

TUESDAY TALON



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:13



At the beginning of the school, our Family Teacher Organization held a fundraiser for families looking for specific giving. Our first No Show Gala was a big success. All of our goals were reached due to the generous giving from our community. This week, our students can enjoy one of those items, Gaga Ball. Gaga Ball is a mixture between dodgeball, wall ball, and played in an octagon. And the students love the game.

While my kids had dust on their shoes and pants, they also had huge smiles and stories to tell about their Gaga games when they finished school. Over the coming weeks, you will begin to see the beginning of our campus beautification. Over Fall Break, landscaping will be placed in several areas around campus and a sun shade installed over our courtyard. As teachers, we are excited about the improvements to our school. Also, the No Show Gala purchased Chromebooks for the school community. Thank you for your continued support of our community. Also, thank you, FTO, for all you do for the teachers and students at our school. Your hard work is appreciated!



In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley



THE LEARNING COTTAGE CORNER



Our first annual Fall Trike-A-Thon at The Learning Cottage was a huge success! We want to thank everyone who came out to cheer for us, help us, and those who donated time and money to support our school.



RYLA CONFERENCE

When Ms. Hess first came to me and asked me if I would like to go to this RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) event, I was a little hesitant. Going into it, I felt really nervous because I was the youngest person to be invited to this event. Little did I know that from this day, I would walk out with new friendships, exciting experiences, and important life lessons.

When I woke up Saturday, September 24th I had all the nerves. It was so early that it was still dark outside. As I got Starbucks with my mom, I remember thinking about what the day would be like. When my mom and I pulled into the Cleveland High School parking lot, I immediately saw the car of my close friend Ben Sluder. I started feeling much better about the day. Then I saw Oksana Goroshko and Ava Orr and immediately took a deep breath.

The four of us hopped into the big charter bus ready to take a nap on the long car ride. We all had nerves and were quite anxious because we had no idea what we were walking into. We finally arrived at Camp Nakanawa after the long, two hour car ride. The first thing we found out about the day was that we were going to be separated into groups of around twelve students from schools all around East TN. We immediately started to panic but Miss Hess reminded us we weren't alone in this feeling.



As I went to join my group, I noticed everyone was so nice and we all expressed similar feelings. We got over the "get to know you" section and we went straight into our first activity. In this first activity we had to get comfortable with each other and learn to work together pretty quickly. We all started to get less anxious. Throughout the day, we did many activities where we had to solve problems and work together to figure it out.



On top of this, there were lots of activities that forced me to step out of my comfort zone. For example, there was zip-lining and a tree swing where you had to trust your teammates to pull you into the air before swinging across trees. It was comforting to know that my group and I were all doing new things together.

Later in the day, meteorologist Mark Baldwin spoke to us. Mr. Baldwin taught us many important things and lessons about leadership. I learned that there IS an "I" in a team, which means that when you are a part of a team YOU have something unique to contribute to the team. My biggest takeaway from RYLA was that just because you fail does not mean you should give up. In life, failing is inevitable but failure doesn't matter, it's how you react to that failure that can turn into something good and beneficial.

At the end of this journey, I can say that I am so thankful that I was given this opportunity. Not only did I walk away with important life lessons, but I walked away with new friends, new memories, and new experiences. I am so thankful for TCPS providing me and other students this opportunity.



Written by Anastasia Ladd, 10th Grade



LOWER SCHOOL FIELD TRIP - CONSERVATION CAMP



On Wednesday (9/28), 3rd and 5th grade students went to Conservation Camp at 5 Points Museum. There were many activities the students participated in to learn about various areas of conservation. They were actively involved in the water cycle by rolling special dice and adding a colored bead to their string. They discovered that some areas, by size, contribute more to the water cycle.

Students were taught about the many ways to get plants to grow. We learned about planting seeds and how to save the new seeds that plants produce to use them in the future. We learned about planting bulbs and how they multiply to make many flowers over the years. There are so many ways to help make our world beautiful, and we learned several of them.

They learned about the different kinds of rocks. But they were really interested to learn about all the different ways that rock products are used in our everyday life. Similarly, they learned how important trees are to our environment, but also what things are needed for them to grow in their specific environment. This was learned by playing a game with colored chips.

Students learned about the microscopic creatures, specifically plankton, found in our water. More importantly, they learned that while this is not something we would consider to be beneficial,



they actually are because they are food for small animals, and the food chain would not be complete without them.

Probably the favorite session of the day was by a ranger from Red Clay. She brought weapons of the local Indian tribes. She discussed what each was, what it was used for, and even how they were made. Then each student was allowed to try their hand...I mean mouth, at a blow gun! Don't worry, they were aiming at a target, not each other!

Finally, we learned about the energy monster and ways to prevent wasting energy. We loved our day of Conservation Camp and all the thoughtful activities the presenters made available to us.



XC TEAM



The XC Team, along with coach Fletcher and several Dads of team members and students participated in the Cleveland 5 km & Half Marathon Race presented by Terra Running on Saturday, October 1st. The weather was perfect, Terra Running made everyone feel welcome, Mayor Brooks was

there to start the races, and TCPS had a huge presence among the crowd of people. The XC Team was able to experience how amazing the community of runners can be, especially ours here in Cleveland, TN. Even though it was a competitive race, everyone encouraged everyone.



To round out the excitement of the day, we had several podium finishers! For the 5km race, girls under 20, Ashley Lyles was 2nd and Audrey Lyles was 3rd; for men, 30-39, Dr. Fletcher was 2nd; and for men over 40, Mr. Campbell was 3rd! And for the half marathon race, Mr. Dodson -- along with little Holden in a running stroller! -- got 4th place overall, and 3rd for men 30-39!

TCPS has some fast runners and we will most likely turn this race into a tradition for our XC Team and families in the coming years!

Thanks to everyone who made it out to cheer us on!

Written by Michael Fletcher



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