

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.

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Message From the Principal

Greetings Terrebonne Students, Families and Community Members—

As a leader in the public education system, I believe it to be my obligation to persist in asking questions that put pressure on the rationale for what I refer to as the status quo of school. As a staff we spent some time this year reviewing a documentary called *Beyond Measure*, which essentially asked the question, How can we make school look different today and better meet the needs of our students and families? The purpose of reviewing this documentary was to provide some thought provoking material for our staff and families and to begin to rethink what we do and how we do it in our school. I have a mantra that I share often with my staff that is predicated on answering this very question: There Are Different Paths to Common Outcomes, meaning there are common expectations of learning we have for our students but how we get there can and should look very different. I believe we are at a crossroads in education, which is ripe for new thinking and reshaping the current look of our school.

Considering this, I have been thinking a lot over the years, in particular this year, as to why we do what we do in education and why it is so hard to make changes to our habits or current systems and thinking that are in place. Recently I came across a parable of sorts about monkeys that summed it up for me and I'd like to share it with you. So here we go with the monkeys.

Start with a cage containing five monkeys. Inside the cage, hang a bunch of bananas on a string and place it above a set of stairs. Before long, a monkey will go to the stairs and start to climb towards the bananas. As soon as he touches the stairs, spray all the monkeys with cold water. After a while, another monkey makes an attempt with the same result—again all the monkeys are sprayed with cold water. This continues until pretty soon whenever another monkey tries to climb the stairs, all the other monkeys will try to prevent it.

Now put away the cold water. Remove one of the monkeys from the cage and replace it with a new one. The new monkey will see the bunch of bananas and will attempt to climb the stairs. To his surprise and horror, all the other monkeys accost him. After another attempt, and subsequent accosting, he learns quickly that if he climbs the stairs he will have significant problems.

Next, remove another of the original five monkeys and replace it with a new one. The first newcomer to the group takes part in accosting the newest member with enthusiasm. Likewise, replace the third original monkey, then the fourth, and finally the fifth. Every time a new monkey enters the cage and attempts to climb the stairs, the group accosts it.

At this time, all of the original monkeys are gone and it is the newest members that continue with this behavior. They have no idea why they are not permitted to go up the stairs, nor why they are accosting the new members of the group. None of the remaining monkeys have ever been sprayed with cold water. Nevertheless no monkey every again approaches the stairs to try for the bananas.

Why not?

Because of TTWWADI or That's The Way We've Always Done It.

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Special Dates To Remember

- ◆ **Apr. 1—April Fool's Day**
- ◆ **Apr. 5—Spring Picture Day**
- ◆ **Apr. 6—School Board Work Session**
- ◆ **Apr. 6—Early Release**
- ◆ **Apr. 11—Fall KG Registration begins**
- ◆ **Apr. 11-15—Volunteer Appreciation Week**
- ◆ **Apr. 12—PTC Meeting**
- ◆ **Apr. 13—KG Field Trip to Papa Murphy's**
- ◆ **Apr. 13—Early Release**
- ◆ **Apr. 14—Fun Run Kick-off Assembly**
- ◆ **Apr. 18—6th Grade Tennis Clinic**
- ◆ **Apr. 19—7th Grade Tennis Clinic**
- ◆ **Apr. 20—Early Release**
- ◆ **Apr. 22—8th Grade Tennis Clinic**
- ◆ **Apr. 26—5th Grade Angler Education**
- ◆ **April 27—District Budget Meeting & Board Meeting**
- ◆ **Apr. 27—Early Release**
- ◆ **April 28—M.S. District Olympics**
- ◆ **April 29—FUN RUN**

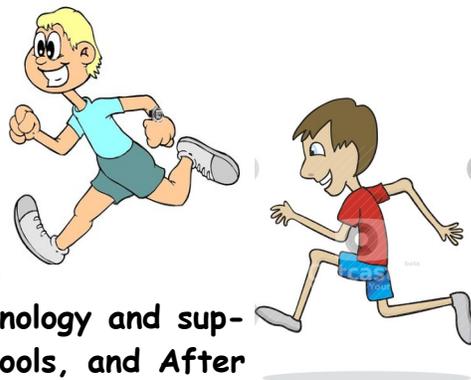
Equate this parable now to our education system. Why do we do what we do, in the manner in which we do it? Why do we continue to follow a nine-month calendar? Why do we have grade levels and students organized by age? Why do classrooms today look like they did in the early 1900s? Why are schools organized today the way they were 100 years ago when the purpose then for formal schooling was for a very different purpose? Why does a tablet from 100 years ago look strikingly similar to a table today (chalk vs. a stylus)? I suppose the answer lies in TTWWADI. My question to anyone reading this is, "How do we change this?"

As always, I encourage you to partner with us on this journey called education and to share your thoughts and ideas with me any time...especially with this important topic of the purpose and structure of public schools today. My door is always open.

Trevor Flaherty, Principal

Annual Fun Run

Terrebonne's annual Fun Run kickoff assembly will be held on Thursday, April 14th. Be watching for your student to be coming home with their Pledge Sheets for Terrebonne's Fun Run to be held on Friday, April 29th. Some of the programs at Terrebonne where the funds raised go towards providing are: A Music instructor; Classroom technology and support; Field trips; Scholarships for athletics, Outdoor Schools, and After School programs.



If you would like to volunteer to help with the Fun Run, please contact your child's teacher to see where you might be able to help out. We truly appreciate the tremendous support given by our families and community members for this annual event.

PTC News

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 12th

5:30pm

Base Camp Pizza

Volunteer Appreciation Week

All of us at Terrebonne Community School would like to take this opportunity to sincerely say, "THANK YOU" to all of our wonderful school volunteers. Without you, we would not be able to have the AWESOME school we have. Thank you for all your hours of dedication and support of our students.

5th Grade News:

On Thursday, April 14th, guest speakers from the Angler Education program will visit our classrooms for two hours to discuss various aspects of stream biology, fishing gear, knot tying, and water safety. Later in the month, Tuesday, April 26th, the fifth grade classes will go to Shevlin Pond in Bend for a day of fishing clinics, including an afternoon of fishing in Shevlin Pond.

Our students will also be testing in math during the last two weeks of April.

It's KG Roundup Time

Believe it or not, it is once again time to start thinking about registering your next year's KG student for school at Terrebonne.

KG students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2016. If you live in the Terrebonne Community School boundary area, you may register your KG student for our fall KG classes anytime after April 11th. Please bring the following documents with you when you come: Birth Certificate—Immunization Records—Proof of Residency. YAHOO!!!



Track Season is "Up and Running"

You may want to plan to attend a Middle School Track meet on one of the following dates:

Thursday, April 14th at Culver MS starting at 3:30pm

Tuesday, April 19th at Pilot Butte MS starting at 3:30pm

Tuesday, April 26th at Elton Gregory MS starting at 3:30pm

Wednesday, May 4th at Crook County MS starting at 3:30pm

Monday, May 9th at Culver MS (Small School District Meet) starting at 10:00am



February Readers of the Month Club



Mrs. Caudell (KG) = Emmery Clark

Mrs. Porter (KG) = Aubrey Carnes

Mrs. Thrasher (KG) = Taylor Wagenblast

Mrs. Messner (1st) = Natalie Bussabarger

Mrs. Wellette (1st) = Riley Baxter

Mrs. Dunn (2nd) = Deliliah Lantz

Mrs. Tobish (2nd) = Kirvin Mejia

Mrs. Carnes (3rd) = Macky Johnson

Mrs. Wagenblast (3rd) = Thad Kohler

Mrs. Davis (4th) = Alex Larson

Mrs. Doggett (4th) = Haylie Braulik

Ms. Albers (5th) = Cody Donald

Mr. Boucher (5th) = Wyatt Finnell

Ms. Messina (6th) = Emily Bussabarger

Mr. Capps (7th) = Kaylee Spinelli

Mr. Brown (8th) = Katrina Koomen

Mrs. Attlesperger = Beau Kolberg-Swope

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR FANTASTIC READERS!!!



February Math Stars



Mrs. Messner (1st) - Devin Jasikiewicz

Mrs. Wellette (1st) - Kaitlynn Davenport

Mrs. Dunn (2nd) - Shelby Quigley

Mrs. Tobish (2nd) - Anikah Albers

Mrs. Carnes (3rd) - June Jourdan

Mrs. Wagenblast (3rd) - Gracie Helmick

Mrs. Davis (4th) - Konnar Hancock

Mrs. Doggett (4th) - Josiah Standiferd

Mrs. Albers (5th) - Tyler Burris

Mr. Boucher (5th) - Colten Chastain

Ms. Messina (6th) - Ian Chambers

Mr. Capps (7th) - Makayla Koomen

Mr. Brown (8th) - Mariya Kobzar

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