

# School MATTERS

**Titusville School District Newsletter**



## EDUCATION after COVID



We are sure everyone has heard the cliché, "I just want everything to go back to normal." What is the new normal? What does education look like beyond COVID-19? The Titusville Area School District has faced many challenges from keeping our buildings open and safe to student learning losses and an increase in student social and emotional

concerns. The District has weathered the worse of the pandemic but must rebuild some key foundational areas to forge ahead.

Throughout this year, the District has seen a return to in-person learning and student activities. It has been nice to see students and families engaged in our music program concerts, musicals, plays, and athletic events. Being able to recognize student achievement together at events such as the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony has been a welcomed return. The District understands the need to hold in-person events to engage our students, families and the community.

After the better part of two years, our students have demonstrated some level of learning losses especially in Reading/English Language Arts and Math. Our teachers and administrators are working with students to provide additional supports to catch students up and get them back on track. For the 2022-2023 school year, the District is adopting a new reading and literature curriculum for K4 through twelfth grade. The District is also working to address instructional strategies to best meet our students' needs.

As part of our ongoing efforts to assist students, the District is again planning to offer summer programming for all students. The elementary program will focus on reading, math and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). The middle and high school programming will assist students with credit recovery so that they can move to the next grade level or stay on track for graduation. To assist families and encourage participation, the District will be providing transportation and offering meals during the program.

As this year ends and we prepare for the new school year, we need to reset so that we can get off to a great start. Together, we need to improve student attendance and establish daily routines at school and at home so that our students can experience success. In-person learning is essential as we move forward into the new normal.

**Stephanie Keebler**  
Superintendent

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## Transition Night

Titusville High School recently hosted a night of Transition activities for students and parents. Mrs. Teresa Zdarko, Transition Coordinator for the Titusville Area School District, arranged a Parent Night in the high school cafeteria. Early Outreach Coordinators Bridget Rizzardi and Jennifer Divins presented information about the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. They explained the application process, the available services, and their mission to assist Pennsylvania students with disabilities to secure and maintain employment and independence.

Art teacher Rob Cartney worked with his student teacher, Miss Claire Hlad, to provide a painting opportunity for all attendees. The families designed and painted their own masterpieces using a template. The beautiful spring flower paintings were crafted while sipping cold water and eating delicious cookies!

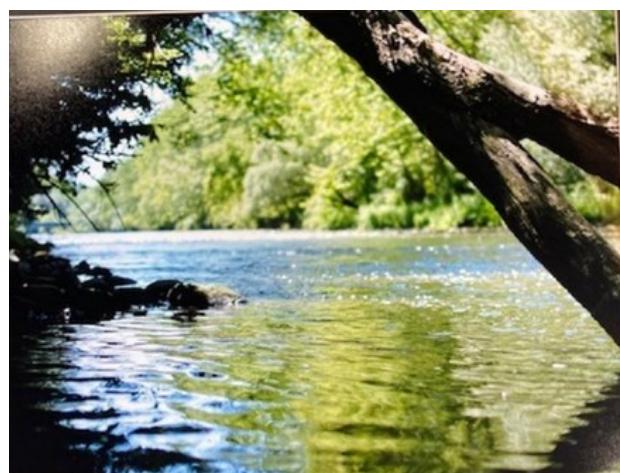
Six carefully selected door prizes were given away. The basket themes ranged from career fields like culinary arts, dental hygiene, automotive technology, construction technology, cosmetology, etc. The fun-filled evening was enjoyed by all.



## High School Student Receives Art Award

The Congressional Art Competition is an annual contest sponsored by the Congressional Institute to encourage and foster arts and culture among high school students. Each year, House Members may honor high school students from their districts by selecting a piece of artwork for inclusion in an exhibit at the U.S. Capitol. Millions of visitors to the U.S. Capitol view this exhibit each year.

On Saturday, May 14, U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA) announced the winners of the 2022 Congressional Art Competition during a ceremony at Sans MOCO Gallery & Studio in Greenville, Pennsylvania. Cole Endres, a THS senior, received 2nd place with his digital photograph entitled “Under The Branch”.



Rep. Kelly hosted the winners and their families for a gallery showing and presented the winners with their prizes. Cole's artwork will be on display in Rep. Kelly's office in Washington, D.C. for 11 months.

Congratulations to Cole Endres!

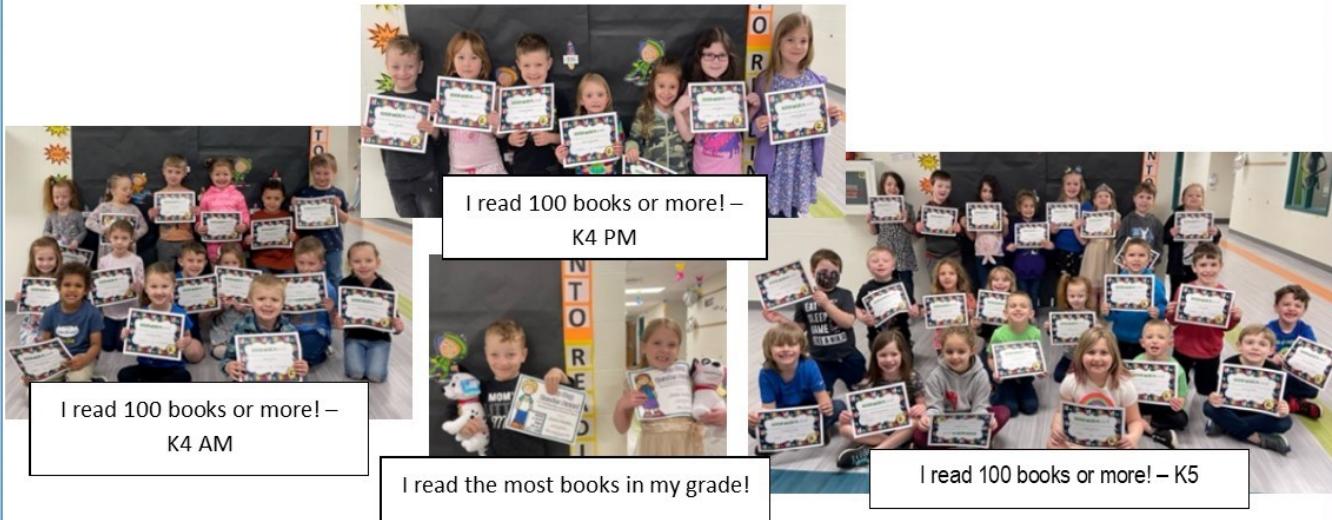
# ECLC News

## Read-a-Thon

During the month of March, the ECLC PTG holds its annual Read-a-Thon Fundraiser. We celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America which both fall in the first week of March. Each child gets sponsors for reading books. This year was a huge success. 47 of our students

read over 100 books during the month. All students that participate are recognized with a certificate. The child that reads the most books in K4 and K5 receives prizes and certificates. Each K4 and K5 classroom that reads the most books as a class gets a class party of their choice. The 47 students that read over 100 books also received a prize and certificate. The funds raised are used toward the end of the year field trips, class projects, school events, and special nights.

Thank you to everyone that participated!

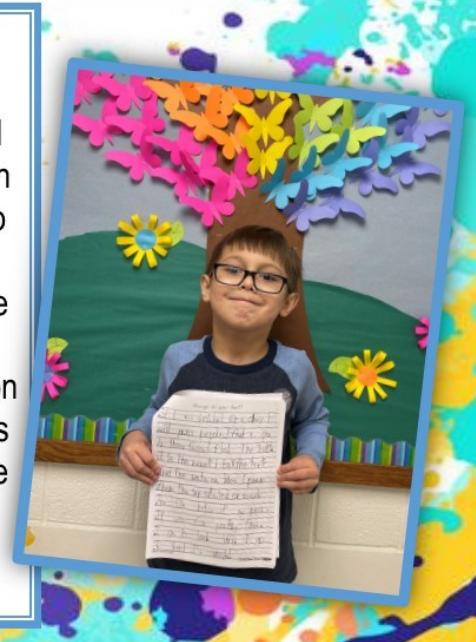


## WQLN Kids Writers Contest – ECLC Winner

Myles Platt, a kindergarten student at the ECLC, received second place honors in the 2022 WQLN Kids Writers Contest. Students in grades PreK-5 were encouraged to participate. Each entry had to be between 50-200 words and have five original illustrations.

Myles wrote and illustrated a story detailing what he would do if he were invisible. His story and illustrations were very creative with lots of details. Myles will be honored in a special winner's reception at WQLN on May 25 and receive prizes. Myles, his family, and his teacher have been invited to attend. What a special honor for one of the district's youngest learners.

Congratulations Myles!!!



# Hydetown Happenings

## Music Classes Shine

On March 30, Hydetown learners who had recently finished their music class rotation were able to perform some of their songs in the gym. The music classes used the Olympic theme. Kids created a country, voted on colors and created a theme song for their country. During the class, students learned about different countries and their music. Miss Cicero organized the in-house “concert” and concluded the event with a medal ceremony.



Learners perform songs in the gym at the conclusion of their music class rotation.

## Fourth Grade Learners Have Fun on Arbor Day

Fourth grade learners had the opportunity to take a break from state testing and spend an afternoon learning in the outdoors. On April 29, the Titusville Shade Tree Commission in collaboration with the PA Game Commission provided unique learning opportunities in Scheide Park. Students rotated between stations where they learned about tree planting, played a game about the environment and learned about seeds.



## Read Across America

Read Across America was recognized during the week of March 2. Every morning, learners walked into a different “crime scene” and studied the clues to determine which popular children’s book was represented. Students cast their guess and several winners were chosen daily.



## Easter Basket Drawings

Hydetown Elementary Custodian, Mr. Keyes, donated 2 Easter baskets to be raffled off the day before Easter break. Thank you Mr. Keyes for providing a special treat for our learners! Winners of the baskets were Eli Ehrhart & Mahala Whitman.



Congratulations to Isabella Messina for winning the cafeteria Easter basket raffle. This basket was donated by Nutrition, Inc.



# Main Street



4th and 5th grade students read with buddies from 1st grade.



We celebrated Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week May 2nd through May 5th!



Main Street finished up PSSA testing on May 5th and students earned raffle tickets for attendance, effort and scores, which come out June 3rd!



4th Grade students from all three elementary schools came together to celebrate Arbor Day!



5th Rotation music classes held concerts virtually!

# Pleasantville Elementary



## Blast Off Into Reading!!



During the Month of March, students and staff celebrated Read Across America week for the entire month. The school set a goal of reading 100,000 minutes during the four-week period. As a result of the student's efforts, the school read a total of 115,050 minutes when it was all said and done. We could not be prouder of their accomplishment. As a way of recognizing this tremendous feat, the school held a Space Day on April 1st where the students completed different space missions and took part in fun activities. It was the perfect way to end the month!



Class  
Reading  
Winners!



## ~Final Countdown~



Looking at the last few weeks of school, there will be many different activities and events that will be taking place.



On May 17th, the 4th grade students attended a Erie SeaWolves game. The 18th, 3rd graders had field trip to Wagon Trails in Vienna OH. Corky's Ice Cream day was held on May 19th. On the 20th, 2nd graders headed to Keystone Safari in Grove City. The 24th will be the 1st graders trip to the Erie Zoo followed by the 5th graders going on the 26th to Olympic Fun Center in Hermitage. We will also have our annual Track and Field day on June 3rd. It will be a quick and fun way to close out the school year. We are looking forward to finishing out the year on a high note!

# Middle School

Leigh Fry, Middle School Language Arts Teacher, was recognized with the Golden Apple Teacher Recognition award . The award , which honors local educators who make a positive impact on their students, was presented by members of JET 24 and Edinboro University. The story was aired on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 during the evening news program. Mrs. Fry was nominated by two of her students, Lauran Becker and Aubree Owen. It was a great surprise for Mrs. Fry and watching her students enjoy this recognition was priceless. What an honor for Leigh and our district!



Pictured above L-R: Miles O'Shea (Middle School Principal), Leigh Fry, Aubree Owen, Lauran Becker, Mary Jo Melvin (Edinboro University), and Lou Baxter (JET 24)

# High School

## Planting Project 2022

THS students assisted the environment this April by providing the labor for the restoration of a stretch of stream bank along the West Branch of Oil Creek near Riceville. Under the guidance of the Water Quality Specialist from the Crawford County Conservation District and the District Forester from the PA Bureau of Forestry, 20 students planted trees, shrubs, and live-stakes to help prevent erosion of the stream bank. The landowner was impressed by our hard-working students and expressed his gratitude for the time and effort they put forth.



## Envirothon

The PA Envirothon resumed in-person competition this year after a break of two years. In the Envirothon, students work together as a team of up to five students to answer questions in five categories: wildlife, soils, aquatics, forestry, and a current issue. The top team in each county moves on to the state competition. This year THS had 3 teams attend the Crawford County Envirothon: the Timber Ticklers; the Log Loaders; and the Prickly Pinecones. The Timber Ticklers, comprised of Tanner Jackman, Ella Matteson, Conan Young, and Duncan Young earned 2nd place.

At Right: Kameron Mong, Brett Schmidt, Jaxon Covell, Cameron Kerr, Preston LaLone, Conan Young, Kathren LaLone, Tanner Jackman, Liz Watkins, Duncan Young, Ella Matteson, Alex Reynolds, Gavin Donaldson



At Left: 2nd place winners, the Timber Ticklers: Ella Matteson, Conan Young, Tanner Jackman, Duncan Young

## High School Students Involved in Community Project



The United Way of the Titusville Region created a community project to honor a local historian and the Titusville Area School District gladly participated. Students enrolled in Mr. Mader's construction class at the High School built raised garden beds, eight rectangular and one large octagonal centerpiece, that were installed at the David L. Weber Memorial Community Garden in downtown Titusville. The students created the design and plans, priced out and ordered the materials, and constructed the beds. The gardens will be filled with potting soil and used to grow flowers and vegetables that will be available to community members.

# Gifted Program



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## Equations Competition

On Mar 15, 2022, a team of THS students ,Abbie Colie, Aubree Colie, and Madeline Johnson, competed in the Equations Competition sponsored by the Riverview Intermediate Unit 6 Gifted Consortium. They won 3rd place overall in the 9th and 10th grade division. Mrs. Hollie Tainton, Gifted Coordinator, shared that, "It was great to watch these young ladies apply their advanced mathematical skills in a competitive academic environment. They worked hard to learn the material needed to be successful in this competition."

Pictured L-R: Aubree Colie, Abbie Colie and Madeline Johnson



High Scorers for 7th/8th Grade Division  
L-R: Jenna Crocker, Tyler Tenney

## Presidents Competition

On February 15, 2022, a team of TMS students, consisting of Jenna Crocker, Tyler Tenney, and Ella Lavery, competed in the Presidents Competition sponsored by the Riverview Intermediate Unit 6 Gifted Consortium. They won 2nd place overall in the 7th and 8th grade division. In addition, Jenna and Tyler were both honored as High Point Scorers for earning the most points individually in the 7th and 8th grade division.



2nd Place Team for 7th/8th Grade Division  
L-R: Jenna Crocker, Ella Lavery, Tyler Tenney

## Scholastic Scrimmage

On February 7, 2022, Titusville High School's Scholastic Scrimmage Team participated in a quiz style tournament sponsored by WQLN, Erie's PBS station. In Scholastic Scrimmage, students answer academic questions on a wide variety of topics and must buzz in to answer before the members of the opposing team do. Ten area high schools participated in the competition with Titusville, including Cranberry, Harbor Creek, Iroquois, Maplewood, Mercyhurst Prep, Saegertown, Tidioute Community Charter, Fairview, and Union City. Tournament matches aired on WQLN in March and April. However, all matches are currently posted on WQLN.org and can be viewed there.



Titusville's Team Members,  
Front L-R: Alicia Kaster, Katherine Henderson, Aubree Colie, Aden Winans (Team Captain), Gifted Coordinator Mrs. Hollie Tainton  
Back L-R: Cole Enright, Tanner Jackman, Leo Clementi

# 2022 ELEMENTARY SUMMER PROGRAM

We are now enrolling students in our elementary summer program.



- Each day, your child will practice important math & reading skills in fun ways! Students will learn through projects and activities both inside & outside. The learning day will incorporate art, music, science or STEM.
- All children in grades **K4 through 5th grade** may attend.
- **Lunch & breakfast** will be provided each day.
- This is a 4-week, morning program that will run **Tuesday through Friday** from 8:30 am - 11:45 am.

Week 1 - June 14 - 17, 2022

Week 2 - June 21 - June 24, 2022

Week 3 - June 28 - July 1, 2022

Week 4 - July 5 - 8, 2022

## June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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- This program will be held at **Main Street Elementary**.
- Buses will run their regular routes to help your child get to our summer program then back home again.

Questions or more info, call Jesse Maine 814-827-2715 x3490

# District Information

1. Summer Office Hours - 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. - June 13, 2022 to August 12, 2022
2. All District buildings will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022.
3. The first day of the 2022-2023 school year for students is Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

**Have a Wonderful and  
Relaxing Summer!**

