



TROJAN NEWS

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Growth Mindset

Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm. - Winston Churchill

Every parent wants their child to be happy and successful. Every school wants the same thing for its students. However, sometimes the road to true happiness and success involves setbacks, failure, and eventual triumph over great adversity. Valuing hard work and progress in spite of challenges is more important than valuing innate talent and intelligence. We want students to know they can grow, understanding that growth takes hard work and the right attitude. Here are a few tips on how to instill a growth mindset in our learning community.

1. Praise effort, not God-given intelligence - *Praising a child for being smart doesn't give them a reason to work harder. Praising them for their effort encourages more effort which will actually make them smarter in the long run.*
2. Have your kids do real, hands-on chores - *The value of diligence in school work is one of the hardest things to teach. It's easier for kids to learn patience and steadfastness through daily hands-on chores first, so they can later apply those lessons to academic work.*
3. Lead by example and grow yourself - *Kids learn more from what they see than from what they hear. If they observe you working hard, improving yourself, and becoming a better person, they will view that effort as the norm and emulate it in their lives.*

As a community and as individuals we can achieve great things. But those achievements will ultimately come from us growing individually and instilling that same growth mindset in our children.

Special Points of interest:

- Oct. 30-Nov. 2-Pumpkin Contest
- Oct. 30-Nov. 3-Book Fair- Spirit Week
- Nov. 2-Family Literacy Night
- Nov. 5-Daylight Saving time ends
set your clocks back 1 hour
- Nov. 6-Gym 'n' Swim starts
- Nov. 8-Mobile Dentist
- Nov. 9-Progress Reports sent home
- Nov. 9-Study Table
- Nov. 10-5th Grade JA Biztown
- Nov. 13-PTC Mtg. 3:00
- Nov. 14-Parent Night – Terry Hall
- Nov. 14-Student Council Turkey Twist
- Nov. 22-24-Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 29-Red Cross Blood Drive
- Nov. 30-Study Table

Upcoming events:

- Dec. 1-Donuts with Dad
- Dec. 4-8-Holiday Shop
- Dec. 11-PTC Mtg.
- Dec. 12-K-3rd grade and Choir
Christmas Program 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 21-Jan. 3 Christmas Break
- Jan. 4-1st Day back for Students

Student of the Month for
September

Ryder Leman



\$.50 Family Swim Night

THIS IS A HALF OFF NIGHT. PURCHASED PUNCH CARDS MAY BE USED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE HALF OFF PRICE.

November 7, 2017

6:30-7:45pm

Come join us for a night of fun, games, and yummy treats.
Invite the entire FAMILY!

Family Games and Challenges!

Duck, Duck, Match
Million Dollar Shot
Basketball
Water Polo
Apple Bobbing
Ring Toss
AND MUCH MORE!

Bring this flyer and be put in a grand prize drawing

The Dive-In Snack Bar

Drinks .50
Granola bars and crackers .50
Pizza Slice \$1
Caramel Apple \$2
Chocolate Dipped Pretzel Rods \$1
Marshmallow Pops .50

Snack Bar will be set up in the pool hallway. All snacks need to remain in the hall or bleacher area.

The 2017-18 Gym/Swim season is approaching quickly! We will begin classes on November 6, 2017. Students are reminded they will need a suit, towel and cap at each swim time. If students are in need of a suit, please contact Mrs. Williams. Students will receive a FREE cap the first day of swimming. This is their only free cap. Cap replacement is \$2.00. Parents are encouraged to come and watch. We are appreciative of help in the locker rooms and hallway. Our younger students may need help with their hair, packing up their things and tying their shoes.

Why do elementary students wear swim caps?

There are several reasons students wear swim caps. Our first priority is safety. Students start in a yellow cap. This means students have not met all requirements for being a safe swimmer. They may struggle in deep water, or not feel comfortable in certain parts of the pool. As they pass their skills tests they will move up in color. Our cap colors are yellow, green, blue, red, purple and black. All aquatic staff understands these colors and what they are capable of doing. Lifeguards can quickly detect if a student is not safe. This also gives students a goal. Most students want to achieve the next color. Caps also keep hair dry and out of the pool. Our students swim during the cold months. We strive to keep hair as dry as possible. Once students are sent back to the locker area, it is fast paced. We need to use our time wisely to get them back to class as quick as possible. Dry hair makes this much easier. Our pool also sees many swimmers in a week. Keeping hair tied back or in a cap helps keep our water clean.

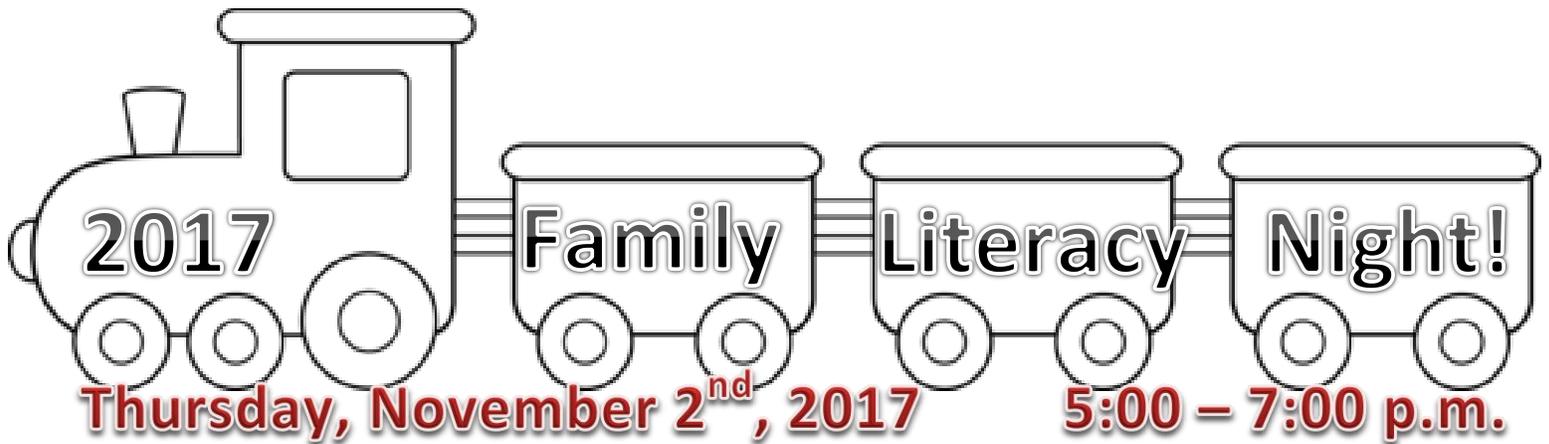
The pool area is always thankful for donations. We are currently in need of girls and boys suits, any size. If your child DOES NOT have a swim suit, PLEASE contact Mrs. Williams @ ext.1019. The pool area is able to donate one to them!

My child is in need of a swim suit...

NAME _____

Class _____ Size _____

Parent Contact and Phone# _____



All Aboard the Reading Train!

- Family Literacy Night is for elementary students and their families.
- FREE Supper served from 5 - 6:30
- FREE Books for all Elementary Students
- Play "TRAIN" - The WCE version of Bingo!
- Take a family photo at the Photo Booth!
- Create a Train!
- Have fun at the Tin Can Alley, Tossing Coal, and much more!
- All events close at 7 p.m.

West Central's Glow'n Turkey Twist and Body Safety Night

Join the fun on November 14th. It is a Thanksgiving glow in the dark dance for students in K-5th grade from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Elementary gym. The dance costs \$2 per person or \$8 per family.

While the students are having fun and dancing the parents are invited to attend the Body Safety Night presented by Sergeant Terry Hall. The presentation will take place in the elementary cafeteria at 6:30 pm. All of the community is invited! Come out so that we can do our due diligence in protecting our youth. Babysitting will be provided for children under school age. Before and after the presentation parents are welcome to join the fun in the dance. We hope to see you at this fun filled evening at West Central Elementary!



Cafeteria is changing their Software and ONLINE information



Beginning October 24, the cafeteria department will no longer be using NutriKids or MySchoolBucks for their Point of Service or online resource. We will be using Titan School Solutions. Look for postcards to come home with your child if you have a K-5 student. Look to the website for updated information on how to use the online website.

Here is a simple way to get started: visit family.titank12.com, create your account, add funds or apply for free and reduced meals.

Just to reassure you that if you have applied at the beginning of the current school year, your application will remain in effect until the end of the school year with NO changes.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Thank you.