



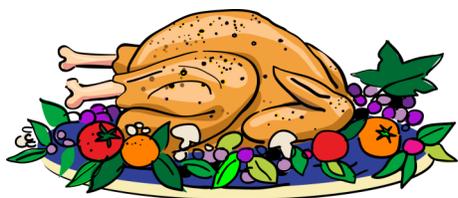
# The Eagle Newsletter

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The fall weather has turned cold and we are finding the mornings very chilly! I appreciate the parents who have helped their children come prepared for any weather, with warm coats, hats, and gloves. Each morning as I walk around the school, I hate to see students shivering as they wait for the classrooms to open. Please be aware that we will be outside in the mornings as much as possible. If there is significant rain or snow coming down, we'll line up in the gym, but that is the exception and not the rule. Our teachers also send the kids out for recess each day, and it's important that they have clothing to block the wind and keep themselves warm. Thank you for bundling up our students!

In the cold season, there may be times when the weather is so extreme that it will be unsafe for the busses to run. If the cold or the conditions of the roads prevent safe bus travel, we will cancel school. In these cases, the school will notify you by phone or by text, whichever method you have selected in your PowerSchool preferences. Please check your preferences to make sure they are up to date.

I'd like to mention how proud I am that our students are following the Harbor Method. They are working hard to achieve both academic and citizenship goals. One of the goals we encourage all students in the elementary to aim for is Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame award is given to those who have completed a certain set of skill and knowledge tests throughout the year. It is not easy to pass the tests—it takes hard work and dedication to complete them. Math facts are a core part of Hall of Fame. There are also tests on months and days, history and science facts, and important American documents. I know each student is capable of passing at least a few of these tests each year. As you work with your child, reinforce that these are more than just extra or fun tests. The skills learned will help them improve their academic achievement in school and be better U.S. citizens as they enter adulthood. That is the real benefit of achieving Hall of Fame—but a trip to Fat Cats at the end of the year is a fun reward, too! I hope to see more students than ever reach Hall of Fame by next May. Thank you for your awesome support of our school!



## THANKSGIVING DINNER AT TAYLOR'S CROSSING

Happy Thanksgiving from the kitchen staff!  
We are getting excited for our annual Thanksgiving feast we prepare and serve to students, faculty, and family members. This year the

date to mark on your calendar is Thursday, November 19th.

We will be serving mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, green beans, fresh fruit salad, whole wheat rolls and pumpkin cheesecake, with milk to drink. If you want to come and join your child, please call the office early in the week so they can let me and my staff know how many guests to prepare to feed. The price of the adult meal is \$3.75. Please pay at the office on the day you come in. Thanks!

— Beth Long, Food Service Director

## TO DO LIST:

- Schedule appointments and vacations during the school break.
- Make sure your child has cold weather coats, hats and gloves.

## SYNC YOUR CALENDAR:

Nov. 14, 8:00 a.m. to noon  
— Saturday school

Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m. —  
Board meeting public session

Nov. 20, 8:30 a.m. — Citizen of the Month assembly

Nov. 20, 7:00 p.m. — Jr. High and High School movie activity, commons

Nov. 23 – 27 — No School, Thanksgiving break

Dec. 2, 6:00 p.m. — National Honor Society induction ceremony

Dec. 12, 8:00 p.m. — Winter Dance, high school

Dec. 15, 1:30 p.m. — Elementary Christmas music program, gym

Dec. 16, 1:30 p.m. — Middle School and High School Christmas music program, gym

Please note:

Please be courteous to our neighbors and continue to use Lincoln Road to access the school.





Above: Nathan Hertz enjoys helping out in the spook alley at the Halloween Carnival on Oct. 23.

Below: Students enjoy concessions with their families as they take a break between carnival games.



**Next Activity:**

November 20, 7:00 p.m.

Movie night in the high school commons—all junior high through high school students are invited!

Cost: \$2.00

Concessions will be sold, or you may bring canned goods to donate to the food drive in return for concessions. Each full-size can equals \$1 toward concession foods.

Look for a Winter Dance coming Saturday, Dec. 12th!

## CHOIR NEWS

Taylor's Crossing Middle & High School Choirs are looking forward to their Christmas Performances this year. Their first performance will be at the Lincoln Court Retirement Home on Friday December 3.

As part of their visit to the retirement home, they are putting together gift bags to give out to residents.

Gift bags will have the following items.

1. Individual sized tissue packages
2. Small bottle of bubbles
3. Chapstick
4. Chocolate or candy

If anyone would like to donate one or more of these items to the choir, please

send them to school with your child and give them to Mrs. Campbell.

The choirs will also perform for the school on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 1:30. The Elementary Christmas Program will be Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 1:30. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

The TCPCS High School's Illuminati Chapter of Honor Society (spring of 2015-Present) has just admitted ten new members into its chapter. As of this recent addition, there are currently 18 members on the roster, consisting of five sophomores, seven juniors, and six seniors (freshman are admitted into Junior Honor Society).

Formal initiation of these new members will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Taylor's Crossing high school commons. As an introduction, the current Honor Society members will deliver short informative speeches on the purpose and values of Honor Society. Afterwards, each new inductee will receive an Honor Society card and pin, awarded to them by a sponsor (adult) of their choice. Additionally, the students will get to light a candle on fire!

The current Honor Society members just completed their first service project by relocating the supplies in the school shed out by the parking lot, to the newly-constructed shed behind the school. The project took place over the course of four days (four hours total).

Honor Society meetings now officially take place every Wednesday at 11:00 in Mrs. Bohrer's room. Elections for office positions will be held in meeting on Wednesday, December 9th. The members are also very grateful to Mrs. Bohrer, who so benevolently stepped up as the new Honor Society advisor for the high school chapter (AND provided snacks for a herd of teens).

Honor Society would greatly appreciate the attendance of anyone who wishes to support the initiation of the new members on December 2nd! They would also greatly appreciate any donations (any money donated will go towards an official Honor Society gavel, which may be used in disciplinary action during meetings).

The Illuminati Chapter is grateful for the opportunities it has had to represent the school and serve the community. The Chapter members plan on doing more service projects in the near future, and appreciate all of the support they have received. By demonstrating exemplary character as representatives, they hope to continue making a positive impact on the TCPCS student body.

—Elyse Blanch, Honor Society Treasurer

## CHARACTER CONNECTION: GRATITUDE

Part of our Harbor Method curriculum focuses on developing characteristics of good citizens. We emphasize kindness, respect, and integrity in our school work and our associations with our classmates and teachers. We also want them to develop personal attributes that will serve them well through adulthood. Gratitude is one of these attributes.

We asked our students in second through sixth grade what they were most thankful for this year. These are their responses—exactly how the students typed it! Some are heartwarming, some are funny, but all are true expressions of our wonderful students!

**MONKEYS!!!!!!!** Andrew T

**my dog** Aidan A

**parents** London L

**doghnuts** Joseph E

**The holidays** Lucas A

**school** Kylie W

**my family** Nalani S

**for having frinds** Jacob W

**A warm house with a roof over my head**

Coleton P

**I am thankful for friends and family.**

Ammon S

**school** Connor S

**my home** Maggie F

**my house** Jace J

**A family** Emily B

**School** Porter C

**family** Lillian S

**My home** Zander O

**Life and Family.** Nickolas C

**My family** Kaden P

**My Christmas presents** Bryson S

**my family** Cameron D

**I am Thankful my country.** Kacen M

**I am thankful for everything** Kaylee K

**are legos** Isley H

**family** Jhanna G

**I am thankful for every day that I come**

**home and my dog wags his tail and**

**gives me a happy face.** Talmage C

**I'm thank for my teacher mrs. meyer**

Emi G

**I am thankful for my family**

Addison C

**my house** Ian D

**mom** Jacob B

**My pet** Zoey T

**easter** Cole K

**electricity** Jace R

**parents** Kassandra T

**food** Jackson R

**my dog** Leah M

**mrs cox** Dane Y

**My LEGO city** Evan Z

**motocycl** Owen N

**my whole family** Silvia H

**for thanksgiving** Declan F

**horses** Lea A

**I'm thankful for my mom** Addie T

**mi cat** Emma M

**my farm** Mary E

**I'm thankful for Idaho** Reese T

**school** Madicyn J

**my mom and dad** Kaiya H

**when my family comes** Samantha C

**food,** Gideon N

**I am thankful my mom and dad** Larcen P

**my pets and mom and dad** Kate N

**mom** Trevin G

**for snow** Harlee L

**mom dad** Tyson B

**Alaska** Kiernan L

**im thankful for my pets** Cooper R

**Family** Keziah W

**FAMILY** Joseph S

**my family and pets** Abby H

**I'm happy to be born in America** Tuey E

**Family** Kimberly S

**My foreign exchange students** Kimmie B

**I am thankful for familys** Liliann A

**Family** Ellie T

**family** Oshyn C

**Freedom** Natalia G

**Food and family** Sylvia L

**my friends** Emma W

**my family, the army** Ethan H

**My family** Teilani K

**The Millitary** Spencer A

**food and bed and family** Adelyn T

**school** Kinsley B

**my family** Maggie B

**family** Vivian B

**veterans** Aj S

**my famly** Kaiden D

**I am thankful for family.** Taylor J

**For the lives of veterans** Brock L

**family** Kade A

**my new dog** Hannah B

**My family** Austin M

**AWESOME PARENTS!!!** Evan V

**MOM** Alex M

**I am thankful for having freedom.**

Michelle S

**I'm thankful for food** Jackson G

**StarWars** Lucas S

**I am thankful for school** Trace B

**my new friends, math, science** Lane B

**PE every day** Isaac A

**family** Ashley E

**my mom** Chris J

**family** Amelia W

**my baby bunny** Ryker S

**p.e.** Augie D

**school home** Kyleen H

**school help** Samuel E

**My teacher** Daxton B

**teachers** Brynn H

**my family** Abigail L

**playground** Nathan M

**Family** Tiernan S

**family** Garrett B

**To be in 4th grade** Bo N

**The Teachers In The School** Kason K

**heavenly father's blessings** Alexa H

**my mom** Eli H

**my family and friends** Harley Z

**A wonderful teacher** Connor D

**my awesome teacher and my grades**

Austin M

**That I am free** Clinton L

**everything** Johann B

**for a house** Cameron S

**new friends** Ellianna S

**I am thankful for my friends** Isabella T

**the army** Kaidne M

**ressess** Emily M

**the ipad** Mason S

**my baby dog** Robby S

**my niece** Heidi W

**Family and Friends** Isabel G

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## GRATITUDE, CONTINUED

**Family and Friends** Brooklyn H  
**My family** Courtney B  
**My Family.** Abigail E  
**My wonderful family.** Jaidyn O  
**The roof over my head** Nycole T  
**my mom and my dad and that I can do dance** Joshua M  
**teachers** Peyton M  
**Friends** Jace B  
**My family's support** Morgan D  
**Family** Kiegen N  
**The Temple** Grace O  
**sun** Erin H  
**family** Haiden S  
**I am thankful for everything that I am given.** Garrett S  
**family and 4-H** Brayden B  
**our president** Benjamin H  
**I'm thankful for this lovely school** Daniel S  
**Having the ability to be free.** Magali Y  
**To have my sister make into the collage she wanted** Ella T  
**family and for veterans** Cristian B  
**my beautiful piano and a good loving teacher as well as all our food and my family and friends** Evelyn A  
**My family** Austin P  
**My family and a roof over my head and plenty of food. Also getting to play sports and go to this school.** Tyler M  
**Family and Friends** Logan M  
**my pet fish** Andria T  
**My family, my nieces, and my house.** Alexandra A  
**All the amazing friends I have made!** Esavelle W  
**wonderful lunch ladies** Anthony L



## FIRST GRADE TEACHER RECEIVES \$500 GRANT

At our last staff meeting, Mrs. Donica Crocker was awarded with a \$500 classroom grant from Northwest Professional Educators! The grant award states it is designed “to purchase high-interest, informational texts to enhance the learning needs of her students and encourage boys to spend more time engaging in learning through books.”

Mrs. Crocker wrote the grant application to fulfill a need she sees in the elementary: engaging boys in learning. Addressing gender-specific learning traits in students through high-interest resources and proven methodologies can help increase motivation and enjoyment in learning and raise academic achievement. Additionally, as the Idaho Core comes into play, students are encouraged to gain knowledge from nonfiction texts. Nonfiction is a genre that particularly appeals to boys—they love bugs, machines, animals, and other nonfiction subjects. Her application identified a possible resource for this learning gap—a series of National Geographic leveled readers that cover many different topics. The book collections come with an online component that lets the kids log on and collect trading cards, learn more information, and do interactive activities. These books have the potential to be used to meet learning needs throughout our elementary as the students gain momentum in their reading skills. We hope they will inspire a love of reading and motivate students to become lifelong learners. We are excited to add this component to our literacy program, and look forward to the excitement, energy and growth the program will generate for our students!

## BOARD OPENING STILL AVAILABLE

Would you like to make a difference in your child’s education? Do you have a spirit of volunteerism and dedication to the community? We can use your talents on our Board of Directors. We still have an opening for a board member position. Board members help to guide the future of the school at monthly board meetings. They meet the second Wednesday of each month to discuss policies and approve actions brought before the board. Meetings usually run from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

To apply, please visit the [tceagles.com](http://tceagles.com) web site, and click on Board of Directors. The Board Member Application is a link at the top right of that page. Return the completed form to the board clerk or to the school’s front office.

## BOARD NEWS

The board is looking forward to the three-day Idaho School Board Association annual conference this week in Coeur D’Alene, Idaho. They will gain tools needed to help shape the future of Idaho public education. This conference presents practical ideas, best practices, and a revitalization of commitment to help the board accomplish their critical work ahead.

## PFA UPDATE

Our PFA board held a wonderful Halloween carnival, which featured new games, lots of food, and a great spook alley. They wish to thank all the parents who showed up to work as volunteers in the classrooms, and especially those on the Carnival committee.

The next PFA fundraiser is currently underway. The elementary and high school are both selling Royal Theater (Paramount) value cards. Each card costs \$20, and returns \$10 to the school. Students need to return the orders for any cards by Dec. 4th. If you would like to see a card or purchase one, you can stop in the front office.

The PFA would also like to ask for volunteers to step up and help gather donations for our annual Spring Dinner and Auction. Please let them know by December if you are available to help out—with enough volunteers, the work will go quickly. Thank you!