



The **Bear Truth**



Tellico Plains High School
"Where Opportunity Meets Excellence"

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Principal Notes....

Mr. Russell Harris

The 2015-2016 school year has gotten off to a great start. I have the highest expectations that this year will be one that is full of learning, enthusiasm, and spirit. We always have and will continue to put your child first and to strive to make our school one that is safe and drug free. Parents, encourage your child to be here each day, work hard, join activities and clubs, and just make this year as successful as possible.

Parents, continue to insist that your child to do his or her best academically. Any student with all A's for the semester receives a maroon card. Maroon card holders may enter all TPHS

regular season ballgames, dances, or concerts free of charge. Any student with all A's and B's for the semester will receive a white card. White card holders may enter a total of five TPHS regular season ballgames, dances, or concerts free of charge. These cards are good for the next semester.

Another incentive to earn a B or higher average is the Hope Scholarship. This scholarship is available to all Tennessee high school graduates for most Tennessee colleges and trade schools. It is guaranteed for students with a B average or a 21 ACT score. All TPHS students have the ability to obtain a B average with some studying and hard work. It is the cumulative average, so don't wait until you're a senior to

start trying. The TN Promise Scholarship's deadline for all seniors is November 1. Please stop by and see Mrs. Sarah Brown in the guidance office and apply for this wonderful opportunity.

We would like to wish our fall sports teams (cross country, golf, soccer, volleyball, and football) our best as they close their seasons and start the playoffs. If you have not taken the opportunity to come to our sporting events, then you are missing a special season.

Please feel free to contact teachers and discuss your child's academic progress anytime. You may send a note or call the school at 253-2530. Each teacher has a daily planning time to call you back. I hope everyone has an outstanding and a safe Fall Break!

From the Assistant Principal...

Mrs. Sharon McKinnon

October brings a change of season, falling leaves, Halloween, and the first GRADE CARDS! The first nine weeks ends on the October 9, and grade cards go out October 23. Our students need to be in school everyday in order to receive the most effective instruction the teachers have to give. It is the mission of TPHS to establish a strong foundation across the curriculum with special emphasis on reading, writing, and mathematics by meeting or exceeding state standards of accountability.

With that being said, it is truly an exciting time at TPHS, having received yet another Bronze award recognizing the school for having been named as one of the nation's top performing schools by *US News and World Report*. From the 21,000 high schools evaluated in 49 states and the District of Columbia, Tellico Plains High School was awarded a Bronze Medal for preparing its students for career and college readiness. So, calling all BEARS, let's shout to the world Tellico Plains High School's impressive achievement and newfound title, "aka" the BRONZE MEDALIST for four years running!

Guidance Office Announcements

Mrs. Sarah Brown

The guidance department has been working hard to make sure that our seniors are applying for the TN Promise Scholarship. If your student has not applied, please encourage him/her to do so. Seniors have to apply by November 1, 2015. They do not have to use this scholarship, but at least they will be eligible for it if they do decide that they want to take advantage of it. Every senior received a scholarship and financial aid packet from the guidance office. If anyone needs assistance in completing college applications or scholarships, please stop by the guidance office and we will be happy to help you in any way that we can.

All sophomores will be taking the ACT Plan test on October 21. We encourage everyone to do their very best. The scores from this test will be used to determine if students can take dual enrollment courses their junior year. If you are not familiar with dual enrollment courses, please stop by the guidance office, and we will explain to you how this works.

The ACT will be given on October 24. Students need to remember to bring photo identification and their ACT ticket, along with some #2 pencils. Juniors will also be taking the AS-VAB test on October 26.

Grade cards will be going home to parents/guardians on October 23. If your student needs any help with tutoring, please visit or call the school to check out tutoring schedules. We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful fall break!



Academics



Ghostly Greetings from the English Department!!!

Coach Gary Tucker's English IV classes are studying the Anglo Saxon Period, which includes *Beowulf*, and the Middle Ages, which includes Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*.

Mrs. Lisa McDaniel's English IV/Dual Enrollment class will begin their argumentative research papers over a topic of their choosing. Focus will be placed on MLA documentation and formatting.

Mrs. Lisa McDaniel's English II students will continue to practice their writing skills as they focus on close readings of nonfiction materials and referring

back to them in original paragraphs and essays.

Mr. Chris Hollinghead's English II classes will be reading short stories and examining the elements of the short story. One of these stories is "The Monkey's Paw," a W. W. Jacob's thriller for Halloween! We will also soon begin a study of the Shakespearean tragedy *Julius Caesar*.

Finally, Mrs. Brooke Evans and Mrs. Sheann Graham's English I classes are finishing their first writing project. The next unit of study will consist of famous short stories, which illustrate many of the literary ele-

ments students are required to know for the TNReady test. Just in time for Halloween is the famous short story by Edgar Allan Poe entitled "The Cask of Amontillado" – In pace requiescat !! Students, be VERY, VERY afraid!

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DEAR BRUTUS,
IS NOT IN OUR STARS,
BUT IN OURSELVES."**

-SHAKESPEARE

Math Department

The TPHS math department would like to wish everyone a "Beary Spooky Fall Season." The Algebra I students are continuing their way through a plethora of objectives with our sights set on the New TNREADY exams in April and May of next semester. Geometry and Algebra II students will also have these exams but for students enrolled in geometry this semester those testing dates start in November. Much To Do! Much To Do! MAHAHAHA!

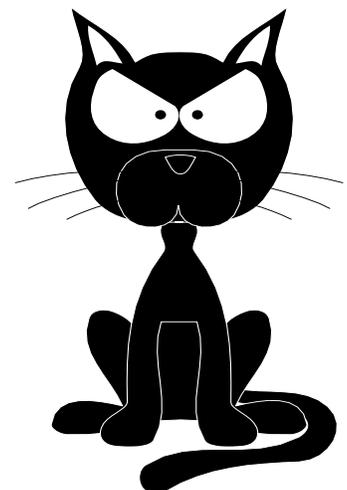
If your student is struggling in their math class, we do offer morning and afternoon tutoring here at the school. The end of the 1st nine week period is this month, therefore students in other classes that are only one semester or a block class will only have one more nine week period to improve their grades. Everyone needs to be studying really hard.

Trick-or-Treat Problem: If every fourth trick-or-treater is a vampire, and every 6th, a witch, how many of each will you see if seventy-five trick-or-treaters come to your door? Answers: 18 Vampires & 12 Witches.

Special Education Department...

The special education department is working to make sure all fall IEP meetings are scheduled. We always appreciate our parents for being apart of these meetings. Our year has gotten off to a great start. Our students are doing well in their classes, and we are very proud of them.

**FALL
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Academics



Science Department

Your students are doing a variety of things in the various classes within the science department. Mr. Mitchel Witt's Biology I classes are learning about reproduction, both in cells and in human beings.

Mr. Barry Carroll's Biology I students are finishing a section on ecology and beginning a section on cells.

Tonya Brown's chemistry students are learning how the periodic table is constructed and doing reactions in labs. Biology II students are getting ready to start a section on anatomy and physiology that will last into the next semester. They will also begin to dissect various animals in the coming weeks. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable fall break!

Fine Arts Department

Spanish I students are learning more expressions to improve their communication skills in Spanish. During the month of October students will learn how and when the Spanish celebrate Halloween. The Spanish celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) on November 2, not on October 31. Students will learn about the different activities celebrated on Dia de los Muertos. A fiesta may be in the works to end the month of October.

Spanish II students are working on a cultural unit comparing the private and public schools of South America. They are comparing the similarities and differences in this unit. Thank you parents for your support with encouraging your students to be respectful and learn as much as they can! Spanish II classes are doing well and you parents are the reason. Your encouragement is very much appreciated as I try to teach students the Spanish language and culture.

Social Studies Department

Happy Halloween! Government students have become familiar with the origins of government, other world structures, and how we came to have the Declaration of Independence. This month the writing of, meaning of, and reasons for, and the founders behind the United States Constitution, will be explored.

U.S. history classes will be focusing on the progressive era from 1890-1920. This era includes the drive for reform in the United States, how women made progress and fought for the right to vote, the struggle against discrimination of African Americans, and how President Theodore Roosevelt changed the government's role in the economy.

Economics classes are now working on a budget for the students when they have their dream job. They are to include all expenditures. This should be an "eye opener" for some of them. Hopefully, this will give them a better idea of the real world. Ask them what they are doing and relate some of your own experiences.

-- SENIOR ALERT --

TN Promise

Application Deadline

November 1, 2015

Media Center

The TPHS Beta Club will be participating in several activities during October. Several members will be attending the National Beta Club Leadership Conference in Sevierville. Also, they will be volunteering and gaining service hours at both the TPES Fall Carnival and RVS Fall Festival. I know they are excited about seeing former teachers and helping them raise money for these schools.



October 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Volleyball (H) vs. Loudon	2 Football @ Wartburg FFA Citrus Sale Be- gins	3
4	5 Volleyball (H) vs. Polk Co.	6 Soccer @ Sequoyah FFA Regional Soil Judging	7	8 CC to Hiwassee College	9 Football vs. Sweet- water End of 1st Nine Weeks	10
11	12 FALL BREAK	13 FALL BREAK	14 FALL BREAK	15 FALL BREAK	16 FALL BREAK Football @ Oliver Springs Report Cards Go Home	17
18	19 Underclassman Picture Makeup	20	21 Scholar's Bowl to PBS	22 BETA Leadership Conference CC to Baylor	23 Football vs. Grace Senior Night BETA Leadership Conference	24
25	26 Junior ASVAB	27	28	29 CC Regionals @ Ashe Park	30 Football @ Rock- wood	31