



TMS News

“Go Hatchets!”



January 5, 2017—We are already one week into January and very close to the end of the 1st semester. We hope you had a wonderful winter break and are recharged for the new year.

In December our music departments were busy with their annual winter concerts. The TMS/THS bands and choirs put on wonderful performances that were well attended. Thank you for supporting



your children and the arts.

TMS 8th grade Family and Consumer Education students are making fleece blankets this month. The blankets will be donated to Our Sisters’ House. This is a great example of our service learning efforts to make connections to the community.

In January we will be busy with MAP testing in reading, language arts, and math. The MAP tests measure our progress toward our school-wide literacy and math goal. Student performance on this assessment is used in determining their choice in classes for next school year, as well as placement in reading and/or math



enrichment classes.

This month we will also be participating in Red Ribbon Week. It is part of a national effort to prevent student drug and alcohol use, as well as promote positive choices that lead to a healthy self-image. More information on Red Ribbon Week is detailed later in this newsletter. We look forward to the many events and activities this month, and to continuing a great school year!

Dignity Revolution Program January 25th

In a community effort to promote positive choices, self worth, and understanding of individual differences, TMS/ TES, Kinship, Tomahawk ABC, and our local church communities are hosting the Dignity Revolution event for students and families on **Wednesday, January 25th, at**

6:00 pm in the auditorium. Guest speaker, Bob Lenz, will be addressing students in grades 5-8 during the school day. He will talk about the value of self, empowerment, and making a difference in putting a stop to bullying.

Mr. Lenz will also speak

that evening in an event open to any community members, students, and their families. It is meant to be proactive and a resource for parents and their children. After the event there will be pizza and refreshments. We hope to see you there!

Important Upcoming Events

MAP Testing	1/9-19
End of 1st Semester	1/19
No School—Staff In-service	1/20
Red Ribbon Week	1/23-27
Dignity Revolution Assembly	1/25
Dignity Revolution Program 7:00 pm	1/25

Special points of interest:

- TMS News
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- PBIS at TMS
- TMS Fast Facts
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PBIS at TMS

The school PBIS program is the system we use to teach and reinforce expected behaviors in all areas of the building. Supporting appropriate student behaviors creates a positive school environment. We use our Hatchet Cash reward system to acknowledge these good behaviors. Students can receive Hatchet Cash from any staff member for a number of reasons. Some of those reasons are demonstrating good citizenship, making positive choices, demonstrating leadership, helping others, “doing the right thing,” or showing improvement in academics. Students receive Hatchet Cash randomly, not for every instance they make a good choice. Ultimately we want students to make positive choices not solely for the reward, but because it is simply the right thing to do. Using their Hatchet Cash students can earn group rewards together. This helps motivate them to try their best and to encourage others as well.

Throughout the school year students will participate in activities in Team time which promote demonstrating the expected behaviors in various areas of the school. There are also posters in the classrooms, hallways, and cafeteria stating the expected behaviors, as well as our school-wide agreement. To learn more about PBIS, visit our school website. PBIS is an important part of what we do to help students become socially responsible.

TMS Fast Facts:

Enrollment: 300

Grades: 6th-8th

School Mascot: The Hatchets

School Colors: Blue and Gold

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

Red Ribbon Week January 23-27

January 23-27th will be Red Ribbon Week at TMS. It is a national drug and alcohol awareness program that focuses on making positive, healthy choices, that build student’s confidence and teaches them important life skills. The following days have been planned:

- Monday—Put a Cap on Drugs-Hat Day
- Tuesday—Goals and Dreams-When I Grow Up Dress Up Day
- Wednesday—Dignity Revolution Assembly-Wear Red Day
- Thursday—Be on a Drug Free Team-Wear Sports Team Apparel
- Friday—Show School Pride-Wear Hatchet Gear Day

On Friday there will also be a staff vs. 8th grade basketball game during Team time.

The Dignity Revolution Assemblies will feature an illusionist, AJ the Animated Illusionist, and our guest speak-

er, Bob Lenz. Mr. Lenz is the author of the anti-bullying book, Dignity Revolution, and he has initiated a national pledge to stand up for the worth, value, and dignity of every person. Since he began speaking in schools in 1982, he has spoken to more than five million people in all 50 states and across the world.

Mr. Lenz will speak to our 5th-8th grade students during the school day in two assemblies. In the evening, Mr. Lenz will speak to families and community members at 6:00 pm in the auditorium. This evening program will be sponsored by many of our local churches and community organizations. The evening program is meant to be a proactive event and a valuable resource for parents in helping their children deal with the pressures of substance abuse, self-harm, suicide, and bullying.

Red Ribbon Week will not solve all of our problems, and it is not meant to be our focus for only one week of the year. At TMS it is a continual effort to



Dignity Revolution Speaker, Bob Lenz

assist our families with the issues facing today’s students. As a school we have many resources we use throughout the year to maintain a positive school climate. Our supportive counselor works with many students on social issues. Our teachers and staff help support our students with academics and behavior choices. Our principal helps students with conflicts and in making positive choices. Our PBIS, Renaissance, and Student Council programs give students leadership opportunities and ways to serve others as well as our community. All of these groups together help make TMS a great place to learn and grow.