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A newsletter for and about the staff of the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District

December 1, 2017

Quick Look

Student Success
Life Skills Center Talent Show

Save the Date
BCBS Open Enrollment, Dec. 5/6

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CTC Student Council Raffle
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December 5
TBAISD Board of Education Mtg.
Arnell Admin Building, 5:30 p.m.

December 15
Retirement Celebration for Mike Hill
Elks Lodge, 4:30 p.m.

December 22- January 2
Holiday Break - No Students

January 3
School Resumes

Enjoy the Festive Season

The period between Thanksgiving and the winter holiday break is always a busy, sometimes chaotic, yet exciting time of year. Hopefully you survived Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday. It is refreshing to see Giving Tuesday follow the busy weekend, when the local community joins in a worldwide day of giving back to non-profits to support those less fortunate. This festive season lends to lessons in kindness, patience, friendship, and seeking ways to give of ourselves to brighten the spirit of others around us. I see evidence of these lessons taking place every day in this organization and I'm grateful for the positive impact this work has on our students and surrounding communities.

Words cannot describe the awesome performances delivered by our students during the annual Life Skills Center Thanksgiving talent show. A record crowd was present this year and the show did not disappoint! The student performances took center stage, but we know our dedicated staff worked behind the scenes to prepare them for success. The added touch of a family-style Thanksgiving meal prepared by staff followed the show and was a wonderful gift to the audience and our students. It was rewarding to see parents and family members in attendance, beaming with pride as they watched the students perform with confidence.

One topic that has recently captured our attention is the action taken by the Michigan Senate to pass SB# 584-586 allowing concealed weapons within current weapon free zones. Schools, preschools, daycare centers, churches, stadiums, college campuses and dormitories are currently weapon free zones. This issue now rests with the Michigan House of Representatives. If passed by the House, the bills move to Governor Snyder for either approval or veto. All education organizations and associations strongly oppose this legislation and believe weapons have no place in schools or other settings currently protected. Student, staff and school community safety is the priority. Please pay close attention to this legislative process and consider communicating your thoughts to our elected officials.

I have been blessed to serve TBAISD. The kind gestures people have shown me since announcing my retirement have been overwhelming. No words can express my gratitude. The month of December will be bittersweet for me as I wrap up my term as your superintendent. There is much to accomplish in these final days and I assure you the transition of new leadership is going very well. Dr. Jann Jencka will begin January 2, 2018 as interim Superintendent until Dr. Nick Ceglarek fulfills his commitment to his present school district. Both individuals are outstanding leaders and will work together to support TBAISD through the remainder of the school year until Nick is ready to assume this superintendency on July 1.

This organization is fortunate to have such dedicated employees who work to meet the needs of students first and are relentless in the pursuit of continuous improvement for our educational system. Once again, thanks for all you do for TBAISD.

Mike

Michael J. Hill, Superintendent

TBA ISD CTC CAREER-TECH CENTER

Student Council Raffle

The CTC Student Council is raffling off a TORO Power Max 7260E 26" electric start snow blower to benefit the annual CTC Angel Tree holiday project. The snowblower is in "like new" condition and ready for the winter ahead thanks to the talented students in the Power Equipment Technology program.

The student council has adopted two families from the area who are experiencing economic hardships and will utilize the procedes from the raffle to fulfill wish lists of essential items that will bring cheer to these families this holiday season.

Tickets are available for $1 each and can be purchased in unlimited quantities at the Career-Tech Center main office before the drawing at noon on Friday, December 8.

Talent Show Photos

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Child & Family Services of Northwest Michigan

Service to Community

Child & Family Services is a nonprofit organization serving 20+ counties of northwestern Michigan with foster care and adoption services. This year, CTC Allied Health student Savannah Stepke is organizing a fundraising campaign to help provide children entering foster care with a duffle bag of essential items to aid in their transition to a safe home. Please consider helping children in need.

Donation Wish List

Items can be sent to the Career-Tech Center
Attn: Savannah Stepke or Kris Wendland
by December 18

Support in times of crisis, challenge, and life transition

SET SEG School Insurance Specialists

Open Enrollment

~ For all non-MESSA insurance groups ~

Tuesday, December 5
Wednesday, December 6

TBAISD Leelanau Conference Room
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Staff members participating in SET/SEG need to enroll during this open enrollment period if you plan to participate in medical coverage for the 2018 plan year. Contact Shanna Janowiak at 922-6215 with questions.

Adult Community Experience

Students out in the community

ACE

The ACE II downtown classes attended a LIFE Conference hosted by Disability Network at Lake Ann Camp. Students from numerous local districts attended the event to hear from guest speakers about internet safety, being open to ask for help, as well as learning to advocate for yourself.

Students and community members present Mike Hill with gifts in honor of his commitment to education.

Great Start Collaborative 5toOne

UnClassified

For Sale: 2011 AWD Subaru Legacy, 108,000 miles. Asking 8,000. Contact Susan Broad 231-499-3856.

For Sale: Private wooded 10 acre parcel in Grand Traverse County. Live in the country. For photos visit vanceroad.c21.com. Live in the country only minutes from Traverse. $79,900. Contact Cathy Schulte-Abate at cabate@tbaisd.org or call Lauren (Century 21 Northland) at 231-714-7246.

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