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Connecting TPA to the Community and Beyond

March 2023



Who are we?

Turning Point Academy is the education program located within the Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Center. We follow the Lynchburg City Schools academic calendar and academic pacing guides. The school day begins at 8:05 a.m. and ends at 2:50 p.m. Students are enrolled in a summer enrichment program two weeks after school ends and two weeks before school begins. Virginia SOL tests are administered during the fall and spring of each school year. In addition, ISAEP and GED services are available as well as IEP/504 assistance as deemed appropriate and required.



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER!



Happy Spring Everyone!

As we start to bring the school year to an end, we begin to think about what worked well, what didn't work quite so well, and of course what we can do differently the next year. As part of my personal educational journey, I wanted to stop and give a genuine **THANK YOU** to my staff here at Turning Point Academy. They probably won't be showered with gifts and other expressions of gratitude during Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (May 8-10) as many of their colleagues will be in traditional school settings, yet they will come in and give the best they have to help our students. ***"Realizing the possibilities and promoting the change"*** is what we do best here at TPA.

Sincerely,
Lauren Calloway, M. Ed

UPCOMING EVENTS

While our events are not open to the public we do encourage school counselors, administrators, social workers, central office administrators, and probation/parole officers to join us. If you would like more information on attending an event, contact Principal Calloway.

None scheduled at this time.

IMPORTANT DATES

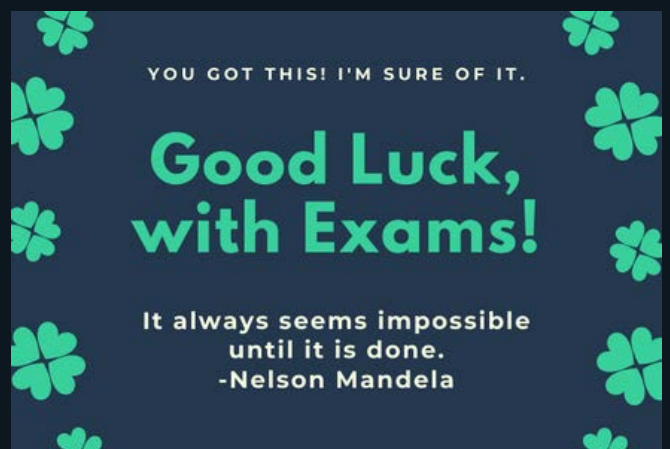
March 13-24: Spring Writing SOL Session

March 17: LCS Professional Planning Day (No School)

April 10 - 14: Spring Break (No School)

April 17-28: Integrated Reading & Writing Field Test Session

April 25 - May 12: Non-Writing SOL Session



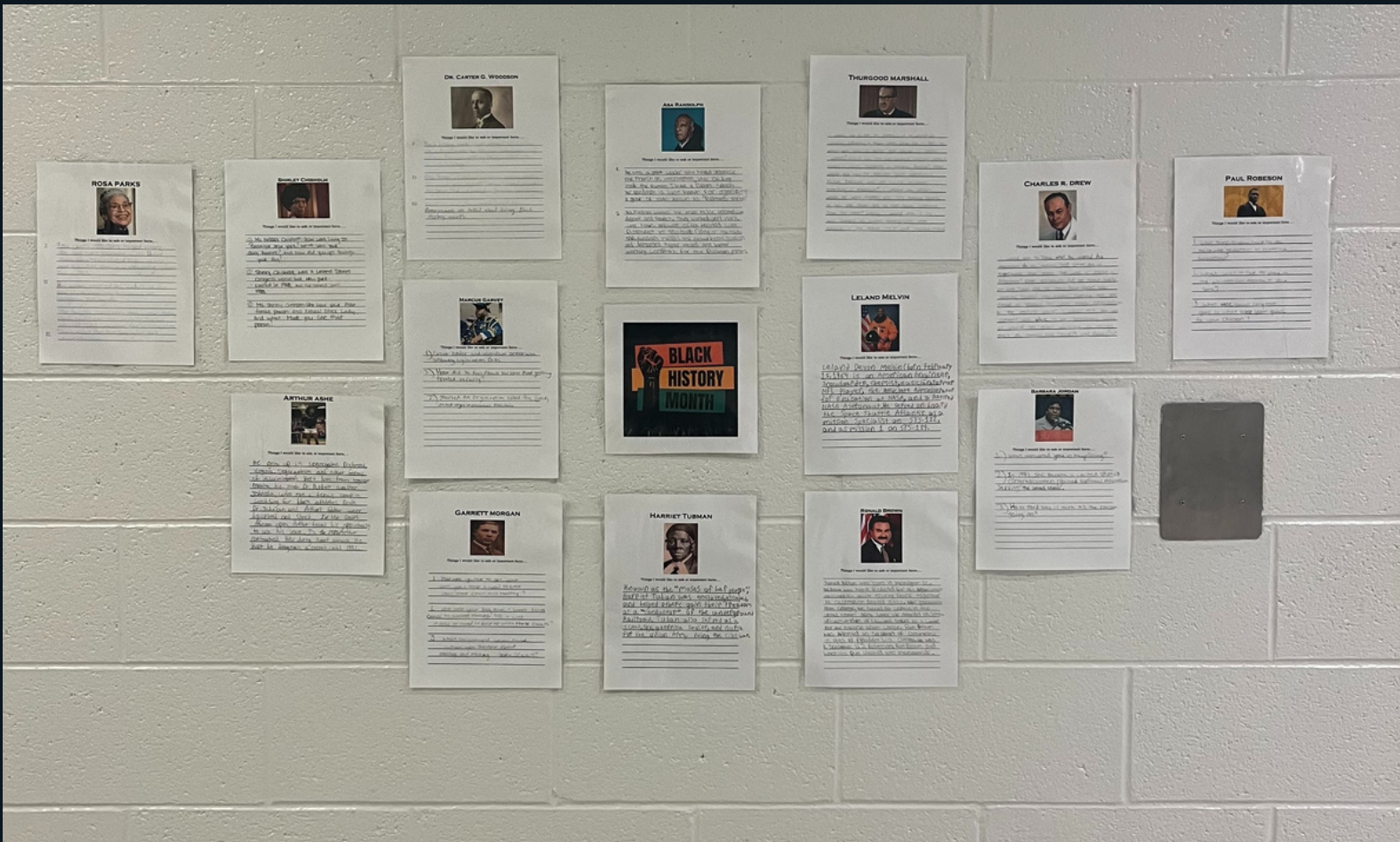
DURING THIS FOURTH AND FINAL QUARTER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, OUR ASSESSMENT WINDOW FOR (SOL) TESTING WILL BE OPEN. WE ENCOURAGE PROFESSIONAL STAKEHOLDERS TO CONTACT TPA PRIOR TO ARRIVAL TO ENSURE THE STUDENT IS NOT TESTING SHOULD YOU NEED TO CONDUCT A VISIT WITH.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SOL TESTING WINDOWS ABOVE

STUDENT PROJECTS: HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In honor of Black History Month, students completed a poster biography project in which they were randomly assigned an influential African American to research. Students conducted research on their scholar and then paraphrased learned facts into their own words on a biography poster in which displayed a pictured of the famous African American. Through this project students not only learned proper research skills, but they were also exposed to the great impact that many African Americans made on society that they were unaware of. All posters were displayed in the halls of our facility for peers and staff to recognize the great work of our students.

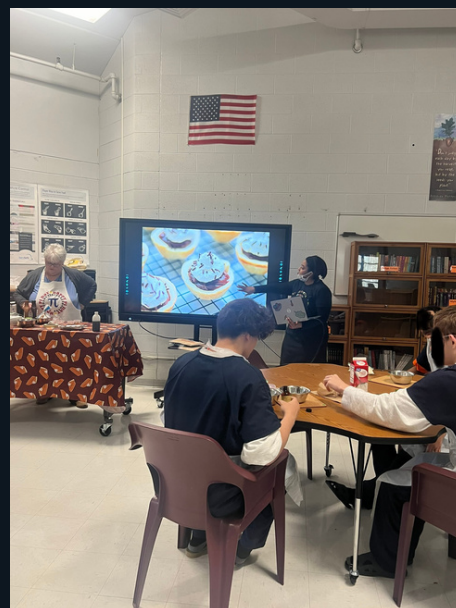
-Submitted by Mr. Forrest (TPA History Teacher)



HAPPY PI DAY

2023 Pi Day was more than just about Circles and Math. However, TPA students did more than just math. They showed off their Science and Culinary Skills on this Pi Day in the ROAR room. Showing off their Science skills they took a liquid and converted it into solid. Taking Heavy Whipping Cream, each student shook the liquid until they had made whipped cream. Once their whipped cream was finished, students showed off their Culinary Skills and presented their whipped cream on Oatmeal Creme Pie or Fudge Round as if they were serving in a restaurant. The TPA students really enjoyed learning about a new recipe “easy” recipe that they plan on making with other “pi”es for their families.

-Submitted by Ms. Johnson
(TPA Math Teacher)



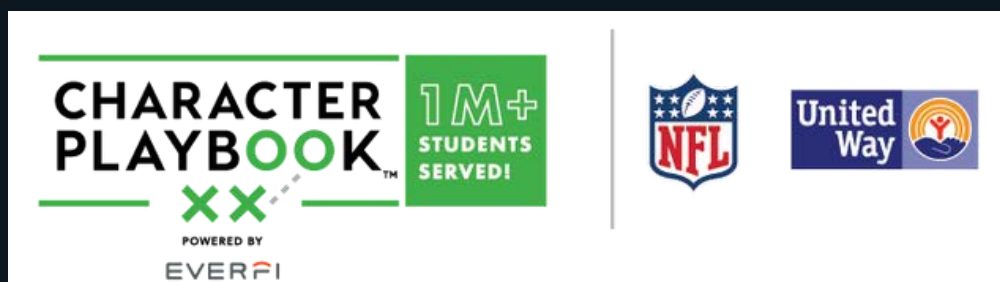
HOW THE SUPERBOWL TAUGHT SEL TOPICS AT TURNING POINT!

Ever have a hard time getting students engaged in the classroom? A common interest here at Turning Point Academy among our students is SPORTS! Many of our students express how they LOVE the game of football! Well how can we incorporate that interest directly in the classroom?

In honor of the Superbowl, our students completed an Everfi Certification Course called "Character Playbook Program". The Character Playbook Certification program expanded on five modules that covered key concepts around positive character development, social-emotional learning (SEL), and building healthy relationships. The course also allowed students to engage with true-to-life scenarios that included bystander intervention strategies and positive relationship examples.

After completing the certification modules, students were able to watch a live recording by the NFL Foundation, Arizona Cardinals, and Character Playbook Team whom discussed the certificate program and Mental Wellness.

-Submitted by Mr. Pillow (TPA PE/Health Teacher)

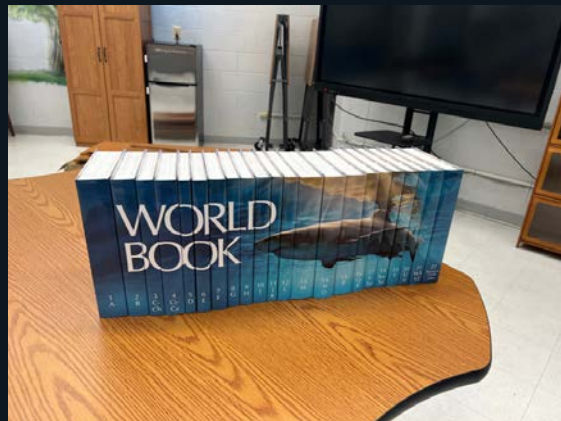


ROAR ROOM UPDATE!!! ("FUTURE MAKERSPACE")

Here is a quick update to our ROAR Research Center (Future Makerspace) in which we referenced earlier this year that we received an impact grant for from the LCS Education Foundation and sponsor International Paper to help expand one of LRJDC's Pods into a more resourceful area for our students!

We want to take the time out to thank our Teaching Staff for working together as a team on Professional Development Day to help construct some of the aspects of the ROAR room. While it is still a work in progress, we are BEYOND EXCITED with the steps that have been made to expand the resources that our students will have access to when it comes to career tech, literature and transitional materials.

-Submitted by Ms. Scott (TPA SOP Student Support Specialist)



WAIT! BEFORE YOU GO....

**MS. 180 WANTS TO REMIND YOU TO READ!
#READACROSSAMERICAWEEK
MARCH 2-6, 2023**



FACT: HOW DID SHE GET HER NAME MS. 180?

- **OUR POST-D PROGRAM STUDENTS**

READING FACT:

- **"IF YOU READ 20 MINUTES A DAY, YOU WILL READ ON AVERAGE 1,800,000 WORDS PER YEAR".**

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

As we are looking ahead into the next school - we need your help, support, and ideas on a couple items. Please complete a quick survey using the [link](#) or QR Code .



Please reach out to us via email for ways to help at turningpoint@lcsedu.net

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Send us an email to turningpoint@lcsedu.net and request to be
added to listserv.

