

Tequesta Trace Newsletter

January 2019
3rd Quarter

Paul Micensky, Principal



Principal's News

Happy New Year Tequesta Trace families! We are in the 3rd week of the 3rd Quarter and I am truly excited for a successful second half of the school year.

Below you will find the Spring 2019 Testing Dates. It is extremely important that all students are in attendance everyday prior to testing and during testing. Students across all grade levels are taking part in rigorous, standard-based lessons that will be assessed in the Spring.

It is important to try to plan activities and appointments outside of the school day to ensure that all students are able to participate in this valuable instruction prior to the start of the testing season.

We are committed to our students and their individual success. Please help us in making sure they reach their maximum potential.

Sincerely,

Proud Principal~ Mr. Micensky

Guidance Department

The Guidance Department would like to remind parents and students to be aware of Middle School promotion criteria. This is the time of year when many students feel stress and anxiety about Spring testing and academic success. Please see your grade level counselor if you are feeling stress or are unclear about what it takes to be promoted to the next grade level. Remember preparation is the key.

Mark your calendars. Spring 2019 testing dates:

4/2 - FSA writing 6th, 7th & 8th
5/1 -5/2 FSA ELA 6th, 7th & 8th
5/6 FSA Math 8th grade
5/7 FSA Math 6th, 7th & 8th
5/8 FSA Math 6th and 7th, FCAT Sci 8th
Other dates that do not effect the entire school:
5/15-5/16 - Algebra/ Geometry EOCs
5/21 - Civic's Biology EOC's

Parents, if you have concerns about your child's academic success now is a good time to schedule a parent teacher conference by calling the school directly 754-323-4400.

Athletics

Both TTMS Volleyball teams have finished the regular season as Division Champions!

The first playoff game will be held at home on Thursday, January 31st.

The first Boys and Girls Flag Football home game is Wednesday, January 30th.

All students who plan to tryout for a TTMS sport MUST register online. Students will NOT be able to tryout unless pre-registered: www.registermyathlete.com

Thank you for supporting TTMS Athletics.
Contact Coach Schragger with questions:
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Technology Update

Broward County Public Schools officially launched the new Single Sign-on Solution (Clever) on January 7, 2019, for all students. This change has no impact on the applications connected to SSO.

For students: This is the same Single Sign-on Solution already used for over 40 different student applications. Students will continue to go to sso.browardschools.com where they will be taken directly to the new Clever login page below. From this page users will click on "Log in With Active Directory" where they will be taken to our Active Directory login page.



For more information, a Student/Parent Guide to using SSO can be found at browardschools.com/sso

Drama:



Jr. Thespian Troupe 88241 (Advanced Drama) competed at the District Level in December, and is preparing to take 8 performance pieces and 2 technical pieces to State Festival in February. Troupe 88241 received Critic's Choice recognition in 6 different categories, breaking their own record!

The Spring musical, *Freaky Friday*, has been cast and rehearsals are in the beginning stages. The show runs from April 24-26 at Western High School.

Speech and Debate:

The TTMS Speech and Debate team will be competing in two tournaments in Broward County this month. The first is the Monthly After School Tournament (MAST) at Glades Middle School. The second is the Coral Springs Middle Stallion Showcase Showdown! Our enthusiastic students will be preparing their own materials, which include research, cropping, storytelling, and persuasive writing. After school practices will resume soon with Mrs. Levine.

ESOL:

The ESOL students are working hard and making lots of learning gains. In November they competed in Imagine Learnings Language and Literacy challenge. Students were challenged to maximize their literacy practice and reading comprehension in a statewide contest using the Imagine Learning Program. Tequesta Trace Students came in second place in the state. They were the only school in Broward County to receive an award.

Science and Literacy:

Students have been completing their science fair and literary fair projects, and they will soon be on display! We look forward to seeing representations of their research and creativity.

Upcoming Events

01/23- Science Fair Night	01/31- Drama State Festival
01/26- Speech/Debate competition	02/08- Spring Pictures
01/30- Report Cards issued	02/13- TTMS night at CBHS
01/30- Drama Showcase	02/23- Speech/Debate tournament

Social Studies:

Social Studies classes have been working on the history fair. "Every year National History Day® frames students' research within a historical theme. The theme is chosen for the broad application to world, national, or state history and its relevance to ancient history or to the more recent past. The 2018-2019 theme is *Triumph & Tragedy in History*" (<https://www.nhd.org/triumph-tragedy-history>).

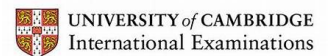
Civics:

Third quarter students will be moving into the Judicial Branch, the Supreme Court, State and Local government and the Law and the Criminal Justice System which culminates in a "mock trial" where students assume the roles of officials and people in a courtroom and argue both sides of a case.

Global Perspectives:

Students will be working on the Cambridge Individual Report where students write on one global topic from a choice of eight. With the guidance of their teacher, candidates choose from one of the specified topic areas and devise a global research question. Candidates use this question as the title for their report. The report must be between 1500 and 2000 words. The Individual Report must be based on one of the following topics: Belief Systems, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Loss, Changing Communities, Digital World, Family, Humans and Other Species, Sustainable Living and Trade and Aid.

Cambridge



Cambridge International School

6th graders went on a field trip to the Weston AMC theater to see *The Grinch*. Afterwards, they compared the movie to the original Dr. Seuss's *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*. Students also used the book to analyze word choice and poetic form.

They are now working on integrated projects throughout their Cambridge classes focusing on Ancient Rome while reading *The Thieves of Ostia*, as well as working on science and literary fair projects.

7th graders wrote professional persuasive letters to the President in civics class. In Language Arts, they will be studying the archetype of the hero as it appears throughout literature, as well as begin communicating with classrooms in Japan, Russia, Korea, and China.

8th graders have been focusing on integrated projects focusing around the history fair theme: Triumph and Tragedy. This quarter, they will continue exploring that theme while reading *Milkweed* and learning about The Holocaust.