



# The Hatchet

## TMS News

“Go Hatchets!”



**May 3, 2017**— April was a month full of field trips, concerts, and testing. In April, many of our 8th graders travelled to Washington DC. While there, they visited the Capitol, the White House, among many other monuments and museums. They even met some Wisconsin veterans who were there as part of their Honor Flight. The trip was a great experience for many of our students.



On April 21st our 6th graders participated in the 2nd Annual TEAPIE Opportunity Fair. Local businesses, post-secondary schools, and the military were represented. The event gave students a look at what careers and options for education are out there. It was a great experience.

Spring has been a busy time in the music department. On April 24th, the 8th grade and THS bands held an amazing spring concert. On April 19th the 8th grade choir participated in a Choir Concert Festival hosted by Northland Pines. Finally, the 6th and 7th grade bands put on an outstanding perfor-



mance for their May 2nd concert. We look forward to the upcoming choir concert on May 15th.

Our Renaissance Rally Day was held on April 28th. Students participated in an assembly recognizing students for their accomplishments in academics, attendance, and citizenship.

While it has not felt like spring, we look forward to warmer weather and a nice end to the year.

## Spring MAP and FORWARD Exam Testing

April and May have been full of testing. Students in grades 6-8 have recently completed their MAP testing. MAP testing is done three times per year, and is used to determine our student growth in the areas of reading, language arts, and math. The information is used in deter-

mining placement in reading/math enrichment. It is also the basis of our school-wide learning objective.

We have also finished the state mandated test, the FORWARD Exam. All of our students take this test, as do all students in the state of

Wisconsin. Most students are tested in the areas of reading, language arts, and math, but certain grades, such as the 8th grade, also take a social studies, and science section. We hope our students do their very best on these assessments.

### Important Upcoming Events

No School—Teacher In-service	5/5
Nicolet Career Fair—7th Grade	5/9
Harlem Wizards vs. Teachers 7:00 pm	5/11
Grades 6-8th Choir Concert 7:00 pm	5/15
Red, White, and Blue Day 2:00 pm	5/25
No School—Memorial Day	5/29

### Special points of interest:

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**Harlem Wizards vs. Teachers**

Kinship of Tomahawk is sponsoring a basketball game to raise funds for their non-profit youth mentoring program, which serves the Tomahawk School District. The Harlem Wizards will be coming to town on Thursday, May 11th, to take on a community team of teachers, administrators, police officers, and other volunteers. The Wizards will be visiting TES and TMS during the day on the 11th. The game is slated for 7:00 pm at the Tomahawk Fieldhouse. Basketball fanatics will be treated to great skills, teamwork, slick dribbling, alley-oops and crazy slams. The non-hoop fans attending will find out that this is much more than a basketball game. The night is funny, theatrical, exciting, and spectacular.



Advance tickets are available by returning an order form that was recently sent home with all students and a check made out to Kinship of Tomahawk—Wizards Game to the Middle School Office. Tickets will be sent home with your child. Questions, please call Patti Hilgendorf at (715) 966-0996 or the Kinship Office at (715) 453-1910. Advance tickets are \$8 (student) and \$10 (adult). We hope to see you there!

**TMS Fast Facts:**

**Enrollment: 296**

**Grades: 6th-8th**

**School Mascot: The Hatchets**

**School Colors: Blue and Gold**

**Extending the Classroom, Exploring Opportunities**

For a smaller school and community, TMS really offers students many opportunities to explore careers, colleges, businesses, and have learning experiences outside of their classrooms. For the 8th grade, their experiences included the Heavy Metal Tour last fall, UWSP and Schmeekle Reserve, and most recently, many of the 8th graders were able to tour Washington DC. In preparation for the trip, students had to do research on the places they would be visiting. Mr. Marin, Mrs. Hall, and Miss Galvan

helped chaperone the trip.

TMS 7th graders also had a variety of experiences this year. They spent a day at Camp Forest Springs, braving the cold weather. They tried skiing, snowboarding, and ice skating. They also visited the Natu-



ral Resources Museum and Planetarium at UWSP. Coming up this month, the 7th graders will be attending the Nicolet Career Expo.

Our 6th graders participated in Mindtrekkers and visited the farm-



ing museum last fall. Most recently they took part in the TEAPIE Opportunity Fair. TEAPIE (formerly LCPIE) stands for Tomahawk Extended Area Partners in Education. Here students were able to learn about careers and the education needed to get into those careers. These are just a few of the ways we are preparing our students to be college and career ready at TMS.

