

Tequesta Trace School Advisory Council Newsletter

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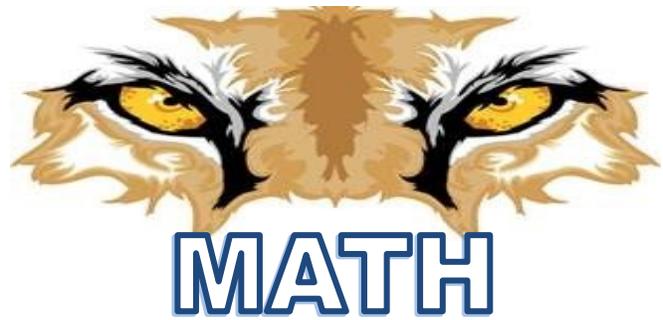
Paul Micensky, Principal

SOCIAL STUDIES

In 6th grade, World History, everyone has finished testing about China. Teachers are now reviewing all standards taught this year and students will be taking the Post Test within the next week or two.

In 7th grade, Civics, all teachers are reviewing standards and content. Also, we had a county representative Nicole Marsala come to our school to teach the students how to deconstruct the test questions. All teachers are providing students with practice questions and reviewing /deconstructing questions to include all standards required by the state. The End Of Course Exam is Tuesday, May 21, 2019. A great website for students to review with: <http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/civics>

In 8th grade US History, we are finishing with Civil War and Reconstruction Period. Students will have a final on USA test prep 50 questions. Some teachers are doing a unit on presidents or decades timelines if the students complete the course through Reconstruction.



The Math department would like to start by thanking the SAC committee for their approval of the funds to conduct our first Math FSA Workshop. We received an overwhelming positive response from the students and teachers who participated in the 4 workshop sessions. We will track these students' scores to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and will report back to you in our first SAC meeting of the 2019-2020 school year.

At this time, all students have taken their 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Math FSA tests. Our teachers worked diligently throughout the year and specially these last few weeks, to ensure that all standards were taught and reviewed prior to the test. We are now in the final preparations for the Algebra and Geometry EOC's, which will take place tomorrow and Thursday, May 15th and 16th. We wish all our students the best of luck! We look forward to seeing the results of their hard work and effort in our scores.

Thank You!

FACULTY AND STAFF
APPRECIATION WEEK!

WASHINGTON NATIONAL for our Pre-Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, May 3rd.

PEER COUNSELING for the yummy desserts enjoyed throughout the week.

NHS for the delicious fruit for breakfast.

MR. MICENSKY for the awesome water bottles!

PTA for the magnificent breakfast and lunch! The Chinese Theme was fun! The winners of all the raffle prizes

Our awesome PTA has purchases over \$21,000.00 in furniture for the Media Center!

They are also continuing the plans for Cody Cohen's Memorial Garden which will be named "Celebrating Cody"



On Saturday, April 27, 2019, Tequesta Trace Middle School ESOL students participated in the annual ESOL Academic Competition sponsored by the ESOL Department of Broward County Public Schools. This was a day of excitement and success, as Tequesta Trace Middle School led the way to championship status. Under the guidance of their teacher, Judith Franco, and her assistant, Margaret Giraldo, ESOL students prepared for extensive competition in the following categories:

1. Language Mastery Competitions (Declamation, Original Oratory, Impromptu Speaking, Writing, Spelling Bee)
2. Creative Display/Performing Arts Competitions (Skits, Media, Art, Talent)

The astounding results are as follows:

Overall Trophy/Language Mastery: Sofia Rodriguez, Sinay Barico, Lola Rinaudo, and Ana Villamil

Trophy for BEST SKIT

Trophy for BEST MEDIA

18 Individual Performance Trophies in all academic categories

14 Blue Medallions

10 Red Medallions

12 Red White and Blue Medallions

3 Green Medallions

4 Yellow Medallions

Total Number of Recognitions: 62

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Today Tequesta Trace will be hosting visitors from around the country from The Council of Great City Schools Bilingual, Immigrant and Refugee Education Directors Meeting. The Directors are visiting several schools in Broward County. They are coming to Tequesta to learn more about our Dual Language program, The Developmental Language Arts program, The ESOL Academic competition and The CANA (Cultural Academy for New Americans) afterschool program for the ESOL students. They will be escorted to several different classrooms by our ESOL ambassador students where they will see dual language classes and ESOL classes in action. Then they will return to the media center where they will have an International Lunch representing the many different cultures that we have here at Tequesta Trace. Next, they will see several presentations about the different programs as well as several different performances from the ESOL academic competition team.

Electives

ART: T. Jorge's and A. Villamil's artwork have been selected for exhibit at the 2019-2020 Superintendent's Gallery. A reception will be held in September.

NUTRITION: Working on menu planning, why we need certain vitamins and minerals and what foods we get them in.

COMPUTERS: Working on completing the CODE program.

DRAMA: With the successful completion of Freaky Friday at the end of April, Tequesta's theatre students are learning about the casting process. Through the completion of a project in which they are assigned a musical and are given the task of casting the show from the students in their class, students take on the role of "director." They must audition their classmates, and cast the show, justifying their choices and presenting the finished product in a creative way. Additionally, the students are working on their final performance evaluations, scheduled to be presented during the last two weeks of May.

PEER COUNSELING: Students have been coming in early on testing days and going into the classrooms

to help the teachers set up computers and prepare for FSA testing. Also, H. Wagner was honored on Monday, May 6, 2019, with a Kids of Character Award for her endless hours of volunteering.

CHOIR AND BAND: Students are preparing for the Spring concert May 23, 2019, at 6:00pm.

Over 90 students performed solos at our district solo and ensemble event, with over 40 receiving Superior ratings.

The jazz band performed at District Jazz band festival and received 2 excellent ratings and 1 Superior rating.

6th grader Andre Melendez was one of 50 Middle School students from Broward and Palm Beach Counties to receive a customized Trombone with Alex Schector engraved on the instrument and case this weekend from the Alex Schector foundation through Conn Selmner and All County Music. A. Schector was a 14 year old 9th grade Trombone Band student and was one of the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas tragedy.

Literacy News

As we close the school year, the Literacy Department says thank you to the SAC and leadership team for their continued support. Parent involvement is critical to student success, and your attendance and input are greatly appreciated. And looking towards next year, the ELA department values Mr. Micensky's decision to purchase Achieve 3000 for our intensive reading classes. This program has proven a great success for our reading students by improving the Lexile scores of our struggling readers, and the individual data reports are important to student progress monitoring.

The Literacy Workshops were completed just before testing. The feedback from students on their Reflection Logs was very positive with 100% of the attendees writing comments regarding the helpfulness of the lessons. Additionally, I'd like to acknowledge the donations of our business partners, Washington National and Huntington Learning, for the wireless speaker and candy. The names of the students that attended all sessions of both Math and Literacy were submitted into a raffle for the speakers, and the student that won was ecstatic. The morning sessions did prove somewhat difficult for our bus students to attend; however, it provided less disruption in the school day as past workshops in which students were pulled out of classes to attend. Once FSA results are in, we will analyze and record the data looking for student achievement.

Spanish I, II, Dual Language, and Spanish Speakers will have their final exam on May 23rd and 24th. The Tutoring/Spanish Club will continue until the Final on May 23rd. Spanish Speakers and Dual Language are working on Poetry and Declamation presentations.

From our Debate classes, May 4th was the Broward Middle Schools Tournament of Champions. Winners from TTMS include S. Palleija (2nd place) and J. Velazquez (4th place) in Program Oral Interpretation. They both had amazing pieces! Congratulations to them both! The TTMS Debate Team's regular season is over, but 8th graders M. Dwyer, N. Foutch, and G. Simpson will be attending the National Middle School Tournament this summer in Dallas, TX, along with their sponsor Mrs. Levine.

And to end the year on a literacy note, we will once again participate as a school in the Scholastic Summer Reading Program to encourage our students to read over the summer. All current 6th and 7th grade students assigned to Tequesta Trace as well as our feeder elementary 5th-graders are being given their unique usernames and passwords to use throughout the summer as they log in to the site and record their minutes read. All information regarding the program will be available on our school webpage at <https://www.browardschools.com/tequestatrace>

Science News

Finishing curriculum for grades 6 and 7. FCAT Science Assessment was administered May 8, 2019. EOY - End of Course - summative assessment for will be administered May 22 and 23, 2019. Family Life and Sexual Health lessons begin on May 24, 2019.

B.O.G.O. BOOK FAIR COMING NEXT WEEK!!

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