

Terrebonne Community School

TERREBONNE TRIBUNE



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At Terrebonne Community School we provide a positive environment and challenging learning opportunities that improve student achievement and produce life-long learners.

Message From the Principal

Greetings Terrebonne Community and Families,

Welcome to 2015! Something I have found as I get older is that each and every year seems to pass by faster and faster; this is a reminder for me of the importance to focus most on what matters in my life...and that's my family. I encourage you to do the same and truly cherish the little moments with your kids during this New Year.

Now four months into the school year it is great to see how much progress is being made by students. Reading, writing, and math skills are improving daily as evidenced by the student work I see displayed in hallways and classrooms and our staff is working tirelessly to ensure students are not only successful students, but successful human beings. Teachers also seem to be settling in with their new curriculum for math and reading and this is translating into higher-level work from our students. A quick reminder to our families that the end of the semester is fast approaching; our last day on January 29th. I encourage you to take time to check in with your child's teacher on their progress to date.

Our canned food drive was a huge success. While our students were motivated for many reasons to contribute so heavily to the success of this endeavor I can't help but think the added lure and excitement of shaving their principal's head (and giving him a shower with ice buckets) should they meet our goal, had anything to do with it? Well, they did it. Our goal was 5,000 items of food donated and they brought in a grand total of 5,331. Needless to say, I have a little less hair to start this New Year!

Students in our school continue to amaze me with their extra efforts. Most recently our 5th grade classes have engaged in a school-wide newscast called TCAN News (Terrebonne Community Access Network News), which is a weekly video news recap of everything happening at TCS. As stated previously, our canned food drive was a huge success and I appreciate wholeheartedly our students taking on a service project dedicated to thinking about others. And our 4th grade students organized a garage sale for the purpose of supporting our FAN program at Terrebonne with the monetary proceeds they made from the event. These extra efforts are what make Terrebonne a special place to be!

I hope you all have a great start to the New Year—I know I am always excited for an opportunity for a fresh start. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas in regard to making Terrebonne Community School a better place for kids, please stop by and visit. My door is always open!

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Special Dates To Remember

- ♦ **Jan. 1—New Year's Day Holiday**
- ♦ **Jan. 5—School Resumes**
- ♦ **Jan 6—Middle School Girls Basketball Practice Begins**
- ♦ **Jan. 7—Early Release**
- ♦ **Jan. 14—Early Release**
- ♦ **Jan. 19—Martin Luther King Day—NO SCHOOL**
- ♦ **Jan. 21—Early Release**
- ♦ **Jan. 28—Early Release**
- ♦ **Jan. 29—End of First Semester**
- ♦ **Jan. 30—Teacher Prep Day—NO SCHOOL**





November Readers of the Month Club



Mrs. Caudell (AM KG) = Carter Wachs

Mrs. Kirkman (AM KG) =Evan Graff

Mrs. Messner (1st) =Samantha Hutchison

Mrs. Wellette (1st) = Ella Rawlins

Mrs. Dunn (2nd) = Kylan Olney

Mrs. Tobish (2nd) = Colton McVay

Mrs. Caramella (3rd) - Jake Brooks

Mrs. Carnes (3rd) = Hadley Albers

Mrs. Davis (4th) = Finn Kling

Mrs. Doggett (4th) = Aidan Henlin

Ms. Albers (5th) = Malachi Troutman

Mr. Boucher (5th) = Kira Collins

Ms. Messina (6th) = Cydnie Day

Mr. Capps (7th) = Alex Bafus

Mr. Brown (8th) = Caed O'Neill

(NOTE: December “Readers of the Month” and November and December “Math Stars” will be posted in next month’s Newsletter.)

Congratulations to Jaidyn Hammack (former 5th grader here at Terrebonne)! She wrote the winning poem for Ridgeview High School’s “Winter Poem” contest. She competed against all the 5th graders in the district, and was honored at Ridgeview’s outdoor tree-lighting ceremony in December. Way to go Jaid!

Here’s her winning poem:

Snowflakes

As the first snowflake falls

On the coldest night

The winter moon shining ever so bright.

Blessed be thy snow as the moon gleams

Oh snowflake fulfill my dreams

by Jaidyn Hammack

Reminders . . . Reminders . . . Reminders . . .

- ◆ Middle School Girls Basketball practice will begin on Tuesday, January 6th. This is a “pay-to-play” program at Terrebonne School (\$50) and completed permission forms must be turned in before the first scheduled game. The season will run through February 25th.
- ◆ When school has to be cancelled for weather reasons, you should be receiving an automated phone call at your home and/or on your cell phone. If you are not receiving these calls, please contact the school office (541-923-4856) as your phone numbers may need to be updated.
- ◆ All Terrebonne School students follow the District calendar schedule for Elementary Schools. In other words, if the District calendar states that there is no school on a certain day for elementary grades, that also includes our Middle School students. If the District calendar states there is no school for Middle School and High School students only, that **DOES NOT** include our Middle School students. All of our students are on a semester scheduling, not a trimester scheduling like the other Middle Schools (Obsidian and Elton Gregory) and High Schools (Redmond High School and Ridgeview High School).

You can access our school website: www.terrebonne.redmond.k12.or.us

TERREBONNE SCHOOL WINS CANNED FOOD DRIVE!! (AGAIN!!)

Once again, Terrebonne students and families came through in our annual Canned Food Drive. Our goal was to collect 5,000 canned foods for those in need over the holiday season. And guess what? We raised **5,331** items to donate to the Redmond Fire and Rescue. That averages out to over **13** cans per student.

Mrs. Carnes' third graders were the big collectors with a grand total of 613 items. For their excellent efforts, they will receive a pizza party from the Redmond Fire and Rescue department.



We're so proud of our students and their families for their wonderfully generous support.

Our Terrebonne Librarian, Mrs. Struck, says "Thank You" to all who shopped our Book Fair and also the Paulina Springs Book Store during December to help our library purchase new books.



FREE TAX PREPARATION - VITA

Free Tax Preparation Services Help Central Oregon Residents Claim Their Full Refunds.

Don't Wait; Make your Appointment Today!

United Way of Deschutes County (UWDC) will again offer free tax preparation clinics from February 1 to April 15 throughout Central Oregon through their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). Certified volunteers will help those who need assistance to electronically file both Federal and State tax returns for FREE and, if eligible, claim tax refunds which benefit local families and the economy.

In addition to tax preparation sites, UWDC will also offer Facilitated Self Assistance Sites (FSA) where taxpayers are able to prepare their own taxes with IRS-approved software and with assistance, if needed, from VITA volunteers. FSA sites are walk-in only unless otherwise noted. Tax site clinics now taking appointments:

VITA Sites

Redmond DHS

Mon/Wed | 5 p.m.—8 p.m.
541.323.VITA (8482)

AARP Sites

Redmond NeighborImpact

Mon.-Fri. | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
541.316.2038

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