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TBAISD LEADING LIFETIME LEARNING

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

July 28, 2017

Quick Look

News You Can Use
- Tech Services Alert
- CTC Student Success
- New CTC Program Addition
- Tech Discounts with REMC Bid

Meetings & Events
- TBAISD Opening Day is August 30
- CTC Scholarship Golf Outing - September 17

Other
- August Birthdays
- Stork News

Our Work Continues

Summertime in northern Michigan is hard to beat! The weather has been fantastic with a great mix of rain and sun. Next week marks the beginning of August. The "Back to school" buzz will slowly make its way to the forefront, but there is still plenty of time to get out and enjoy the sun, sand, water and fresh northern air!

Nothing has slowed down at TBAISD over the summer. Our dedicated staff is hard at work maintaining business operations, hiring new employees, freshening up our buildings and grounds, and updating technology infrastructure and devices in preparation for a strong start to the new school year. Members of our special education instructional and support staff keep our summer programs running smoothly and various teams continue to meet throughout the summer to prepare for the busy year ahead. It is never easy to work through these beautiful warm weather days, but the ongoing dedication of our staff and their focus on students is commendable.

Phase three of the Life Skills Center (LSC) renovation is nearly complete. The transformation of this facility was long overdue and we are proud of the final result. The back parking lot at CTC/LSC has been resealed and striped. New lighting throughout the Arnell facility is nearly complete and provides energy efficiency and interior light improvements for classrooms and hallways. Bids for the new construction project on the east end of the Career-Tech Center will go out in the next three weeks. This renovation will be the new home for our Manufacturing Technology Academy and Precision Machining programs, with an additional expansion for our popular welding program. We are pleased to be able to meet the growing needs of our programs and services through renovation of existing facilities and we are thankful for our Board of Education and community for making this work possible.

Our annual TBAISD opening day event is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30 at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa and it will be great to see everyone again. Enjoy the rest of the summer with those closest to you. The 2017-18 school year promises to be another successful one for TBAISD!

Mike

Michael J. Hill, Superintendent

Board Of Education

TBAISD Board of Education agendas, meeting minutes, and meeting videos can be found on our website on the Board of Education page.

July 2017 Regular Meeting Video Link

https://videos.tbaisd.org/Watch/w2BJf4n9

Next meeting: August 8, 2017

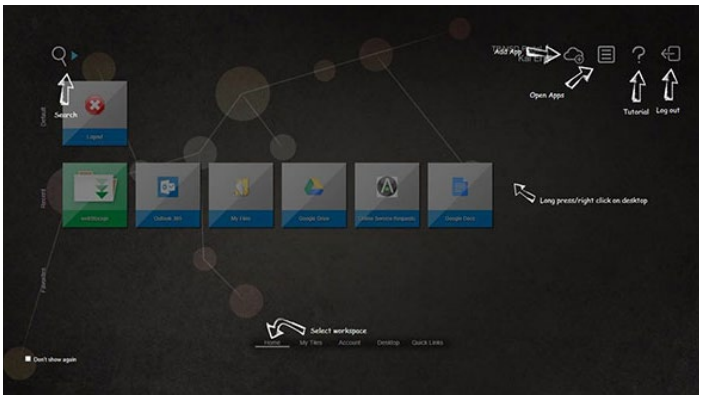
Dates to Remember

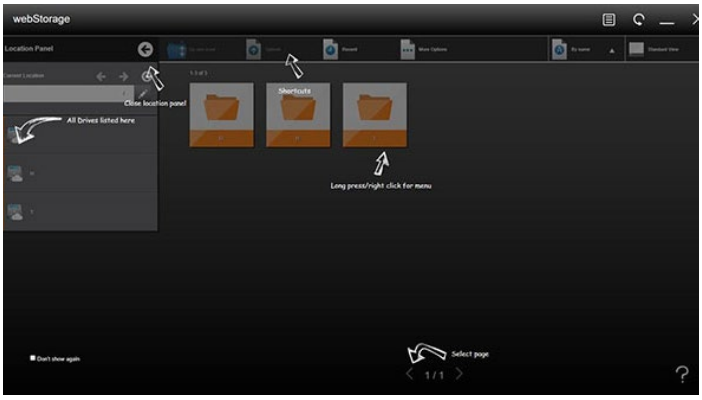
Aug 30	TBAISD Opening Day for Staff 7:30 a.m. Grand Traverse Resort
Sept 5	TBAISD Special Education Programs First day with students
Sept 6	TBAISD Career-Tech Center Programs First day with students
Sept 8	Half Day for Special Education Students Full day for staff

TECHNOLOGY MATTERS

TBAISD Portal Update

Technology Services will be updating the software that runs the TBAISD Portal. With the update, there will be a new workspace (interface) that is called "Secure Cloud Access". This new interface is designed to support touchscreens and work across all devices (e.g. – desktops, notebooks, tablets, and smartphones). Below is an example of how the new workspace will look after the update. Also with the upgrade is a new way to access files saved on servers from outside of the TBAISD network. The icon you will want to use is called "WebStorage". Webstorage allows you to download a file, edit it, and upload it back to the TBAISD network drive. See examples below.





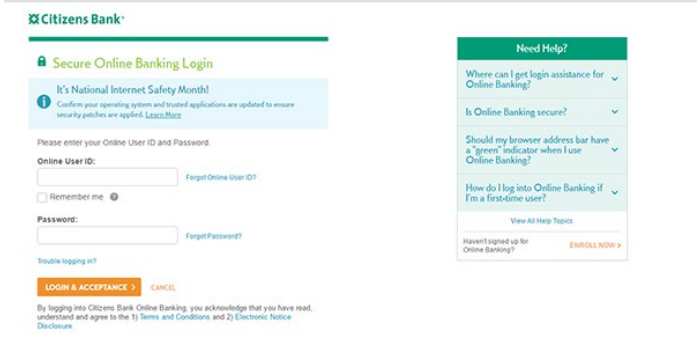
Past and Present: Members of the TBAISD Tech Services team: Mary Savage, Grant Wright, Tammy Coon*, John Anderson, Kathleen Hayes*, Dave Warner*, George Kuhn*, and Grant Blesma. (*retired)

Phishing Scams

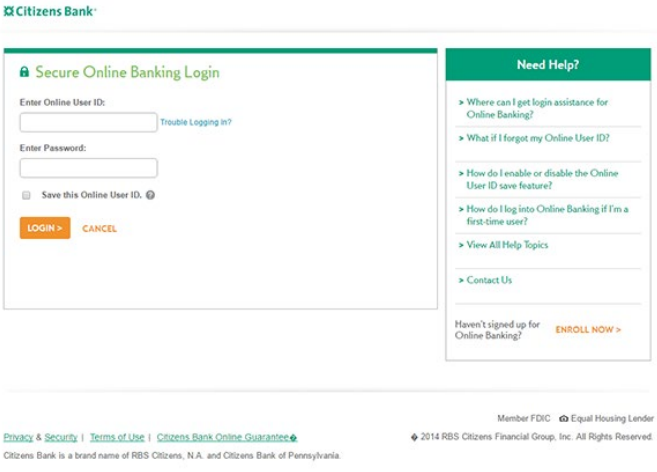
It could happen to anyone. Don't let it happen to you!

This is a friendly reminder from your TBAISD Tech Services department. Phishing is an email with a link that will direct you to a web page where you may be asked to provide personal passwords, credit card or financial information for malicious reasons. Learn more about how to avoid email and internet scams from the video above.

EXAMPLE: Citizens Official Web Page



EXAMPLE: Fake Phishing Web Page - CAUTION!



CTC Graphic Arts Student Captures Bronze National Title

TBAISD CTC graphic arts student Ally Brooks won the national bronze medal for graphic arts pin design at the 53rd annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference held June 19-23 in Louisville, Kentucky. Her state championship pin design was entered into the national competition against 35 other state champion competitors from across the nation.

A recent graduate from Grand Traverse Academy, Ally attended the Career-Tech Center Graphic Design and Promotional Media program as a junior and senior to learn all aspects of creative digital image development and production that can be applied to a wide variety of careers. Ally earned the honor to participate in the national competition through her exemplary efforts and gold medal status in the Michigan SkillsUSA conference held in Grand Rapids this past April.

For both the state and national pin design contests students had to present their design to a panel of judges, demonstrating industry knowledge while presenting their design concept and how they met contest requirements. The champion from each state competition had the honor of having their pin produced for the national conference where all competitors received their state pin to wear. Pins are used as a way to encourage networking and students traditionally trade pins with other state competitors during the week-long event. The Michigan pin design was a favorite among participants and was a highly sought after design.

"Ally has great artistic talent and continuously exceeds expectation with her creativity, concepts and designs. She consistently demonstrates attention to detail, leadership and confidence which allows her work rise to the top every time," says Career-Tech Center instructor Julie Orr. "Ally made it to the national podium and we are extremely proud of her!"

Earlier in the year, Ally was recognized locally for her creative talent with second place honors in the National Cherry Festival commemorative print competition (She won first place in the 2016 competition). In addition, she was honored as a CTC Outstanding Student in the Graphic Arts program in May and showed perfect attendance at the Career-Tech Center her senior year. Ally plans to attend Ferris State University in the fall to pursue studies in graphic design.

SkillsUSA is a technical, skilled trade and service occupation club of America. This year, more than 6,000 career and technical education students — all state champions — competed in 100 different trade, technical and leadership fields. Students work against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations such as electronics, computer-aided drafting, precision machining, medical assisting, culinary and graphic arts.

Welcome the new arrival!

Molly Dwyer
Born June 6, 2017 – 7 lbs. 5 oz., 20.5" long
to Erica Dwyer, speech pathologist

Delaney Jade Darter
Born July 6, 2017 – 7 lbs. 6 oz., 20.75" long
to Billi Darter, ASD Teacher at East Middle School

Ally Brooks, National Bronze Medalist in Skills USA

with CTC Instructor Julie Orr

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Insurance Industry Partners with Career and Technical Education

New CTC program to launch in the fall

TBAISD Career-Tech Center is preparing to launch a new business careers program this September in partnership with local insurance agencies and Olivet College. The high school elective program will provide an opportunity for students to earn nine direct, transferrable college credits through Olivet College and acquire standard industry certification upon completion of the program.

In the United States, the business of insurance is divided into three categories: life insurance, health insurance and property/casualty insurance. The insurance industry employs a number of specialist and most require a college degree or special licensing for related careers in underwriting, sales, investigating, adjusting, appraising, actuarial, IT, marketing and law. This opportunity will provide high school students a jump start in a challenging and very rewarding career.

"Last year we were approached by local agencies seeking motivated students eager to begin exploring careers in the insurance field," says Pat Lamb, CTC principal. "Our business careers and Information Technology programs are two career pathways that align well with workforce skills these agencies seek," Lamb explains.

Much like the skilled trades, the insurance industry is experiencing an aging workforce and expects a talent shortage in the coming years due to a high numbers of retirees, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Local agencies are rethinking recruitment strategies to attract and develop young talent before critical shortages impact business.

Students in the CTC program will work side-by-side with industry professionals each week and will access instruction through online learning and face-to-face interaction with industry leaders in addition to field trips, job shadowing, work experience, internships, and guest speakers.

To learn more about career and technical education programs offered to eleventh and twelfth grade students from within the five-county region, go to www.tbactc.org

Quick Link:
2017-18 TBAISD Calendar

Opening Day
August 30
Grand Traverse Resort

We are making plans for our staff Opening Day scheduled for Wednesday, August 30 at the Grand Traverse Resort. Again this year we would like to feature a slideshow of pictures that include staff members and their family taken over the summer. Some examples are individual photos, newborns, pets, family photos, graduation, reunions, vacations, boating, camping, at the beach or sporting events. If you have one or two photos that stand out and would like to share, please send them to Renee Childers at rchilders@tbaisd.org Please include the name of the person in the photo and location taken.

Unclassified

Costco Special: For pre-opening incentives Costco will be giving away $60 worth of coupons with new membership enrollment on or before October 26. Executive Members will receive a $20 cash card and a goody bag of Costco's Kirkland signature products. Visit the Costco office at 1792 S Garfield between 8:30-5.

For Sale: Yamaha YTR-200ADII trumpet. $650. Used for 3 school years and maintained by Marshall Music. Cleaned and inspected at the end of use. Contact Karen Reister at kreister@tbaisd.org

For Sale: HARO BMX freestyle bike. Garage kept, great condition, but needs a little dusting off. $150. See photos here. Call Heather at ext. 26222 or 946-7284.

For Sale: Manhasset music stand. Excellent condition. $30. Also, violin shoulder rest, size 4/4. Kun Original, excellent condition. $20. Call Heather at ext. 26222 or 946-7284.

BIRTHDAYS *August*

Tuesday 1
Heidi Argue, Information Assistant, Admin Bldg
Melissa Burds, Registered Nurse, Oak Park
Wednesday 2
Jaclyn O'Connor, Speech Pathologist, Admin Bldg
Lauren Oleson, School Psychologist, Admin Bldg
Kathy Walsh Sinnard, Teacher Consultant, Admin Bldg
Thursday 3
Julia Barresi, Physical Therapist, Traverse Heights
Friday 4
Robin Hornkohl, Early On Coordinator, CTC
Ryan Maas, School Psychologist, Admin East
Saturday 5
Jenny Pfannenstiel, School Psychologist, Central HS
Sunday 6
Tiffany Flesher, TA SXI, Life Skills Center
Lynn Newland, Teacher Consultant, VIAT Bldg
Monday 7
Sara Kersey, ASD Teacher, Oak Park
Wednesday 9
Joan Bahra, Speech Pathologist, Admin Bldg
Deb Manley, Secretary, Traverse Heights
Thursday 10
Paul Bauer, Director Instructional Serv, Admin Bldg
Monique Campo, TA CI, Life Skills Center
Cindy Kamphuis, TA CI, Life Skills Center
Saturday 12
Diann King, TA AI, TC West Senior High
Barb McGee, Speech Pathologist, CTC
Monday 14
Stephanie Cruz Carter, ASD Teacher, Oak Park
Marlene Plane, Job Coach, Life Skills Center
Tuesday 15
Leigh Kennedy, Coordinator of Curriculum, Admin Bldg
Shana Moore, Speech Pathologist, GTA
Matthew Szatkiewicz, EI Teacher, New Campus
Wednesday 16
Michael Barnes, Auto Body Repair Teacher, CTC
Thursday 17
Dan Bowers, Parapro-Auto Body Repair, CTC
Friday 18
Mollie Blasius, School Psychologist, Courtade Elem
Sunday 20
Nadia Hoover, LEA Accountant, Admin Bldg
Hayden Howe, TA EI, New Campus
Dawn Staley, Teacher Consultant, Kalkaska HS
Monday 21
Charlie Gordon, Custodian, CTC
Kati Maki, Computer Technician, REMC
Tuesday 22
Jennifer Denoyer, Teacher Consultant, Admin Bldg
Bret Gutknecht, Behavior Support Assistant, Admin E
Matt Nausadis, Assistant Principal, CTC
Colin O'Brien, IT Teacher, CTC
Catherine Schulte-Abate, TA SXI, Traverse Heights
Thursday 24
Rebecca McKee, EI Teacher, New Campus
Hilary Strickland, School Social Worker, Central HS
Friday 25
Laura Detwiler, ASD Teacher, Oak Park
Saturday 26
Erin Graham, Speech Pathologist, Oak Park
Corianne Oakley, Teacher Consultant, Admin East
Peter Povolo, Parapro-Precision Mach Tech, MTECH
Monday 28
Jonna Brown, Teacher Consultant, CTC
Alison Eno, TA SXI, Life Skills Center
Melisa Martin, Speech Pathologist, Benzie Lake Ann Ele
Tuesday 29
Debra Pelton, Accountant, Admin Bldg
Garrison Reardon, Business Office Support, Admin Bldg

TBAISD Board of Education (L to R): Jason Tank, Jim Scherrer, Liz McKellar, Joe Fisher, Rachael Birgy, Bob McCall, Jim Carpenter.

SPECIAL OFFER!

Staff, students and families can receive Michigan educational prices!

WE DO THE BIDS, YOU CASH IN!

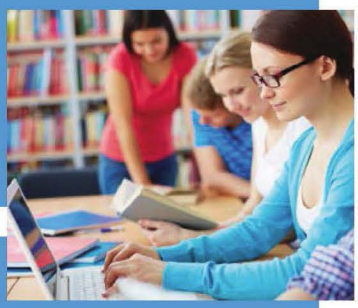
Now through September 30, 2017
Several of the awarded vendors on the 2017 REMC Device Purchasing Bid are also offering discounts to staff, students, and families on computers and accessories purchased for PERSONAL use!

FIREFLY

Bid price on Lenovo N42 14" Chromebook and accessories for personal purchase!
Go to http://fireflyadvantage.com/remc
Enter the desired quantities.
Purchase online using a credit card.

INACOMP

REMC prices on awarded HP items for personal purchase!
Go to www.InaComp.net/remcdevice2017
Select and configure your device.
Purchase online using a credit card.



PRESIDIO

Offering many of Dell consumer line products at a discount
Go to bit.ly/REMCDP
Click on one of the categories across the bottom.
Shop and make your purchase online with a credit card, chat or call customer service.

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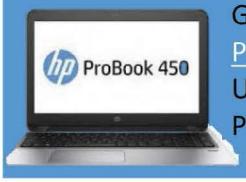

REMC prices on awarded HP items for parents and staff!
Go to http://www.buysehi.com/category/1214/REMC-Device-Parents-and-Staff-Portal.html
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