



The Bear Truth

Tellico Plains High School
“Where Opportunity Meets Excellence”



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Principal Notes....

Mr. Russell Harris

Greetings from Tellico Plains High School. They say times flies and it must be true because we are already on the verge of the end of the first semester. It seems like it was just days ago that students were back from summer vacation. As we draw close to the end of a great first half, I would like to thank all the faculty, staff and parents for their help in making this year start off so well.

Finally, I continue to be proud of the student body as a

whole. More students are involved in TPHS clubs and sports this year. Bear spirit is high, and our staff is diligently working to reach each student here at TPHS.

I would like to congratulate all of our fall sports teams. The football team, girls' soccer team, volleyball team, cross-country team, and golf team did an outstanding job of showing excellent sportsmanship and Bear Spirit!

Our basketball teams are busy getting ready for a season of excitement; make plans to continue to support our Bears and Lady Bears.

Finally, a word about the learning spirit that our students are beginning to develop. They all are doing their best to improve their academic performance, and with great teachers we believe that all our school's goals can be attained. Students hang in there! We know it's tough sometimes, and we encourage you to work hard to achieve success. As we come up on the Thanksgiving and Christmas break and prepare for semester tests, I know that everyone here at TPHS is committed to excellence.

From the Assistant Principal . . .

Mrs. Sharon McKinnon

Now that we have had a good fall break, it's time to buckle down and focus on our classes for the second nine weeks. Parents, please be aware of your child's progress in his/her classes. It greatly helps if you consistently remind your children of maintaining their grades to meet expectations. Again, I am a firm believer that attendance is key to a child's success in school. Students, please keep up the good efforts in coming to school; this will boost your achievement in all you do in the future.

Good habits live a long time and mold good citizens. We certainly know that here at TPHS our goal is to send good citizens into the community and the world.

Messages from Guidance

Mrs. Rachel Roberts

Seniors need to make sure to get college and vocational school applications completed. If you need help finding or filling out applications come to guidance. Also, seniors should check the scholarship table in guidance periodically to see if there is anything new.

A representative from Hiwassee College will be in guidance on November 19. Blaina Best will be meeting with students beginning at 9:00. Sign up in the guidance office if you would like to meet with her.

The deadline for the December ACT is November 8. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org. The December ACT will be given on the fourteenth. Students in Talent Search or students who qualify for free or reduced lunch can get a fee waiver to cover the cost of the ACT. The fee waiver will not cover the writing portion of the test.

End of Course tests and semester tests will be here before we know it. All students need to work hard and finish the semester strong. If anyone failed a class the first nine weeks, there is still a chance to bring your final grade up and pass the semester. A good score on the EOC tests can also help bring up your final average. Pay attention to your teachers and do what they ask. They are trying to prepare you to do well not only on these tests but also in your future.

Academics



Graduation Coach's News Release

Mrs. Kristi Martin

The academic year is quickly passing us by. Before we get too busy with holiday planning, let's be sure to remember some important dates:

November 8 - Mid Term Reports

November 18 - Discovery Education Assessment

November 27-29 - Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving will also soon be following, and we have a lot to be thankful for this year. Remember to count your blessings this holiday season.

Social Studies Department

Happy Thanksgiving! Government classes will be learning about the functions of the executive branch, as well as its departments and agencies. The electoral college will also be analyzed.

Psychology students will be exploring consciousness, which involves the stages of sleep and the meaning of dreams.

World geography classes will complete their study of the United States and begin a new focus on the country of Canada.

As the coordinator of the Veterans Day program at TPHS, Ms. Kim Martin would like to invite any veteran or military person to come be a part of the school's program on November 8, at 9 a.m. A breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. Please RSVP by November 6, by calling 253-2530 or 253-7190.

Math Department

In November, Algebra I students will be taking the second Thinklink exam via computer. We encourage all students to do their very best. We are continuing to work hard and have our sights set on the EOC exam in May. If your student is struggling in their math class, we do offer morning and afternoon tutoring here at the school. The 2nd nine week period is well underway; therefore, time is quickly passing for those students in math classes that are only one semester or a block class. Everyone needs to be studying really hard and try to finish strong.

The TPHS math department would like to wish everyone a "HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY" NOVEMBER aka "HUNTING SEASON." Here is a math problem just for the avid hunter! Deer, oh deer, oh deer, oh deer....One pair of adult deer, living in a good

habitat, can produce two fawns per year. Fawns are born 50-50 males and females (bucks and does). Fawns mature at two years of age. How many deer would be in this herd at the end of five years? Ten years? If hunters harvest 10 percent of the mature bucks each year, how many will they harvest the third year? The fifth year? The tenth year? (Answers are on page 5 of this newsletter.)

In October, the TPHS Scholar's Bowl Team participated in the 30th Annual East Tennessee PBS Scholar's Bowl Competition in Knoxville. The TPHS team will be broadcasted on PBS at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates: January 10 and February 6. Mark your calendar! The Scholar's Bowl team is comprised of: (Captain) Joe Bivens, Brad Gandy, Dakota Stone, Jeanette Stevens, Allissa Leudemann, Bryce Choate, Tayla Davis, and Hannah Williams.

Veterans' Day Assembly

November 8, 2013

9:00 a.m.

TPHS Gymnasium



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English Department

English IV - Coach Gary Tucker - November is filled with excitement as Coach Tucker's English IV classes begin Geoffrey Chaucer's famous *Canterbury Tales*. Students will also present five-minute oral reports.

English III – Mrs. Cristal Harrill - Students in English III classes are reading short story and poetry selections by the great American Masters. Preparation for the writing assessment in February is also a major focus in all classes.

English II and English IV Dual Enrollment - Mrs. Lisa McDaniel - English II students are finishing their research papers over famous authors and beginning the classic *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare. English IV classes will continue to improve their writing skills as they compose article summaries, a fourth essay, and their senior dossier.

English II – Mrs. Heiskell - Students are continuing their study of the short story: analyzing symbolism, foreshadowing, and characterization. Also, all classes are working diligently on their grammar review and vocabulary study as required for EOC testing.

English I - Mrs. Sandy Childress - English I students are finishing an author study of Edgar Allan Poe and memorizing his famous poem "Annabel Lee." The short-story unit will continue with emphasis on literary techniques. Daily Oral Language remains the focus for grammar and EOC review.

If you are a parent with limited English proficiency or a disability that hinders your understanding of any and all information provided to you by the school, please contact the administration at

TPHS at 423-253-2530.

**Answers from Math
Department Deer Problem...**

Year 5 Yields 26 Head of Deer

Year 10 Yields 288 Head of Deer

Bucks Harvested Year 3 = 0.2

Bucks Harvested Year 5 = 0.5

Bucks Harvested Year 10 = 5.5



Fine Arts Department

In the coming weeks the art students will complete the designing, decorating, and final chair projects. Also, students will be working with oil-based paints on canvas including pastoral scenes, portraits, and local historic landmarks. My classes have so much talent, I am sure there will be many wonderful paintings. The student paintings will be sold at the local library for a fundraiser to help with purchasing equipment, books, and needed supplies.

Students in Spanish I will be practicing dialogues as they have increased their vocabulary. Spanish II students are finishing a review of stem-changing verbs before moving on to the imperfect tense, another tense that will be interesting. The students are learning they can use the language as they try to communicate with the skills they have perfected.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Science Department

All science classes are very busy this time of year. In physical science students are studying work and power. They are conducting labs in order to gain a better understanding of these concepts. Mr. Carroll's Biology I class has just finished its unit on cells and is beginning to discuss genetics. Mrs. Brown's chemistry classes are having fun balancing chemical equations and learning about chemical reactions. Mr. Witt's biology classes have just completed a genetics unit and are going to begin talking about the theory of evolution. EOC tests are coming up in December. These are very important tests and make up 25% of students grades. So study hard and lets finish strong!

Academics



Vocational Department

Mr. Kurt Harrill's document formatting classes will be working on language arts, timed writings, and formatting MLA style papers this month. Interactive multimedia presentation class is currently producing bully-free skits to present to the student body during activity period. Desktop publishing classes are making business documents for our fictional company ACME Chikin. Computer applications is still in Microsoft Word at this time, working on document formatting such as tables and reports.

The agriculture classes are currently holding their annual Citrus Sales now through November 14. The delivery date is December 3. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Kathy Ingram. The students will also be participating in the Parliamentary Procedure and Opening & Closing FFA competitions held at McMinn County High School on November 19. We would like to wish everyone good luck! Happy Thanksgiving!

Good News from The Learning Lab...

The first Bear's Club field trip was a success! The Bear's Club toured the campus of Tennessee Wesleyan, learning about all of the degrees offered. Some of our students even won contests, receiving a travel cup. The next Bear's Club field trip is November 26, where students will be touring the facilities of Coca Cola in Cleveland, TN. If you plan to go, be sure to remember to wear sneakers!

Meanwhile, back in the classroom, students are shaking things up in our many game challenges. In August, Corey walked away with our first Uno Challenge as well as the Rummikub Challenge, winning hand after hand. In September, Elmer took the Uno Challenge title, with Randi and Vernon taking huge wins in Rummikub. October is bringing new surprises with winners like Paul and Mark beating Tooter and myself in a Uno Students vs. Teachers Challenge. I am sure, teachers will eventually prevail, but it will take a lot of work to beat these two boys!

In the academic areas, Randi and Vernon are stacking up the over 100%'s every week in

Just So You Know...

NO SCHOOL

November 1

Staff Development

November 27-29

Thanksgiving Break

Have a safe
and happy
Thanksgiving
Break from
the faculty
and staff at
TPHS!



spelling, while Paul and Vernon are excelling in math.

The Gifted Program is off to a great start as well. Field trips are being planned, fundraising will soon begin, and college essays are being perfected. If you haven't yet consulted with me, you need to stop by on the scheduled days. (9/10 Grades- November 06, 20; 11/12 Grades-November 07, 21...All times are 1:40 p.m.)

This month's big 'Shout-Out' goes to Paul! Paul is working extra hard in all of his classes, even asking to do extra work to learn more. In addition, he has been an example in reminding everyone of the expectations within the classroom!!! Goooooo Paul!

Mrs. Woods's class is working hard on correcting common grammar mistakes in DOL. The Bears Club has a guest speaker on October 25 during eighth period. Students must attend at least one career speaker event and two field trips (one being our annual transition fair in May) to be able to go on the Dollywood trip at the end of the year.



GO BEARS!

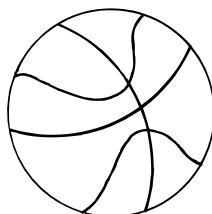
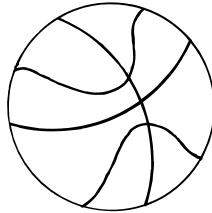
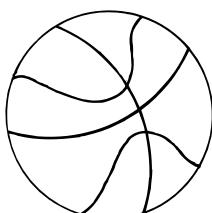
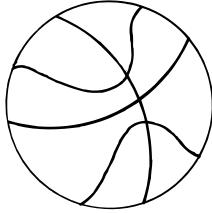




Sports News



Lady Bears & Bears 2013-2014 Basketball



Nov. 12	Polk County	Home
Nov. 14	Oliver Springs	Away
Nov. 19	Loudon	Home
Nov. 22	Sequoyah	Home
Nov. 25	Union County vs. Andrews, NC	
Nov. 26	Union County vs. Lumpkin, GA	
Nov. 29	Midway	Away
Dec. 3	Harriman	Away
Dec. 6	Meigs County	Home
Dec. 9	Murphy, NC	Away
Dec. 10	Polk County	Home
Dec. 13	Grace Christian	Away
Dec. 17	Hiwassee Dam	Away
Dec. 20	Murphy, NC	Home
Dec. 26-31	Lady Bears at Walt Disney	
Jan. 3	Greenback	Away
Jan. 7	Midway	Home
Jan. 10	Rockwood	Away
Jan. 14	Rockwood	Home
Jan. 16	Meigs County	Away
Jan. 21	Polk County	Away
Jan. 24	Greenback - Homecoming	Home
Jan. 28	Loudon	Away
Jan. 31	Sequoyah	Away
Feb. 4	Grace Christian	Home
Feb. 7	Harriman	Home
Feb. 11	Hiwassee Dam - Senior Night	Home

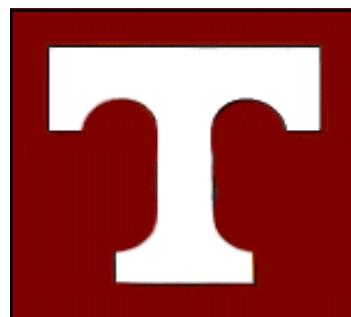
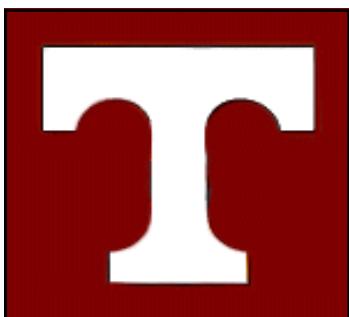
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Lady Bears Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Gary Tucker
Assistant Coach: Sheila Cole



Bears Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Shawn Yates
Assistant Coaches: Donald Balcom
and Jarrod Johnson