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Welcome Back Wildcats



Welcome back to school! I am excited to see you all here at school ready to learn. I am expecting good things from our students this year. I am looking forward to getting to know all of our new 7th grade students. I am also excited about continuing to learn more about our 8th grade students. I want to remind all students to be aware of our three school rules: **be respectful, be responsible, and be safe.** If you follow these three simple rules, you will have a remarkable school year. I want to let you know that students who choose to follow these three simple rules will be rewarded with an end of the month PBIS celebration. These celebrations vary from month to month, but are always fun and sometimes are delicious! I look forward to rewarding students who make wise choices and follow our school rules. I also look forward to helping students who are struggling both academically and socially. **Homework help will begin on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 3:10-4:10 in our library.** I encourage students who need extra help and support to plan on attending after school homework help. Working together, we can make this a very successful and rewarding school year. **Welcome to Tularosa Middle School where we are continually striving to provide a learning environment that fosters success and supports learning for all students.**

Learning Tips from Mrs. Grace

Mrs. Grace would like to see students working hard on school work in order to get good passing grades. Remember to bring your materials to class and be flexible and ready to learn. Remember also there are NO phones or headphones in the building. If phones and headphones are seen, they will be taken away from you. Be positive and helpful, and have a great year.



TMS Staff 2019-2020

Bobbie Grace	Principal
Charlene Chavez	Secretary
Charles Veltrie	Counselor
Diana Blondelle	Nurse
Philip Barreras	Custodian
Soloman Baca	Custodian
LaToya Mendez	Instructional Assistant
Samantha Chavez	Instructional Assistant
Ramona Collazo	Native American Liason
RJ Baca	7th Grade Math
John Saber	8th Grade Math
Codi Gutierrez	8th Grade English
Dulcie Sultemeier	7th Grade English
Bill Turner	7th Grade Social Studies
Johnny Hudson	8th Grade Social Studies
Alisha Day	7th Grade Science
Kristina Shaw	8th Grade Science
Pat Ventura	PE
Tracie Porter	Art
Karen Nelson	Computer Applications
Yvonne Bernino	FACS
Mary Sanchez	Spanish
Lois Hill	Librarian
Patty Seidel	7th Special Education
Daron Scott	8th Special Education

Ms. Porter and Ms. Nelson Compete in the White Sands Balloon and Music Festival 5K Fun Run/Walk

Ms. Porter and Ms. Nelson competed in the White Sands Balloon and Music Festival 5K Run on September 7th. Ms. Nelson finished 4th in her age division with a time of 48:41. Ms. Porter finished 5th in her age division with a time of 36:21. Way to go ladies. Congratulations on all of your hard work.



News from Nurse Blondel

The Nurse Welcomes You This Year

TMS, Nurse Blondel, would like to welcome students back to school. Here are some healthy safety tips to remember for the year.

Start the year off by staying hydrated and eating healthier. Eat 3 to 6 fruits and vegetables a day and drink 4 to 6 bottles of water a day. The flu shot clinic will be this fall, make sure to sign up to get your flu shot.

To avoid getting sick:

- Wash hands often
- Cough in the elbow
- Avoid sharing food and drinks
- Drink lots of fluids

If you have any medications at school, for example an inhaler, get paper work from the nurse in her office.

Tips:

- Eat less starchy vegetables
- Drink lots of water
- Exercise 60 minutes a day
- 2 hours or less of screen time
- Get plenty of sleep

**From the Desk of Mr. Veltrie**

Tularosa Middle School Counselor, Mr. Veltrie, has some advice for students as they start the school year. He would like to see students have better attendance. Come to school on time, don't be tardy to classes, and don't be absent from school. He would also like to see less drama during the school year. He believes that drama is draining, and students need to focus on their classes. He feels that if students are focused on their classes, then there would be fewer students failing their classes.

Mr. Veltrie is always here to help students, and to talk to students if they are having problems.

Remembering Coach Ball



Gerald Henry Ball, age 48, peacefully went to be with the Lord on September 19, 2019. Gerald was born on October 6, 1970 in Houston, TX. He was a high school fullback and the #1 recruit from the Houston area. He received a scholarship to UTEP where he attended for one year and then transferred on a scholarship to WNMU where he earned his degree in Education. His first coaching job was at Cobre High School where he coached for 3 years. He began his career in Tularosa in 2000 where he taught at the high school and middle school. He was a member of the football and track coaching staff.

Coach Ball always charmed people with his great sense of humor and his love of football. His favorite NFL team was the Vikings. He loved to watch his boys, Caleb and Kyle compete in sports. His love of sports and competition was noticeable in his P.E. classes. Whenever the teachers competed against the students, he loved to score against the students.

We will all miss Coach Ball and his easy approach to sharing his life stories. We all loved Coach Ball and the support he showed for our students and staff. It was his knowledge and inspiration that helped to lead the Wildcats to the 2001 and 2009 state football championship. He was married to Christy Webber Ball in 1998 and they have 2 sons Caleb and Kyle. He loved his family from deep within his soul. The memories of Coach Ball will be forever cherished by his family, coworkers, and football family. He touched many lives on and off the field. Thank you Coach Ball.



Mrs. Day shared that the first year she was at TMS, Coach Ball and she dressed up as twins for twin day. He let her borrow a Viking's jersey and she wore the shoulder pads and he wore the pants. He would also come in at least once a week to check on her to see how she was doing. He would say, "Hey girl, don't worry about life here, go home and have fun with your kids." He also helped her look out for her son Robert and offered help with his sports.

New TMS Staff Members



Samantha Chavez and LaToya Mendez

Instructional Assistants



Pat Ventura: Physical Education



Dulcie Sultemeier: 7th Grade English

Codi Gutierrez: 8th Grade English



Charlene Chavez: Secretary



Philip Barreras: Custodian

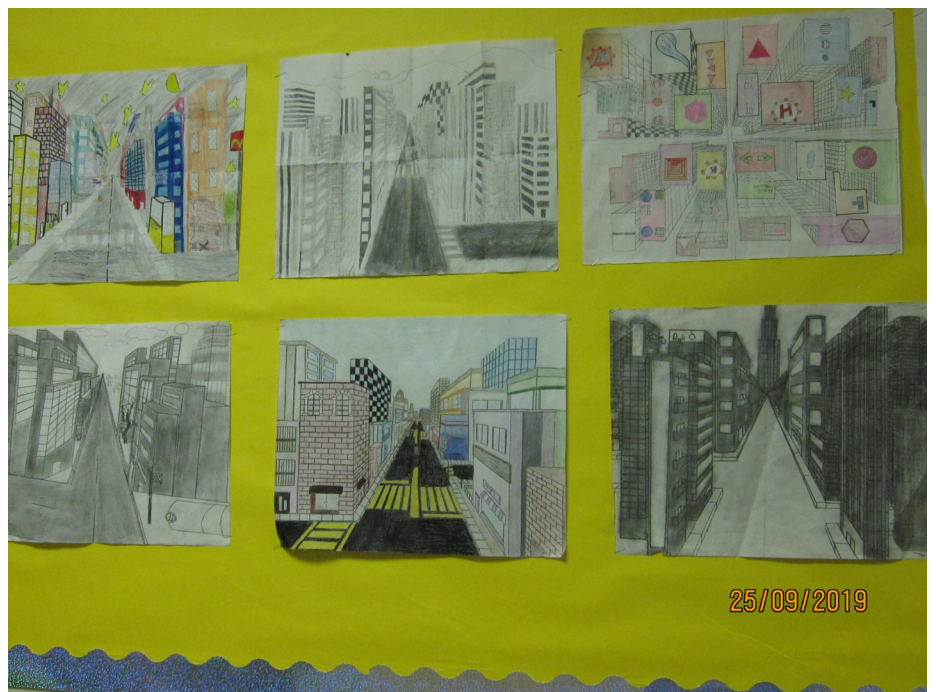
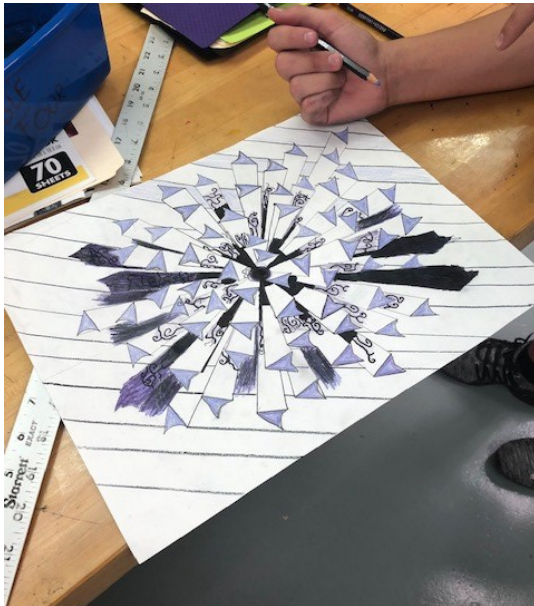
TMS Art with Ms. Porter

The TMS art classes with Ms. Porter are busy with their projects. So far we have seen the students busy working on their collage posters which are displayed in the hallways. The project is meant to show what the students like and what their hobbies are. Currently, the students are working on sketches. They are learning to sketch a variety of subjects and are having fun. So, check out their work when you get a chance. Currently in the hall the 1 point perspective projects are on display.





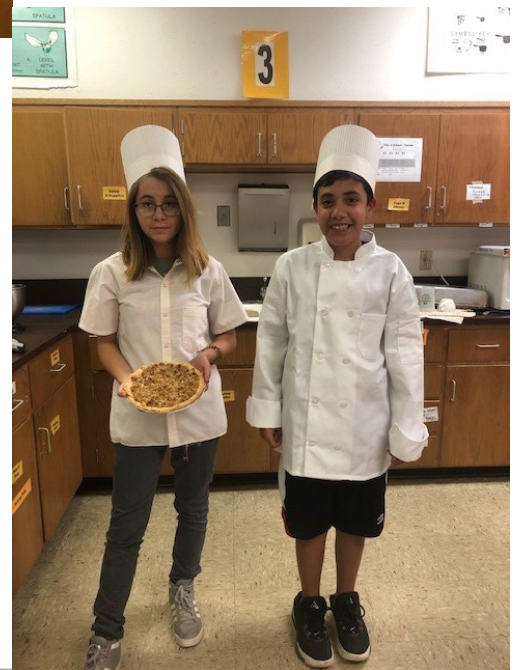
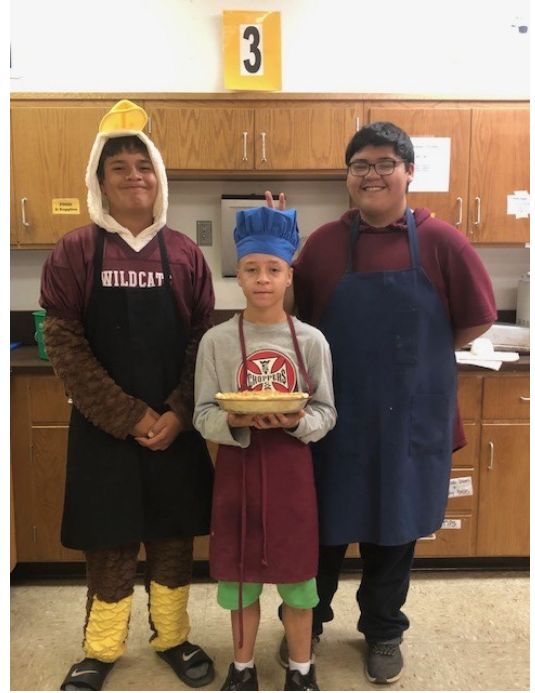
Ms. Porter attended the Zozobra festival in Santa Fe on August 30th. She took all the worries that the TMS students wrote down which were burned in the giant statue seen here in the picture.



Cooking with Ms. Bernino

Ms. Bernino's cooking classes started the year off with baking chocolate chip cookies. As you can see, the students were having fun and loved eating the cookies. Also the school smelled heavenly. We look forward to seeing what the cooking classes will be cooking next. Thanks Ms. Bernino for the wonderful cookies.





TMS National Junior Honor Society

The TMS NJHS met in August of 2019 to elect officers for the school year. The new officers are as follows:

President: Megan Hooten

Vice President: Josephine Carrillo

Secretary: Caitlin Rogers

The NJHS is currently fund raising to pay for their yearly dues and induction ceremony costs. The members are selling popcorn and will be selling Yankee Candles. We also help run the concession stands during home games. We appreciate everyone who helps us in our efforts. Coming up we will hold a canned food drive in October to donate to the local food kitchen. There will be a competition between the 7th graders and 8th graders. In December members will participate in reading to the elementary students prior to the holidays.



Kaleb, Josephine and Ms. Hill working in the concession stand during volleyball.



TMS Knowledge Bowl

The TMS Knowledge Bowl Team members for 2019-2020 are:

8th Grade Team

Belinda Andrade
Josie Carrillo
Lucia Hernandez
Megan Hooten
Michaela Oberlander
Caitlin Rogers
Kayleigh Hood

7th Grade Team

Alejandra Amaya
Estevan Barraza
Abbigail Catt
Patience Deitz
Rosemary Gallegos
Jose Luna
C.T. Mills
Lillian Multari
Isaac O'Neal
Xavier Rios
Emili Sanders
Delilah Tripp

Mr. Veltrie: Adviser
Mrs. Shaw: Adviser

Competition Dates:

October 16	Cloudfcroft
October 30	Corona
November 20	Ruidoso
December 11	Tularosa
January 22	Capitan
February 19	Carrizozo
March 18	Ruidoso Convention Center



TMS Volleyball



TMS 7th Grade Volleyball Team



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**TMS 8th Grade
Volleyball Team**







TMS Student Council News

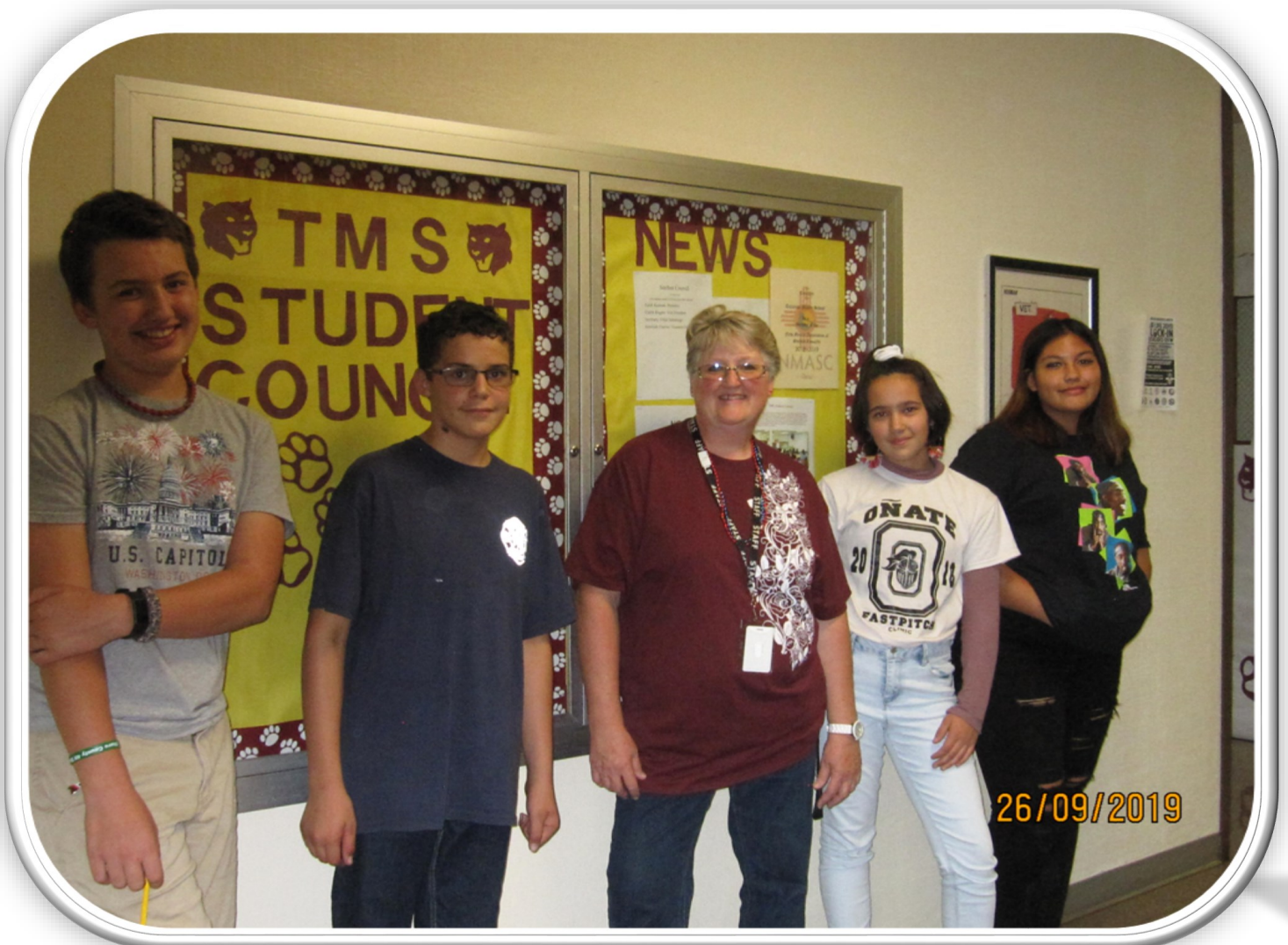
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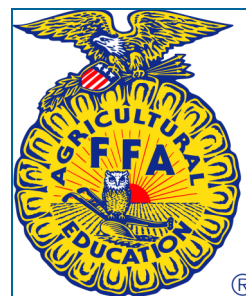
The TMS Student Council Officers for the 2019-2020 school year are as follows:

President: Kaleb Kusmak
Vice President: Caitlin Rogers
Secretary: Daija Samaniego
Historian: Jeremiah Chavez
Mrs. Blondell is the sponsor.
Ms. Seide is also a sponsor.

So far the Student Council has been busy running concession stands to help raise money for their dues and their annual trip to the state conference. The conference will take place in Roswell, NM in October. Student Council is also involved in the homecoming parade and other school activities.

Also, the Student Council will be sponsoring Red Ribbon Week the last week of October. There will be a door decorating contest as well as drug awareness items given out during the week. This year's theme is "Send the Message Out, Say No to Drugs". For any additional information, see one of the officers or sponsors.





TMS FFA Begins New Year

The TMS FFA Officers for the 2019-2020 school year are as follows:

President: Hadley Hathcock

Vice President: Maddison Parker

Secretary: Michaela Oberlander

Treasurer: Charles Denton Montoya

Sentinel: Wyatt Zolman

Student Advisor: Joel Baca

Adviser: Mrs. Day

2019 Junior High Leadership Competition

Creed: Joel Baca, Luke Tyler, Wyatt Zolman

Opening/Closing Ceremonies—Placed 1st

President: Hadley Hathcock

Vice President: Maddison Parker

Sentinel: Wyatt Zolman

Reporter: Caitlin Rogers

Treasurer: Charles Denton-Montoya

Secretary: Michaela Oberlander

Advisor: Logan Beaty

Illustrated Talk

Caitlin Rogers

Jacob Cervantes



TMS Wildcat Football





TMS Wildcat Football Homecoming Fun!



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TMS Wildcat Homecoming



