

Tequesta Trace Newsletter

April 2025



Robert Rivera,
Principal

Science - Gayle Swinerton

Extra Learning Opportunities

We are down to our final five sessions. GEARS 2 and physical science sessions are on Tuesdays and biology is on Thursdays. These sessions run from 8:05 – 9:05. Teachers will e-mail parents and students to confirm session locations and of any day changes due to scheduling conflicts.

Water Matters Day Infographic Challenge

Saturday, March 8th was the 23rd Annual Water Matters Day held at Tree Tops Park in Davie. As part of this county-wide conservation event The Water Matters Day Infographic Challenge was held which was open to all Broward students grade K-12. The infographic was a brief research project that included a history of Arbor Day, a description of the importance of trees to our planet, and the student's innovative ideas for preserving and expanding the tree canopy here in Broward.

Luccia Scocco won first place for the middle school division and Noah Vidal was the runner up for the middle school division. Their prizes included several eco-tourism passes from county points of interest. Thank you to Ms. Silva for introducing students to the resources available through Adobe that made the infographics possible!



Young Poets Literary Digest Science Haiku Contest

Science students at all grade levels participated in this contest. More than 100 haikus were submitted. TTMS has had great success with this contest and has been recognized as a school with the most students published annually. A huge thank you to Ms. Silva for being the driving force behind this effort. Ms. Silva has to compile and submit the haikus, notify the winners, and finally collect and submit the permission forms from the winners. We hope to have the results from this year's contest by the next SAC meeting.

Two of our TTMS students are winners in the District Literary Fair! They are invited to the district award ceremony on April 29, 2025, to receive their award.

This is a huge accomplishment that we have winners who competed with all middle schools across the district.

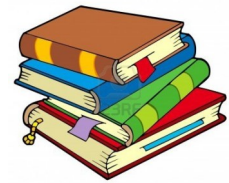
Congratulations to:

- B. Spease (8th grade/Pagnant) - category Short Story
 - Y. Anderson (6th grade/J Wilson) - category Copy Make
- Awesome work!



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Literacy - Kristy Rosario



April has been showered with lots of amazing events! First, our students will participate in a school-wide author study on award-winning children's author, Christina Diaz Gonzalez. Students in 6th grade World History, 7th grade ELA, and 8th grade US History will read different novels by this author and learn about her background as well as what inspired her to write the novel they are reading. Author study efforts will be shown in a class poster contest for each grade level. Posters will include information and images related to the novel and the author. The winning classes will be announced the week of May 1st and they will get to enjoy a donut party. Then, all students will have the opportunity to meet Christina Diaz Gonzalez on May 22nd when she comes to our school. Please be on the lookout for the required permission slip.

In addition to these educational opportunities, the Literacy Department would like to remind everyone about our reading challenges. Our Master of Minutes Reading Challenge will come to an end on May 9th. Students should continue to log their minutes on Beanstack until the contest ends. Also, be on the lookout for a flyer about Tequesta's Summer Reading Challenge. Thanks for your continued support!

Please keep in mind that FAST PM3 is right around the corner, and a little bit of practice each week is a good idea. Teachers are taking this approach to prepare students for the final FAST Assessment on May 6th. If you're looking for ways to support your child at home, please go to <https://flfast.org/families.html>

Congratulations to our Chess team for coming in 2nd place at the Broward County Chess4Life Spring Tournament! We are so proud of all of our players!

Social Worker's Corner

Have you wondered about the role of the school social worker and how I can help your child and family? Read below!

I collaborate with school staff, parents, and community agencies to remove barriers to academic success. I assist with attendance concerns you may have with your child and can connect you with truancy prevention and services. I link students and their families to mental health, medical, and social services. I can provide your family with food, clothing/uniforms, shoes, school supplies, and other necessities.

Please reach out by calling the main office at 754-323-4400 and ask for Marnie Chapman-Lang or email me directly at Marnie.Chapman-Lang@browardschools.com. I am here to support you!

BCPS Observes Take a Child to Work Day *Save the Date! Thursday, April 24, 2025*

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is excited to participate in **Take a Child to Work Day on Thursday, April 24, 2025**. As part of the national observance by Junior Achievement, BCPS is proud to offer students this valuable opportunity to explore a wide variety of careers, develop essential skills and gain real-world insights that will inspire them to envision a bright and confident future.

Take a Child to Work Day is a Districtwide initiative that allows students to spend the day at the workplace of a parent, guardian, adult relative or family friend to experience the professional world firsthand.

"We believe that Take a Child to Work Day is an excellent opportunity for students to learn about the importance of education and the many career paths available to them," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Howard Hepburn. "We recognize the importance of exposing children to diverse career options and encouraging them to pursue their passions."

For more information regarding Take a Child To Work Day, visit browardschools.com/ctace.

Speech & Debate - Michel El Khouiri

We weren't expecting it, but what an incredible performance in the tournament at Stoneman Douglas High School on March 18, 2025.

Our Tequesta Trace Speech & Debate team consisted of **21 students** and won a remarkable **12 medals in 6 different Speech and Debate categories**, showcasing a month of hard work and perseverance.

Major Achievements:

- 🏆 **A. Lepervanche 1st Place Overall in Student Congress for the entire tournament!**
- 🏆 **D. Roach Placed 1st overall in her Student Congress Chamber!** Impressively, this was Danika's **first time participating in Student Congress**, and she brought a very strong performance.

Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas Debate: We won **every single round in every entry!** Incredible work by our debate teams:

- 🏆 **V. Sanchez Garcia and J. Valdiviezo** After many tries in different tournaments, their persistence paid off and they finally won their **first-place medal!**
- 🏆 **I. Shetty and M. Guzman** Also celebrated their **first-ever Public Forum win** after continued hard work and dedication!
- 🏆 **S. Sosa and J Balamurugan** Not part of a debate honors class, these courageous 7th graders put in a great deal of effort and courage as they stepped up and delivered a confident performance that earned them their first win!

🏆 **L. Faris** Earned her **1st place medal in Lincoln Douglas Debate** after going up against tough competitors from Posnack Private School. This was the second time she delivered a challenging debate on the topic of AI and morality.

Individual Highlights from Speech Category Winners:

- 🏆 **N. Saneholtz** : After trying all year, she finally secured her **1st place medal in Extemporaneous Speaking**. She showed our class that persistence pays off!
- 🏆 **D. Naranjo** Gave a masterful performance interpreting *Little Red Riding Hood* from Wolf's perspective. After two years of sharpening his skills, he delivered a captivating **storytelling** piece, earning **1st place!**

🏆 **H. Casey** In her **first-ever** attempt at **Impromptu Speaking**, she won **both rounds** against tough opponents from American Heritage!

Our team:

Many of our students were just one score away from earning their first-place medals, demonstrating the close and competitive nature of this tournament. We congratulate our entire team for their incredible effort and commitment!

Math - Karen Adams

As we enter the 4th quarter, 6th-8th grade courses are completing their curriculum and preparing for the FAST MATH PM 3, while Algebra and Geometry are preparing for their BEST EOC (End of Course) Exam. Each teacher has assigned spiral reviews, standard reviews, and/or topic reviews. Please check your child's Math Canvas page for specific assignments by the teacher.

Additionally, you can help your child review for their state-wide assessment by visiting <https://flfast.org/families.html> to access sample items for each assessment.

[Students & Families](https://flfast.org/families.html)

Students & Families. General information and resources about Florida Statewide Assessments.

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Physical Education - Niesel & Altimar

Throughout the 3rd Quarter P.E. students learned basic football skills such as throwing, catching, flag pulling and the rules of the game. Over the past two weeks, 33 teams participated in our Unit 3 Football Tournament during their class period. The following students were CHAMPIONS and received a TTMS Physical Education Spirit Shirt for their accomplishment. Next up, Quarter 4 SOCCER!

1st Period Champions

A. Fellache
V. Espinosa
E. Morgan
J. Andres
A. Palmer

2nd Period Champions

J. Ellington
A. Pasquale
F. Fernandez
M. Maurisset
T. Telleria

3rd Period Champions

M. Valenzuela
A. Griffith
V. Castillo
Ja'. Mortimer
D. Perdomo

4th Period Champions

N. Brown
S. Herrera
N. Knox
J. Sánchez
S. Reyes
N. Balza

5th Period Champions

L. Nayelli
G. McCarthy
E. Espinosa
S. Mevi
D. Dickman
F. Murphy

6th Period Champions

A. Johnson
A. Mustak
A. De Jesus
T. Kremenik
S. Comulada
S. Miranda
S. Granja

7th Period Champions

A. Johnson
A. Palates
B. Gueli
M. Dady
P. Stojakovich

8th Period Champions

D. Seider
R. Puig
C. Gutierrez
S. Cortes Devia
A. Montero
B. Comer

