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TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL – FEBRUARY 2017

PROGRESS REPORTS: Third quarter progress reports and outstanding bills are enclosed with this newsletter. Please contact the appropriate teachers if you have a concern by dialing “746” followed by their 4-digit extensions listed in the student/parent handbook. Also, remember to view your child’s daily progress by utilizing the parent access system in PowerSchool. Instructions are found at the bottom of the progress report.

8th GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP PARENTS: *Important notes regarding the D.C. trip:*

- Serogy candy bar boxes cost \$36 each. Parents, these boxes cannot be returned so be sure to submit all candy bar money OR purchase each box for \$36. All candy bar money can be returned to the main office.
- There are eight (8) grocery bagging dates available for individual points! We encourage your child to sign up in the main office to bag groceries at Pick ‘N Save on Mar. 5, Mar. 12, Mar. 19, April 1, April 9, April 22, April 23 and April 29. The remaining Econo Foods bagging date is March 18.
- The final bill for our trip is due **March 16**. Families will receive their child’s bill soon. We still have not received a second payment from a number of families. We encourage all families to pay their entire bill by March 16. TJ Walker does accept credit card payments but there is a \$2 minimum service fee.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS: The 2016-2017 Battle of the Books season has come to a close. For the first time in the seven years of teacher vs. student battles, a student team has triumphed! “ABC’s in the Wind” beat the teachers and went on to win the student vs. student battle as well. They competed in the state online battle on February 21, and those results will be forthcoming. “ABC’s in the Wind” members include Andrew “Drew” Barganz, Ben Hooker, Christy Braun, and Madelyn Wind. Deb Jeanquart, Dena Barganz, Stacy Judas, Jeanne Schopf, and Ann Quale battled 6th, 7th, and 8th graders on questions based on twenty novels. Kasee Jandrin, Sue Piper, Holly Selle, and Lori Mellen worked with the students to prepare for the battle. Congratulations to all of our battle participants for a great season!

BLANKET PROJECT: We were challenged by our homeroom teacher, Mr. Sigl, to complete a service project as a homeroom class. As a group of students we remember traveling to Anna’s House in 5th grade. Door County has an aging population, and places like Anna’s House create an environment and home for this population. There are residents that may not have family members in the area that come to visit or bring in items to make them feel loved and appreciated. In order to help make these residents feel special, we wanted to make them a gift that is heartfelt and practical. As a 7th grade homeroom class, we have decided to make fleece tie blankets for as many residents as our funds will allow.

Every morning to start our school day we have a 13 minute homeroom class. This time allows us to check in with a teacher and hear announcements for the day. After announcements we typically have an extra few minutes that are spent talking or finishing up last minute homework. We wanted to make this time beneficial and do something to help others.

Hannah Sternard and Spencer Hubbard presented our idea to the Door County Community Foundation and we have received enough funds to craft a fleece tie blanket for every resident of Anna’s House! We have purchased a portion of the material and have started creating the blankets! We are hoping to have the project complete before Spring Break.

Hannah Sternard
Jullian Cloutier
Molly LeCloux

Spencer Hubbard
Lily Duerst
Rylie Nichols

Ethan Almstead
Aubrey Hall
James Pollock

Phoebe Bissen
Alexis Hemminger
Luke VanderLeest

7th GRADE SERVICE PROJECT: Adopt-A-Soldier Easter Basket Collection Drive. The seventh grade students will be collecting items and monetary donations from March 6-March 20 to support the Door County Adopt-A-Soldier program. The program sends care packages eight times a year at the cost of \$15,080.00 to support our local HEROES. Currently, there are approximately 80 local young men and women that serve our country all around the world. Adopt-A-Soldier has sent care packages to Romania, Germany, England, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Japan, and South Korea. Non-perishable items and money can be dropped off at T.J. Walker Middle School during school hours. Thank you for supporting this non-profit charitable organization and our natives of Door County who are serving our country.

MUSIC NEWS: Our 7th and 8th Grade Choir and Band members participated in the WSMA District Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, February 18. They performed well and were excellent representatives of TJ Walker. Students performed solos and ensembles for a judge who critiqued them, gave them a rating and coached them. It is a very exciting day filled with lots of emotions. Everyone did a terrific job and should be very proud.

CHOIR: Three 8th grade students participated at the Class A level and were awarded *1 ratings, allowing them to continue to the State Solo and Ensemble Festival in Green Bay in May. They are: Cabria Zuehlke (classical solo), Grace Alberts (musical theatre solo and classical solo) and Isabella Dippel (musical theatre solo and classical solo). Tristan Blevins also earned a 1 rating on his Class A classical solo.

A huge thank you goes out to all the parents and other community members who volunteered at the festival. We couldn't host this event without you!

Madhatters and ReDefined in concert: Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. Two outstanding a cappella vocal groups from the University of Wisconsin Madison will be lighting up the stage in the SBHS auditorium. The Madhatters are the premier men's a cappella group in Wisconsin, and they'll be joined by the co-ed group ReDefined for an evening of upbeat, exciting music. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and will be available at the door. This event is a fundraiser for our vocal music department.

THE 2017 BAND POPS CONCERT: will take place on Saturday, March 18, at 4:00 p.m., in the HS Gym. This year's theme is "Superheroes." You will hear music from Marvel superheroes and other people we deem as superheroes with all the bands from Grade 6 through 12 performing in this cabaret-style concert. Tickets are \$5 for table seating, \$4 for adult bleacher seating, and \$3 for bleacher seating for children ages 6 to 18. There will be refreshments for sale and a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds from the concert go toward scholarships for lessons and band camps and toward curricular trips and band activities. We have made an effort to offer more table seating available this year. Tickets go on sale March 1. Our apologies . . . no advance orders can be taken.

COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE: On Saturday, March 25, we will be holding our Fifth Annual Community Rummage Sale at T.J. Walker. All proceeds will go toward financial need scholarships for 8th grade students attending the Washington D.C. trip. Please consider donating some of your used items for the rummage sale. During these cold winter days you may have an opportunity to clean out some of the clutter by getting rid of some of your used clothing and items you no longer need. We ask that you box them up and wait to drop them off at school the week prior to the rummage sale. Further details on dropping off your items will come in March's newsletter.

LOCKERS: Parents please remind your students NOT to share their locker combinations. Students are NOT permitted to go into another student's locker at any time. If a student does use another student's locker, parents will be contacted and a consequence will be handed out from the principal that ranges from re-teaching expectations up to a detention.

2017/18 REGISTRATION INFORMATION: On Monday, February 27, 6th and 7th grade students will receive materials to register for the 2017/18 school year. Forms will be due Wednesday, March 8. Students will return forms to the middle school office. Please discuss course selection with your son/daughter to ensure they make educated decisions about their upcoming school year. Eighth grade students completed high school course requests and will begin meeting one-on-one with Mrs. Bader after Spring Break to review their schedules.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Semester 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Thursday, March 2 from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the middle school gym.

STUDENT COUNCIL BRACKET CHALLENGE: March Madness is right around the corner and Student Council will be having homerooms fill out an NCAA bracket. Stay tuned for the teacher vs. student coed basketball game!

TRACK & FIELD: Practice will begin after Spring Break. There are sign-up sheets in the middle school office. If your son/daughter plans to participate, please make sure their sport's physical is up to date and all other paperwork is complete.

UW-STEVENS POINT ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE: Este programa de cuatro semanas está diseñado específicamente para estudiantes que están aprendiendo inglés como segunda lengua. Las clases se reúnen de lunes a viernes (mañana y tarde) e incluyen un trabajo intensivo en las áreas de lectura, habla, audición y escritura en inglés. No hay créditos UWSP están involucrados en este programa.

Su objetivo es ayudar a los estudiantes a adquirir habilidades en el idioma inglés, aprender sobre las opciones de carrera y aumentar su deseo de graduarse de la escuela secundaria e ingresar a la educación post-secundaria.

El apoyo de los padres, maestros y consejeros es importante, por lo que contactar con estos adultos y responder a sus preocupaciones. Diversión mientras aprende.

<http://www.uwsp.edu/dca/EngliCol/Pages/default.aspx>

OPEN ENROLLMENT: Any Wisconsin resident in 4K to grade 12 may apply to attend a nonresident school district under the open enrollment program. However, a child may transfer to a nonresident school district for early childhood education or 4K only if the child's resident school district offers the same type of program and only if the child is eligible for that program in the resident school district.

The regular open enrollment application period for the 2017-18 school year begins on February 6, 2017, and ends at 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2017. The best way to apply is online (a link to the online application is at the top of this page during the application period). Additional information on the regular open enrollment application season can be found on our [applications page](#). An alternative application procedure allows pupils to apply for open enrollment at any time during a school year if certain criteria are met. For additional information, please visit the [alternative application procedures page](#).

FORWARD EXAM: The Wisconsin State Exam will be administered to our students during the months of April – May depending on grade level (Grade 8: April 19 – 22; Grade 7: April 27 – 28; Grade 6: May 4 – 5). More information will follow. Please consider this important event when scheduling doctor's appointments and family events. It is extremely important that our students are in school for this exam. Thank you

DATES TO REMEMBER: ** Check our website at www.sturbay.k12.wi.us for updated school calendar. **

Thursday, March 24:30 p.m. – 7:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
Saturday, March 48:00 a.m. Destination Imagination
Tuesday, March 7Math Meet @ Sevastopol Middle School
Wednesday March 83:30-5:00 p.m. Choir concert dress rehearsal for all choir students
Thursday March 97:00 p.m. "Movies and More" HS/MS Choir Concert SBHS auditorium
Saturday, March 184:00 p.m. Band POP's Concert – High School Gym
Tuesday, March 21.....8th Grade Career Day @ Stone Harbor Resort
Friday, March 24.....End of 3rd Quarter (Half Day) Spring Break Begins!
Saturday, March 258:00 a.m. Rummage Sale @ TJW Gym
Monday, April 3Classes Resume



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