



Principal's News December 2019

Hey there,

Our new building sign is up and ready! If you forget some of our events, make sure to check it out. December is going to be a quick month and we have a lot of fun activities planned. Also, thanks to all of our families that participated in the Thanksgiving lunch here at T.C. Miller. As a reminder, in addition to paper form, the newsletters will also be uploaded on our school's website.

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter using: #TCMSOARS. You can also check out the other happenings within Lynchburg City Schools using: #readyandwilling. Thanks to all of the parents/guardians that have been supporting our school on social media!

December Events

- December 8th – Flag Corp performs at the Christmas Parade (4:00 – 5:00)
- December 10th – PTO meeting (6:00 – 7:00)
- December 14th – PTO Holiday Showcase & Cookies with Santa (2:30 – 4:30)
- December 16th – Flag Corp performs at E.C. Glass JV basketball game (5:30 – 6:30)
- December 17th – 1st and 2nd grade musical (6:00 – 7:00)
- December 19th – Holiday Sing-a-long – for students (1:30 – 2:30)
- December 20th – Early dismissal (12:15)
- December 23rd – January 3rd – Winter Break (School Closed)

PTO

Please consider being a part of our PTO. The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00 pm. We will be meeting at the school, in the library. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our PTO President Jean Neal. (info@tcmpto.org)

The Library Link

It's hard to believe the holidays are upon us. Remember...BOOKS make great gifts! Please make sure your child takes time to read over the break and look for missing/lost library books!

The second quarter Accelerated Reader (AR) deadline for students is January 17th. Students should have reached half of their yearly AR goal at that time to participate in our "Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundae" party! Have a wonderful Winter Break!

21st Century Program

As we come to the end of the first semester, we have been evaluating the after-school program. Our 21st Century Grant is funded through the Virginia Department of Education. We have received guidance that the program should focus on specific academic needs of the students. As we proceed into the second semester, the afterschool program will be by invite only. Invites for the after-school program will go out at the end of December. Please return them as soon as possible to secure your student's placement. The before-school program will remain open for 2nd – 5th grade students.

As a reminder: The before school program runs from 7:15 - 8:15 and is for students in 2nd- 5th grade. Please make sure to bring your students into the office and check them in for the program. Please do not allow the students to come in on their own. Also, students for the before school program will need to be at school by 7:25. We will not allow late arrivers, after 7:25, as it interrupts the learning environment. If you are not able to get your student to school for the morning program by 7:25, they will be able to arrive at 8:15 for the regular school day. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Counselor's Corner

It is hard to believe we are almost finished with the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year! With a focus on character education, this month we have been playing kindness BINGO. Make sure to ask your child about random acts of kindness. Through our Terrific Kid program, we have recognized over 73 students demonstrating positive character traits. We hope you will continue the discussion at home over break!

We are looking forward to our 3rd – 5th College and Trade Fair this spring. Students are about half way through their projects. Please ask you son/daughter about his/her project. We are so excited about the opportunity for our students to research career clusters and options after high school graduation.

Dismissal

We have been having a lot of dismissal changes occurring between 3:15 and 3:30. This causes confusion for the office staff during this time. We are asking that any dismissal changes be requested prior to 3:15. If possible, please have your student turn in a note to the teacher, if you know of any changes in advance. Additionally, if you would like to pick up your student early from school please do so before 3:15. Thank you for your support in this area.

Thanks,

Mr. Guerin
Principal