be able to make their 2D (flat) images look 3D.

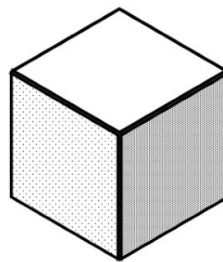
We looked at the work of master artist/scientist/inventor, Leonardo Da Vinci. His drawings of animals and inventions are great examples of realistic 3D drawings.

Students practiced drawing and shading proper 3D prisms, cylinders and more. The final drawing for this unit was drawn lightly in pencil, traced in thin marker, and then shaded using stippling (a style of shading that creates different values using dots) and hatching (a style of shading that creates different values using lines).

Be sure to check out our Elementary Art website for more pictures, project information, and resources. <https://sites.google.com/tasd.us/taes-art>



Not shaded



Shaded

Stippling is a type of shading that uses dots to add value to different surfaces of an object.

Using more tightly-packed dots creates a dark value, while using spread-out dots produces a medium value.

Learning Circus Culture

By: Mrs. Rachel Walk, Second Grade Teacher

Second graders at Tyrone Area Elementary School recently studied circus-related events in preparation for a field trip. They began by learning about the local Walter L. Main circus train wreck that happened over 100 years ago. Mr. Dustin Elder, Tyrone High School history teacher and local historian, taught the students about this event by sharing pictures and artifacts from the wreck. Students were very intrigued to learn that this event happened right here in Tyrone!

During an assembly at Tyrone Elementary, Mr. Holmes, a Tyrone High School English teacher and a Shriner's clown at the Jaffa Mosque, shared information about the three main types of clowns. Also at the assembly, two other Shriner's clowns prepared their clown make-up and outfit to help ease students' fear of clowns before students went on the field trip. To make it even more exciting, one of our second graders was able to voluntarily get his face painted and wear a big red nose to demonstrate that kids can even become clowns. The presentation was exciting and fun!

Finally, our last circus activity was a field trip to the Jaffa Mosque in Altoona where second graders had the privilege to see the local Jaffa Mosque circus. The students saw many amazing acts including a flying trapeze, silly clowns, talented dogs, trained camels and horses, and several others. Many students had the opportunity to ride a horse, get autographs of the clowns, and get their face painted. Tyrone second graders also enjoyed eating the tasty cotton candy and popcorn, and many left with a souvenir to remember this memorable event. Tyrone Elementary School thanks the PTO for sponsoring this field trip!



Kindergarten Adventures —By Ms. Ditty & Mrs. Bock

As spring weather approached, our kindergarten students had such enthusiasm as they got to experience their first guest visitors and field trip!

In May, our first special visitor was Holly Rennell from Exotic Edventures. She taught our students about different animals and they got to see and touch them! She brought animals such as a snake, rabbit, parrot, chinchilla and lizards. Our students had to stay very quiet not to scare the animals and they were so brave while touching them.

Christy Shields from WTAJ came to visit and teach us about the weather in April. She did some fun experiments and read us books about the weather. She patiently answered our many, many questions about the weather.

In May we made a trip to the Cresson Playhouse Theatre to watch Frozen Jr. It was an excellent play and it is so interesting to be so close to the actors. We thoroughly enjoyed every minute. We had special celebrations for the last 10 days of school in Kindergarten. Special themes and activities included: Bubbles, Art Day, Chalk, Stuffed Animals, Disney Day, Beach Day, Glow Day, Farm Day, the Soar Carnival, Ice Cream and PJ and Movie day.

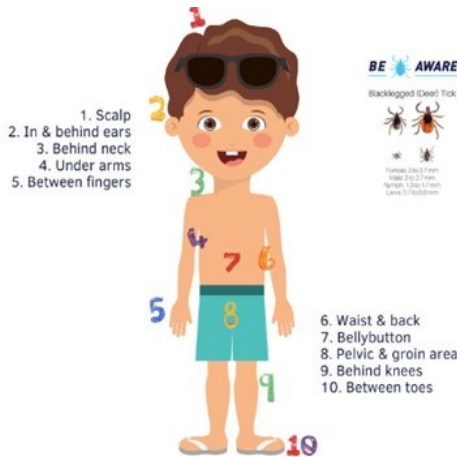


Lyme Disease

submitted by Mrs. Mills, Tyrone Elementary School Nurse



Warm weather is FINALLY upon us which means, so are the dreaded ticks. Ticks are tiny bugs that carry a nasty type of bacteria that causes Lyme Disease. Within the first couple weeks following a bite tick bite, the person may develop a red rash in a shape of a ring. This type of rash is often referred to as a “bullseye rash”. However, not everyone who is infected with Lyme disease will develop the bullseye rash. After some time, Lyme disease can start to affect other organs and systems in the body. It can cause issues with your heart (rhythm changes), joints (swelling/pain), and other flu-like symptoms (fever, muscle aches, headaches, and fatigue).



Ticks can attach to anywhere on the body but they particularly like the hairline, armpits, groin area, and behind knees and ears. This makes them extremely difficult to see. If a tick has been found, it should be removed properly. The quicker the tick is removed, the less of a chance of bacteria transmission into the bloodstream. If the tick is found early enough some physicians will give an antibiotic as a prevention. If symptoms do occur, make sure to see your physician for antibiotic treatment.

The best ways to prevent encountering ticks is to avoid places where they would be present. Avoid high grasses and weeds, ensuring to play on mowed grass and stay on the trails. Wear long sleeve shirts, pants, and closed-toe shoes when out in the woods. Buy some bug repellent and apply it to the body to keep the ticks away. Make sure to do constant checks all over the body, paying particular attention to those places where ticks love to be. Lastly, take a bath or shower.

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK FOR TINY, DARK SPOTS!

Congratulations, Mrs. Grieco!



Tyrone Elementary congratulates staff reading specialist Mrs. Jennifer Grieco who was recently nominated and announced as the winner of the “Say Cheese” award sponsored by HOT 100.1 and the Allied Milk Producers. On Thursday, May 25th, Mrs. Grieco accepted her award during a presentation at Tyrone Elementary School. In addition, the sponsors recognized our 4th grade teachers, as well!



Spring Activities in Third Grade

—submitted by Mrs. Chiocco

In third grade, we have been busy with many activities as we wind down and approach summer break! Students had a wonderful time at Fort Roberdeau for our field trip this year. Track and field day is also very popular with the third graders! We have even teamed up in science with first-grade

buddies and planted flowers, herbs, pumpkins, beans, and carrots. Here is a photograph of third and first-grade buddies planting into the school garden! We are happy to wrap up another year full of memories and learning and look forward to seeing you all in the fall.



Penn State Student Teachers Celebrate Tyrone Fourth Graders . . .



Tyrone Elementary is so thankful to have had a group of student teachers who demonstrated a love for teaching each day they were here. Below, those assigned to fourth grade wrote about their experiences and share their well wishes for the fourth graders as they transition to middle school!

Miss Riley: I am eternally grateful for the experiences I have had at Tyrone Elementary over the past eight months. To the fourth grade teaching team, staff, and administration: thank you for being so welcoming, inclusive, and accepting of me and the other fourth grade student teachers. You have all made our time here so special and fun! A special thank you to Mrs. Nadolsky for being an amazing mentor and role model— because of you, I have learned so much about what it takes to be a kind, compassionate, patient, and driven teacher and leader. To all of the fourth grade buddies that I've met, I wish you the best in your future endeavors and feel extremely lucky to have gotten the chance to meet you and know you. Last, but certainly not least, to my students in Mrs. Nadolsky's class— thank you for teaching me more about life than I was expecting to learn. Because of you, I have a new-found appreciation for Prime, the griddy (dance,) Batman, takis, Minecraft, WORDLE, and so much more. I am so proud of each and every one of you and will cherish all of the memories that we made together. I will miss you very much, but I am looking forward to keeping in touch with Mrs. Nadolsky to hear about your achievements and accomplishments. Remember to work hard, try your best, stay motivated, and believe in yourself!

Miss Bissett: My time as a student teacher at Tyrone Area Elementary school has been such a rewarding experience, and I have learned important skills that I will carry with me through my teaching career. I was able to observe and participate in classroom management, classroom instruction, collaborate with a great teaching team and learn student engagement strategies that I can adapt to my own teaching style. After graduation, I plan to return to my hometown in New Jersey and become an educator at a local elementary school. I am excited to use the knowledge I have gained here to create a positive environment for future students. I wanted to specifically thank Mr. Koller for being such a fun, creative, and kind mentor teacher, as well as the other 4th grader teachers, staff, and administration for everything they have taught me about what it means to be an educator. To the Tyrone fourth graders, congratulations on completing fourth grade and moving onto middle school! This is such an exciting time as you prepare for the next chapter in your academic journey, and always remember to try your best and continue a love for learning. To my class, thank you for being such great students and making this experience so memorable for me, and I will never forget having such an amazing first class. Best of luck to all fourth graders in your future educational career!

Miss Delli Carpini: I am so grateful to have been able to work with the students at Tyrone Area Elementary School for the past school year. I have learned so much during the time I have spent here student teaching. Not only did I learn how to become a teacher, but I also got the chance to learn about the community of people who work at and attend TAES. I want to thank Mrs. Paul for taking me under her belt and guiding me in this process. She is not only an amazing teacher but she is a great mentor as well! As for my students, I am so thankful for each and every one of you guys. You all helped me realize why I love teaching so much. I will never forget the fun memories we have all shared on top of all of the learning! Finally, I am thankful for the rest of the fourth grade team as well as the kind and welcoming staff that works here. After graduation, I am going to continue my education at Penn State to get my Master's in special education. I will forever be grateful for this opportunity and will miss student teaching here in Tyrone, but I can't wait to use what I learned in my own classroom one day!

Miss Black: I cannot express how lucky I am to complete my student teaching at Tyrone Elementary School. The elementary staff and students have been extremely welcoming and made me feel right at home. Mrs. Getz has been a great mentor. Not only did Mrs. Getz show me the ins and outs of teaching but also taught me how important it is to connect with each of your students. I am also grateful for the rest of the fourth grade teachers who were always there to answer questions and provide support as needed. At times it felt as if I had six mentors, which I appreciate more than words can tell. To my fourth grade students, I want to thank you for welcoming me into your classroom and treating me like I have been a part of the class since day one. Each day you reminded me why I want to be a teacher. It was you, the students, that kept me motivated each day. Each of you will do great in fifth grade and I will always be there cheering for your success.