



TMS News

“Go Hatchets!”



March 8, 2017—Last month was busy with the arts. On February 13th, our 8th grade and high school choirs put on their annual Pops Concert. It featured more contemporary music from the Beatles to Elvis. The music was very entertaining, and the auditorium was packed. Thank you for supporting our music programs.

On February 16th all students in the district



were treated to a performance by the musical group Anda Union, from Mongolia. The concert featured many unique instruments, interesting sounds, dancing, and cultural history. The event was sponsored by Nicolet College as part of the Midwest Arts Series.

A number of our students participated in the annual Battle of the Books competition. Small groups of students compete as teams by reading select books, and answering questions about the stories. This year’s winning team was The Swimming Penguins on Pigs.

TMS Student Council is hosting a dance this



Friday, March 10th from 3:30-5:30 pm. They are also collecting non-perishable food items for the Tomahawk Food Pantry. At the dance there will be open gym, open LMC, and of course, the dance!

The TMS 6th and 7th grade choirs will be performing their Pops Concert on March 13th at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there! Spring break is almost here. We look forward to warm weather.

Eligibility for Events

At TMS we offer a variety of incentives throughout the year through our PBIS and Renaissance programs, as well as our Student Council. Some events are open to all students regardless of academics or attendance, such as the dance on March 10th, or

our Renaissance Rally Assemblies. Other events such as our end of the quarter Renaissance Rally Activities are earned based on academics, attendance, or behavior.

The 8th Grade trip at the end of the year will be

earned. A letter was sent home recently concerning this issue. It will not be based on academics or attendance, but serious or repeated behavior incidents will factor in eligibility for the trip.

Important Upcoming Events

Middle School Dance 3:30-5:30 pm	3/10
Pops Concert Grades 6/7 7:00 pm	3/13
No School—Spring Break	3/27-3/31
3rd Quarter Ends	4/3
Washington DC Trip—8th Grade	4/5-4/10
No School—Vacation Day	4/14

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New School Website and Facebook Page

The Tomahawk School District has updated its school and district webpages with a new look. Recently it was unveiled with new features, format, and many new pictures. It will take some time to adjust to the new format, but all of the same information is still available. The new look has already received some very nice reviews. The social media pages have also been changed. Each school used to have its own facebook page, and now those pages have been merged into one district page. It is hoped the change will inform a wider audience, and keep families informed, not only of their school's activities, but all of the positive things happening in the Tomahawk School District.



Information has been sent out concerning the upcoming referendum. **The vote will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.**

TMS Fast Facts:

Enrollment: 296

Grades: 6th-8th

School Mascot: The Hatchets

School Colors: Blue and Gold



TMS Focus on the Related Arts

Tomahawk Middle School is committed to offering students many opportunities in the arts. While some school districts face possible cuts in their music and art education programs, we are continuing to offer students band, choir, and art in all grades at TMS. Students even have the opportunity to take both band and choir if they so choose.



In 7th and 8th grade we were also able to offer general music and family and consumer education classes this past year. Experience in music and art enhances students' creativity, expression, and actually increases student achievement in reading and in math.

Not only are music and art important in a child's development, but health and fitness are also key to their success in school. TMS students take a quarter of health and a semester of physical education. Next year physical education will be offered every other day for the entire school year. Educating students about how to make healthy life choices and providing them opportunities to stay physically fit also proves beneficial to their overall development.

Finally, we also focus on student



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development in the areas of world language and technology. To be competitive in our global economy, it is crucial that students learn another language. Spanish was offered at all grades this past year, and in the 6th grade, German was also offered. Students had the opportunity to experience a computers course as well. Placement in these courses is dependent on student needs for extra support in reading and/or math. At TMS we are committed to developing the whole child.