



TMS News

“Go Hatchets!”



December 1, 2016— Thank you parents and guardians for attending Parent/Teacher Conferences last month. As a school we had a 61% participation rate. In the future, we may look at a different format for conferences.

Last month members of our Student Council and Renaissance Team attended a leadership conference at UW-Stevens Point. It was the regional JAM Conference for stu-



dent councils from many schools in our area. At the event students build leadership skills and are able to learn and share their ideas with other schools for service learning, improving school climate, and making connections to their communities.

To commemorate Veterans Day the 5th and 7th graders as well as the THS Choir participated in the annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 10th. The ceremony was well received .

On November 17th we held our Renaissance Assembly to recognize achievement, attendance and citizenship.



On Monday, December 12th, the TMS/THS bands will perform at their annual winter concert. It will be grades 7-12, at 7:00 pm in the fieldhouse. TMS/THS 6th-12th grade choirs will hold their winter concert on December 19th at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. We hope to see you there.

On December 13th the 7th grade will be visiting the UWSP Planetarium and the Museum of Natural History.

Winter Weather Information

As winter fast approaches we need to be aware of the weather. TMS students should come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. This includes riding the bus, as accidents can occur, and heat may not be functioning.

Families will receive text

and e-mail messages if school is cancelled, which would also mean the cancellation of all activities/sporting events. Cancellation information is also available through the local news media, WJJQ 92.5 FM, WAOW Ch 9, WSAW Ch 7, WJFW Ch 12.

For lunch/recess TMS students are not allowed outside if the temperature or wind chill is below 0. Students ARE NOT required to go outside. They may remain in the cafeteria. We look forward to a safe winter season!

Important Upcoming Events

Gr 7-12 Winter Band Concert 7:00 pm	12/12
Gr 6-12 Winter Choir Concert 7:00 pm	12/19
No School—Winter Break	12/23-1/1
End of 1st Semester	1/19
Red Ribbon Week	1/23-1/27
Dignity Revolution Assembly	1/25

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TMS School Report Card

Recently the school and district report cards have been made public. As a district, Tomahawk received the “Exceeds Expectations” mark. As a school, TMS received the “Meets Expectations” mark. TMS was less than a point away from the “Exceeding Expectations” ranking, and achieved its highest overall score since the school report card was created. Scores at the school level are based on student performance on the Forward Exam taken last spring, attendance data, test participation, and other factors.



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While we are pleased as a school to be meeting expectations, we will continue to strive as a staff to move our students toward the next level of exceeding or even significantly exceeding expectations. We will accomplish this through continuing to offer our students a rigorous education. We will focus on the needs of individual students by differentiating our instruction. We will target our resources of time and personnel to give our students the supports they may need to be successful. We will involve students in setting their own goals of achievement. With your support we hope to continue our progress in making TMS an even greater place to learn and grow.

TMS Fast Facts:

Enrollment: 298

Grades: 6th-8th

**Check out our Website and Facebook Page
www.tomahawk.k12.wi.us/schools/middle/**

School Mascot: The Hatchets

School Colors: Blue and Gold

TMS Focus On Keeping Things Positive

At TMS we are continually trying to build positive relationships with students and encourage them to make positive choices. Students can be rewarded for their academic achievement, attendance, hard work ethic, and/or citizenship.

For academics, students can be placed on the honor roll each quarter. There are different levels on the honor roll dependent on the student’s Grade Point Average or GPA. The three levels are Platinum, Gold, and Silver. For attendance, the three levels are Perfect,

Stellar, and Commendable. Students can also earn the Principal’s Award for demonstrating outstanding citizenship, effort, or leadership. One girl and one boy from each grade is selected for the Principal’s Award each quarter. Students who may not have made the honor roll, but who have made significant growth in their academics or behavior can also receive the Hatchet Award (formerly the Principle’s Award), for their efforts.

Students who achieve the honor roll, attendance recognition, the Principal’s Award or the Hatchet Award in any quarter are recognized as part of an all school Renaissance Rally Assembly. All students can attend the assembly. After the assembly, those students who have earned the awards participate in a choice of activity. Those who are not eligible work on missing work, organize their lockers, read silently, or work on Front Row. It is hoped those students will see the value in hard work and making good choices so they will



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be able to participate in the incentive next quarter.

Another way we encourage positive choices is through our PBIS recognition through Hatchet Cash. Students can earn Hatchet Cash for making positive choices, helping others, or doing “the right thing.” Ultimately we want students do things not for the reward, but because it’s just the right thing to do. We have weekly drawings from the Hatchet Cash for prizes. We also have grade level challenges to focus on positive behaviors throughout the school building. Each grade also has a grade level incentive students can work for weekly. It is hoped that focusing on the positive will improve school climate.

