

# TMS TEACHER BULLETIN



"No, I can't explain my D in math. That class teaches us about numbers, not letters!"

*UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF: Sept 26-30, 2011*

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## *COMING UP*

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- September 28<sup>th</sup> Faculty Meeting, 2:45 PM in the Lecture hall – School Improvement Goals.
- Picture Day is October 6th! The schedule was put in mailboxes on Friday. Please notify the office ASAP, if you see any problem with the schedule.
- Falcon News articles will be due on Friday, October 14, 2011. If you have any pictures I need them on a CD only. Please submit them in a word document. Thank you

## *INFO TO KNOW*

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- We now have access to the electronic version of the Hartford Courant, eCourant. Could we send an email to the staff to share the link? We will also include a shortcut to the site on the desktops of the library computers. Here is the link: [http://ee.courant.com/teas/nie/NIE\\_CESTEVEZ724](http://ee.courant.com/teas/nie/NIE_CESTEVEZ724) - If you have any questions, please see Celeste Estevez
- OT/PT is missing four rolling stools - no backs. They are marked OT/PT on the bottom of the stool. Please return them to Room 15.
- The following students' parents have elected to "Opt Out" of dissemination of information about their child. The form they returned states, "If you do not want us to use your child's picture, artwork, writing, or other examples of achievement in publications or on the website, please return this form."
  - Name Grade
  - Calchera, Anthony 6
  - Day, Edward 6

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- Garow, Anna 6
  - Reilly, Sean 6
  - Richardson, Victoria 6
  - Roche, Felicity 6
  - Rublewski, Hayden 6
  - Scheidel, Kelly 6
  - Trice, Camden 6
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  - Day, William 7
  - Renner, Erik 7
  - Riley, Patrick 7
  - Rodriguez, Brandon 7
  - Velez, Thera 7
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  - Beaupre, Andrew 8
  - Cassina, Chandler 8
  - Eccles, William 8
  - LaBonte, Alex 8
  - (Le )Specyalski, Connie 8
  - Reilly, Joe 8
  - Szeszowicki, Lauren 8
- **A reminder to all staff, please do not park in any spaces marked "Fire Lane" or "Reserved for Maintenance". Thank you.**
  - **Teachers have asked if they can provide food to students, as rewards for good work, in the forms of "snack packs," pretzels, mini-muffins, jolly ranchers, etc. The answer is no, we cannot provide food as incentives of any kind, no fruit, no snack packs, etc. You could give out pencils, erasers, etc., but no food. Recently I decided to allow only the 7th grade teachers to allow students to bring in something to eat, much like they bring in their lunch, to consume during a time of their teacher's choosing in the third time block. Seventh graders cannot share food, trade food, or sell food. I allowed this for 7th Grade primarily in response to information I received from the nurse, and the majority of the teachers on the 7th grade teams, that students were having trouble with the late lunch period they have this year. Unfortunately, it is unavoidable as one grade must have the late lunch, and we started the 6th grade lunch as early as was possible (10:49 AM). A question was raised about half days. I am not closed to the idea of a short classroom eating period during the half-days for everyone should the teams feel this is the way to go. Therefore, please give your Team Leaders feedback on the matter of snacks during half-days and I will ask for their consensus at the TMS Council on October 5th. The half-days pose a particular challenge in that it raises the question about whether we all do it, or none do it during half-days, as everyone is in the late lunch situation on those days. I will look forward to your feedback.**
  - **The Town of Tolland will be applying fall fertilizer to all school grounds during the week of Oct. 3 - 7, 2011. This contains no pesticides.**
  - **Picture Day Order Forms have been distributed to homeroom teachers. Please remind your students to give them to their parents. If they need additional forms**

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(maybe for a parent who doesn't live with them) have them pick up one in the main office. If any homeroom teacher did not receive the forms, we have plenty of extras, stop by the office.

- Thank you for your generous donations to the 9/9 Dress Down Day, which totaled \$207. "Team Kate" raised almost \$3000 to support the Jimmy Fund.
- Dress Down Days occur every payday. In order to participate, staff must contribute to the designated charity of the week. A minimum donation of \$3.00 is suggested. If you have a charity you would like to support, please let Roberta know, and we'll try to schedule it. Last year we raised \$3,163. A list of the contributions is attached to this bulletin.
- Falcon News Deadlines 2011-2012 there are five issues of the Falcon News mailed home to parents throughout the school year. The first issue was mailed before school started. The deadlines for the remaining issues will be as follows:

**October 14**

(Mailed home November 30)

**January 6**

(Mailed home January 20)

**March 9**

(Mailed home March 23)

**May 11**

(Mailed home May 25)

Please make note of the "mailed home" date so that time sensitive information may be included in your article and will not be outdated. We would like to include your digital photos. Please give me a disk and specify which photos you would like included. (The extras can be included if space permits) Thank you! Debbie Misiura