

Tiger Tales

Tunbridge Central School

Friday September 30, 2016



Good afternoon, and Happy Friday, Tunbridge Tigers!

What a fantastic first month we've had here at Tunbridge Central School! I wanted to share some of the highlights and also let you know of some upcoming dates for the month ahead:

Of note:

- School pictures are in; we are arranging for a make-up day and will certainly pass along that date when it is confirmed.
- K-4 Notes:
 - We started our k-4 weekly assembly last week and plan to continue this on a weekly basis; we celebrate our own accomplishments, those of others, and talk about how important it is to recognize people when they have been helpful and kind. Generally, it's a time for community building and recognizing the many aspects of our day. Though we like to do this weekly, we have yet to get into a regular rhythm / schedule.
 - Our middle school builds community on a regular basis in their Teacher Advisories; these TA's meet daily for snack / recess and once per week for a more structured curriculum appropriate for their grade level (executive functioning: decision making, organization, personalized learning plans, setting goals, etc). This week, our middle schoolers and staff have been involved with an Ecology Week (gr. 5 and 6) and an Exploratorium (gr 7 and 8). This project-based learning environment offers students an opportunity to learn on a multitude of levels in areas that may be of high interest or based on a theme that benefits all. Please see the website or facebook for pictures and/or videos....it's been exhausting for all participants, but incredibly fulfilling.
- Next week we'll be showing "Screenagers"-- a documentary film about teens and "screen time". Because this could be a concern for all parents, we have collaborated with The Sharon Academy, South Royalton School, The Newton School and Sharon Elementary to bring our communities together for the screening and a brief discussion. Our specifics: Tuesday October 4, 2016: Location: Oakes Hall, Vermont Law School, South Royalton. 6:30 p.m. showtime. FREE to families. A two minute movie trailer can be found at : <https://youtu.be/LQx2X0BXgZg>ABOUTTHEFILM) or by googling "Screenagers movie trailer".
- *Screenagers* is about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help them minimize harmful effects and find balance. From the filmmakers: "After seeing the film, people tell us that they feel more confident and better equipped to establish balance around screen time. " All parents are welcome to join us; seating is limited, so come early. We will be showing this film to all students in grades 5-8 early next week which will be followed by a brief discussion. Sorry; due to contract issues, we cannot show it more than these designated times.
- From MaryAnn Caron, coach and director of Saturday morning Pee Wee soccer: " Parents of Children Participating in the PeeWee Soccer Skills & Drills Clinic, Due to unforeseen circumstances we need to CANCEL the Skills & Drills Clinic this SATURDAY (10/1/16). "

- Important Dates:
 - Monday October 3: School Club meets at 6:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday October 4: “Screenagers” Film at Vermont Law School
 - Friday October 7th: noon release for students
 - Monday October 10: in-service day: no school for students
 - Wednesday October 12: TCS School Board meets 6:30 p.m. Tunbridge Central School

- Remember: photos, videos, important dates, contact information and much more can be found at our updated website: www.tunbridgeschool.org; we also try to keep our facebook page updated with some timely reminders and periodic photos. We recognize that not everyone has internet access, thus we will continue with this hardcopy as usual.

Thank you for being part of our community; I wish you a healthy, safe, and refreshing weekend.

Scott Farnsworth
Principal