

Tequesta Trace School Advisory Council Newsletter

APRIL 2019

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SOCIAL STUDIES

All grade levels are using FSA strategies within their curriculum to prepare students for the upcoming Literacy FSA reading portion.

In 6th grade all classes are starting the unit about classical post classical China. Including but not limited to the mandate of heaven, Chinese philosopher like Confucius etc.

In 7th grade all classes are preparing for a mock trial which will take place. We have been preparing the students discussing the case of MGM vs Honda regarding their James Bond in a Honda case and copyright laws.

In 8th grade all classes are covering the events leading up to the Civil War, including events like the Compromise of 1850, Kansas Nebraska Act, and Dred Scott Supreme Court decision.

MATH

Our Math FSA Workshop began this past Tuesday, April 9th. We pulled our FSA Math data from 2018 and invited those students who scored in the lowest 30% percentile for the school, to participate in the workshop. A Special thanks to the SAC committee for making the funds available for us to conduct this workshop. Thirty-six students from the various grade levels responded to the invitation. Our Math teachers have prepared additional standard-based practice for them, to help improve what we previously determined is our greatest area of weakness per grade-level. We also continue our FSA practice, for all students, in class. Teachers are creating lessons, and activities that best address the standards we still need to teach and review the standards we have covered up to this point.



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7:00p.m.



Guidance Department

- Make 4th quarter your best quarter. Continue to use your agenda, check pinnacle, and use good study habits to ensure good grades for fourth quarter. FSA testing has already begun, however here are the dates again. Good luck! You got this.
- 4/2 - FSA writing
- 5/1 -5/2 FSA ELA
- 5/6 - FSA Math 8th grade
- 5/7 - FSA Math All
- 5/8 - FSA Math 6th and 7th, FCAT Sci 8th
- 5/15-5/16 - Alg. /Geo. EOC's
- 5/21 - Civic's/ Biology EOC's .
- Remember NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES during testing. Information and resources can be found at <https://fsassessments.org/>
- If you have concerns about your child's progress it is not too late to schedule a conference with teachers or contact your grade level guidance counselor for assistance. It has been a pleasure working with your child and on behalf of the Guidance Department, have a great Summer.
- Angela Calle 6th grade
- Phillip Jones 7th grade
- Cynthia Veronick 8th grade

Art in Media

Collaboration class-Samples of the student's work are displayed here and the rest are hanging in the media center. They were tasked with designing an info-graph of a Dewey decimal subject classification. They reviewed the books in each subject and illustrated the topics relating to the subject. Their work will hang in the media center to help other students locate materials.

Electives

Nutrition class: We are finishing up a lesson on the endocrine system, endothelium and nitric oxide. We will be starting a unit on oxidation, inflammation, glycation and its effects on the body. We will also be learning the effects of grazing vs. gorging.

Computer class: This week we are logging into our CODE.org program.

Choir is learning music for May 16th Concert.

Just before the break Symphonic Band Received straight Superior ratings in every category at the Florida Bandmasters Association district Music Performance Assessment. They have begun working on new music this week for their concert May 23 rd. The younger bands are now preparing for solo and ensemble as well as their concert.

Jazz Catz are preparing for solo and ensemble in the form of Jazz Combos as well as preparing for FBA district jazz band assess-

ment on April 30th. They are also preparing for a joint concert May 16th with the show choir.

Our climatology and weather students have completed their class presentations and shared their learning with each other. Now we are studying the cause and effect of climate change, with emphasis on how it will affect South Florida. We are looking into what things can be done to protect our coastline and fresh water sources. We plan to finish the fourth quarter learning about our water supply and the initiatives to restore the Florida Everglades. This is important to insure that our residents will have a source of fresh water, as well as to protect our fragile ecosystem. We will also study how our local climate can affect tourism - our largest industry.

The peer counselors have been in the classrooms helping students one on one.

E.S.O.L.

Today is the last day of Language Enrichment Camp for the ESOL students. This concludes the second grant that we received from the ESOL department for the afterschool tutoring program. We have had 35 students actively participating. The students have been using the Imagine Learning program as well as participating in individual tutoring and have had an overall scale score increase of 39%.

The ESOL academic competition is quickly approaching. Competition is on April 27th at Piper High School. The team is busy learning their lines and memorizing their original oratories. We have already submitted the student's multimedia presentations, writing, art, play and talent portions of the competition for judging. We would like to thank Mr. Micensky for providing the

transportation and the PTA for helping us look unified with our team t-shirts. Today we will have two students presenting their declamations.

On Tuesday May 14, 2019 Broward County Schools will be hosting a group of educators from the Council of Great City Schools. These educators are here as part of the Bilingual, Immigrant and refugee conference. The participants are from around the country. They are coming to Tequesta to observe The Developmental language arts classes as well as learn about our Cambridge, bilingual and CANA programs.

In class we are working on different reading strategies and how to figure out the meaning of the words in a paragraph or story. We have been reading about Biomass Basics and how we can reduce and reuse energy sources. We are also continuing with our testing words activities and getting ready for the upcoming FSA's.

SVE

has finished FSAA testing and are going on LOTS of field trips in April & May.

4/17 - SVE students will be participating in the 'Student led demonstrations' about Florida native wildlife

4/24 - MODS/IMAX

4/25 - on campus Sawgrass Nature Center field trip

5/1 - Special Olympics basketball competition at NSU

5/8 - Flamingo Gardens field trip

Also going on a field trip to visit Cypress Bay & Western HS (date unknown yet)

AND - we have 7 students going on the end of the year field trip to Sea World!!

Literacy News

Our literacy workshops began in March and will continue through the end of April, taking us up to the FSA ELA dates of May 1st and 2nd. Additionally, all ELA teachers have been reviewing test-taking tips and sharing information from the state regarding practice tests and presentations to ensure students understand what to expect on testing days.

In the Language Arts department, Miss Laichak and Mrs. Wargo are excited to introduce another novel for the last quarter of the year, Alan Gratz's Code of Honor. The students will explore concepts of honor, loyalty, and close family bonds. While reading, 8th graders will analyze concepts of literature including theme, conflict, point of view, and character development. In addition, all 8th grade classes will study short fiction and non-fiction pieces coupled with high-level comprehension questions using test-taking strategies to prepare for the FSA Reading test.

Congratulations to Mrs. Robert's 4th-period 6th graders in our Reading department! They earned the most points on average per student last month on the Achieve 3000 "Read to Succeed" contest. Their average Lexile growth since August is 99 points. The class received a gift card that was used for treats.

From the Spanish classes, Mrs. Ibarra reports that Tequesta Trace was well represented at the District Spanish Competition on Saturday, March 16th at Rickards Middle.

Awards by Categories:

<u>Impromptu Spanish Speakers I</u>		<u>Declamation</u>	
E. Bastardo	First place	V. Capparelli	First place
K. Guia Gonzalez	First place	M. Luis Ibarra	First place
C. Lozano	First place	D. Pena	First place
<u>Declamation Spanish I</u>		<u>Poster Presentation</u>	
M. Odewole	Fourth Place	J. Gambrill	Second Place
		C. Cordero	Second Place

The March MAST Competition was the TTMS Speech and Debate Team's biggest turn out yet, with the following students winning medals among 35 Middle Schools:

- N. Foutch and G. Simpson in Policy Debate (undefeated this year!)
- Z. Reisman and B. Baldwin in Policy Debate
- R. Alizo and N. Becherucci in Public Forum Debate
- I. Shamoun and S. Palleija in Duo Interpretation
- A. Bravo in Impromptu Speaking
- S. Itriago in Dramatic Interpretation

The team is wrapping up the year with one more MAST in April, the Tournament of Champions on May 4th at Western High School. Additionally, three eighth grade students will be competing this summer at the National Speech and Debate Association's National Tournament in Dallas from June 18-22. Coach Levine is looking forward to a strong finish to the year!

The 2019 Broward County Literacy Fair awards presentation will take place on April 23rd at the Performing Arts Center. Our own G. Schultz and M. Dwyer were selected as winners from TTMS. Thank you to Mrs. Jennifer Wilson for this year's school fair.

The logo for 'FREAKY FRIDAY' features the word 'FREAKY' in a bold, outlined font above the word 'FRIDAY' in a similar style. The background is split into green and purple vertical sections.

Our very own Drama Class directed by Mrs. And Ms. Euler

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B.T.U.

BTU and Faculty Council completed the selection process and formulation of the Professional Development and Discipline Committees for the 2019-2020 school year. BTU continues to offer continuing education classes for its members and is currently working on its summer academy offerings. Several of our teachers take advantage of these classes for professional development and for renewal of their certificates. Contract negotiations for this school year have

We sponsored a RELAY FOR LIFE team for April 6th at Cypress Bay HS track. Fundraising efforts include online t-shirt purchase, online donations. Walk with us Saturday April 6th from 6pm-9pm to remember and celebrate our loved ones. This event ran overnight.

J.H.S.

Science News

To support the School Improvement Plan the previously scheduled and post-poned literacy PD Mrs. Manning was coordinating with Ms. Polatos-Quintero (to model a literacy lesson using our STEMScopes resources) will be scheduled for the teacher planning week 2019-2020.

Courtesy of Ms. Andreolas our sixth grade PLC is quite busy. Classes are participating in student-led presentations about manatees, alligators, venomous and non-venomous snakes, Florida Scrub Jay, Burrowing Owl, Florida Panther, and raccoons. Students will share and learn from other students about important animals they may see here in South Florida. Sawgrass Nature Center is scheduled to come out and present an alligator, rat snake, opossum, turtle, tortoise, and screech owl for students to learn their importance in our backyards here in South Florida.

This month also we have the Bee Farmer bringing raw honey and bees for our students to learn the importance of bees pollinating our fruit trees.

Our seventh grade PLC has finished their studies of energy transfer through ecosystems and are beginning to study the 7 different types of ecosystems. They are also reading a variety of science articles using Newsela.

Our eighth grade PLC is continuing their reviewing the standards assessed on the SSA which will be administered on May 8th.

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