

Tofield Titan Newsletter

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Congratulations Mackenzie

Mackenzie Winder is Tofield School's 2010 spelling bee champion! As a result of a lot of hard work and effort, Mackenzie came in 19th place out of 70 at this year's Edmonton Journal Regional Spelling Bee.

Welcome To Tofield School

The students and staff of Tofield School would like to welcome our two new exchange students from Japan – Mai Asada and Sachie Yamaguchi. We would also like to thank their wonderful host families and Global Partners for their support.

Learning In The 21st Century At Tofield School

Teachers are now offering an additional alternative for students to access their homework or see the due dates for their assignments that they have forgotten or missed.

Teachers are now posting up websites for the courses that they teach. If you want to see what your kids are doing in their classes, you can go to the Tofield School Website at www.brsd.ab.ca/tofield and click on the link on the left hand side called "Teacher Websites".

So far Mr. Myck's social studies classes, Mr. Manchak's & Mrs. Ball's science classes, Mrs. Dowhaluk's band classes and Mr. Daigle's tech classes are online.

Band



Thank you to everyone who supported band students by purchasing cheesecake and cookie dough. The orders will be in during the second week of March (8-12).

When I know the exact date I will let you know ASAP. Please make sure that you can pick up your order the day it comes in since

the product is frozen when it comes to us but does thaw very quickly in the band room and we do not have freezer or fridge space to store it over night.

There will be a meeting for all students and parents of grade 5-7 band students about the trip for next school year. If you are interested in going on the trip or have questions about it please attend this meeting. It will be on Mar. 8, at 7:00 pm in the band room.

There is another order going out for band uniform clothing. If you are interested the orders need to be in by Mar. 1, to Mrs. Dowhaluk. This is for any students who missed the first order, need a new shirt or want a hoody or pants. If you need more information please contact Mrs. Dowhaluk.

Drama

Nonsense in the **NORTH WOODS**



Performance Dates: Thursday,
March 18 & Friday, March 19
@ 7:00 PM in Tofield School Gym

Tickets for
Nonsense in the North Woods
are available NOW in the office
or at the doors.

\$7 in advance \$10 at the doors

Only 200 tickets per show!
Get yours before they're gone! You don't
want to miss an opportunity to watch
the Musical Theatre students on stage!

Musical Theatre

The final rehearsal schedule has been made and handed out. If you are missing your copy, please take a new one from the folder on the **Nonsense** bulletin board outside the Drama Room. It is pertinent that all actors attend rehearsals—we are all here to serve the play!

Graduation 2010

The family vote for menu selection and to confirm the venue for the banquet was sent out on Feb. 12. Please return the vote to the school as soon as possible. The Tofield 2010 Graduates website is up and running and you can access it by using the link on the Tofield School website.



The photography committee would like to announce that the dates for the "cap and gown" pictures, as well as casuals are:

- Friday, March 19
- Saturday, March 20
- Sunday, March 21

Appointment time slots will be posted on the grad board. The brochure with all the photography information has been sent home. If you have any concerns please talk with Karlie Coombes.

Keep An Eye Out In March... Stainless Steel Water Bottles For Sale!

The Graduating class of 2010 would like to offer you a wonderful opportunity to save money, stay healthy, and support us all at the same time! We will be selling stainless steel water bottles imprinted with the Tofield Titans logo in order to raise money for our graduating ceremony. These water bottles are the perfect size for travel, work or class! They do not contain any plastic BPAs and are far more hygienic than a water fountain. When used as a water bottle all teachers will allow them into their classes. They are priced at \$9 per bottle which is well under retail value. So order one for you and your entire family this March. More information to follow regarding order/sales dates.

Library News

Congratulations to the winners of our Olympics contest in March. They were: Ashlee Prevost, Rhiannon Match, Samantha Daigle, Zachary Roth, Shayleigh York, Kyla Konschuh, Holly Stelkovics, Matthew Ricard, Amanda Schmidt, Erik Petram, Zachary Carter, Tia Shaw, and Wyatt Herklotz.



Stop by the library in March to enter our Spring Break contest!!

TSU News

There will be a Much Music Video dance on Wednesday, Mar. 3 from 8 PM to MIDNIGHT. All Grade 9-12 students are invited to come. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door.



It's that time of year again! TSU is hosting their annual **DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT** Mar. 8-12 at lunch. Sign up your team today! There will be prizes for the top 3 teams

Yearbook News

Thank-you to everyone who bought a 2009-2010 Yearbook! We anticipate receiving them around June 21!



Attention Parents of Grads: Yearbook Fundraising Opportunity

This year's yearbook will feature a unique and personal message opportunity. Families of grads may purchase a space in this year's yearbook to have a personalized message to their grad or to the graduating class in general. Space will be limited and it will be on a first come first serve basis. Details and forms will be given to grads soon.

IMPORTANT STUDENT/ PARENT REMINDERS:



Attendance

Within three days of an absence, students must bring a note to the office or a parent/guardian must phone in to the office to excuse the absence. Failure to do so may jeopardize their exemption of French and or Health final exams in grades 7 & 8 or exemption of unit tests in grades 9 to 11.

If you prefer, you may also email the secretary, Mrs. Reid, to inform her of your child's absence or late attendance at treid@brsd.ab.ca

Family Voices

Alberta Families United Regionally

Become part of a collective family voice advocating for inclusion in your community. Family Voices provides a powerful vehicle for families to connect to one another, share information, support each other and advocate for needed supports, services and funding for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Contact Dolores Patterson at 780-717-2049 or email at dpatterson@aacl.org to find out more information.

Leaving Early or Coming Late

Students who arrive late to school must sign in at the office. Students in grades 5 to 8 who are leaving the school early for appointments must be signed out by a parent/guardian. Students in grades 9 to 12 must sign out when leaving the school early for appointments.

Winter Has Arrived!



Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for the cold weather. Unless there is a danger of frostbite, all students in grades 5 & 6 will be going outside for the morning and noon hour recesses. Therefore children need to make sure that they have boots, gloves and hats with them every day.

April At A Glance

- Apr. 6: School Resumes
- Apr. 6 + 7: Gr. 9 Party Program
- Apr. 14: Gr. 5H Telus Fieldtrip
- Apr. 15: Gr. 7 + 8 Telus Fieldtrip
- Apr. 16: Gr. 5 + 6 Swimming Lessons
- Apr. 16: Report Cards Sent Home
- Apr. 19: No School – PD day
- Apr. 22: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Apr. 29: Gr. 7 Fort Edmonton Park Fieldtrip
- Apr. 30: Legal Studies Fieldtrip

Tofield School Digital Policy

cell phones, IPODS, any digital device



We would prefer that students left their devices at HOME. Students are not allowed to have any digital device in class at any time and must keep their device in their lockers. Students that attempt to use their device in any way or whose cell phone rings during instructional time will have their device confiscated and be retrieved after school. The second time the cell phone will be held overnight and retrieved the next day after school. The third time a parent will have to retrieve the device.

Should students need to be contacted in an emergency, parents are to call the school office 780-662-3133 and staff will immediately have the student available to come to the phone.

Due to technology that allows the transmission of text messages and the ability to take and send photographs, no devices will be allowed during any exam including Provincial Diploma and Achievement exams. Students may be asked to empty their pockets before entering the examination room. Any student found in possession of any device during a test or exam will receive a mark of 0%

