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The 2016 Presidential Election

By Alaina Harrell



In our Social Studies class this year, we have spent a great deal of time discussing this year's presidential election. Our teacher, Mr. Bowen, has been preparing us for the election and getting us involved in the race right from our seats. We have checked websites such as "270twin," "Politifact," and "fivethirtyeight" daily. In fact, every Friday in social studies is "election Friday" where we talk about the electoral process, the candidates' positions on the issues, the impact of propaganda and bias, and learn key terms such as "swing-states" and "electoral college." All of these activities have contributed to our knowledge of the general election.

This year, on the Republican ticket for President, is New York businessman Donald J. Trump. His running mate

for Vice President is Indiana governor Mike Pence. On the Democratic ticket is former First Lady, Secretary of State, and New York senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. She is partnered with Tim Kaine, the current junior senator of Virginia. Secretary Clinton is the first woman to become a nominee of a major political party.

This past Wednesday, we had an opportunity to attend a mock debate in Interboro High School. The debate featured two students playing the roles of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Along with high school students, eighth graders from many of the community schools got to hear the candidates answer questions on topics ranging from e-mail scandals and tax returns to foreign policy and job creation. Our very own

Tinicum eighth grader, Kelly Connor, asked a thought-provoking question concerning the Second Amendment. Overall, it was an excellent opportunity to hear the candidates' thoughts and interact with the high school teachers and students.

Additionally, on Friday, November 4th, Tinicum students will have an opportunity to cast their ballot. Our school will participate in a school-wide mock election to endorse one of the candidates. Students will register, vote online, and receive a sticker for their participation. I look forward to seeing the results from our school and the district as a whole.

In conclusion, after having learned about the electoral process, hearing the candidates debate the issues, and studying the polls from a variety of sources, I believe Hillary Clinton will win the 2016 presidential election. Secretary Clinton's history in politics and her ability to reach out to a wide variety of voters are the factors that I believe will help make her our 45th President. I look forward to watching the results on November 8th.

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Interview with Mrs. Ziegler

By Kaitlyn Huggins and Yefany Rodriguez

Question 1: When did you start teaching?

Answer: September 2002

Question 2: What's your favorite TV show?

Answer: *American Housewives*

Question 3: If you had to choose a different subject to teach what would you pick?

Answer: English

Question 4: When you were growing up what was your dream job?

Answer: Actress

Question 5: If you were offered to become a principal would you take the job?

Answer: Yes

Question 6: What's your favorite food?

Answer: Pasta

Question 7: What's your favorite color?

Answer: Pink

Question 8: What's your dream car?

Answer: Range Rover

Question 9: What class was your favorite growing up?

Answer: Math

Question 10: What's your favorite movie?

Answer: *Home Alone*

Interview with Mr. Saroka

By Kelly Connor

1. When did you start teaching?

1993

5. What college did you attend?

Penn State University

9. If you were to teach another subject, which subject would it be?

Math

2. Did you always want to be a science teacher?

No. I had other professions in mind.

6. What's your favorite sport?

Hockey

10. Who's your favorite scientist?

Carl Sagan

3. What differences have there been in the school throughout your time at Tinicum?

Lots of new technology.

7. What's your favorite thing about being a teacher?

Explaining nature in a way that students can understand.

4. What's your favorite science topic?

Weather

8. What's your favorite *Bill Nye the Science Guy* episode?

The episode on Motion



The Tincum School Dodgeball Tournament

By Connor Adams

Dodgeball is arguably the most common gym sport in history! Dodgeball is a diverse sport where two teams throw rubber balls at each other and try to dodge enemy balls. Tincum recognizes the sport's popularity and has reinvented the game in the form of a fast-paced tournament where teams battle for wins and then, after many consecutive games, there is a single elimination playoffs round. All the games leading up to the

playoffs are essentially practice for the playoff event!

Many amazing teams clashed for the title of 2016 Tincum Dodgeball Champions, but in the end fan favorite team "Born A Buc" was the victor! Born A Buc team member Richie Newcomb said that the team's best player was Mr. Fanning, although all team members were awesome! Team leader of the Average Joes Team, Hayden Mowbray, said this about his team: "My team did good but we'll



win next year." First Place!

Also, Mr. Rambo had this to say about his team: "I think my team had a lot of heart and

I think that we played well and we definitely had fun."

Congratulations to team Born A Buc for winning First Place!

Tincum Diabetes Walk

By Connor Robovitsky

The Tincum Schools Diabetes Walk is a fundraiser where we do fun activities, eat HEALTHY foods, drink bottled water, do a walk around Manor Field, and take a giant school photo. You are able to dress down in red for \$1. All of the money goes to the American Diabetes Association, a group who helps people take the fight to diabetes.

One of my associates is also going to talk a little bit about the walk. Thank you Mr. Robovitsky! My name is Connor ADAMS (not Robovitsky), and my opinion on the walk was that it was great this year. I thought that the walk itself was exciting, fun, and nice temperature-wise. Despite the long walk (which middle school had to do two laps around the field), early time, and the

200+ voices, the Diabetes Annual Charity Walk was exciting and fulfilling. And now back to you Mr. Robovitsky... Thank you, I guess. So, after the walking, we go back to the front of the school to have some bananas, oranges, and water. So that pretty much concludes the diabetes walk. Thank you for your time!

Before we go, we all go to the gym to do some exercises, and do the one dance everyone knows, "The Chicken Dance!" However, this year, Ms. Rost came up and told us about her son who was affected by type 1 diabetes. After that, it was walking time! Once we got there, we took our school's giant diabetes walk photo in the middle of Manor Field!



Breakfast with Santa

By Kelly Connor



"...this is probably one of my favorite times because we all get together and get along..."

Breakfast with Santa is an annual event that happens every year for the enjoyment of kids, to help the eighth graders raise money, and get some extra credit points.

This year was full of the kids' bright smiles and some tears walking up to get a picture with Santa. There were eighth graders all over walking around, helping, caring, and enjoying themselves. The eighth graders had a face paint table and an arts

and crafts table. I had an eighth grade table with Phil Crouse where we sold belongings of ours we did not need anymore, and we raised a lot of money.

We also sold donuts, refreshments, etc. Overall, it was a fantastic day with everyone getting along well, including the parents, and everyone got to eat.

Even though the eighth graders, including myself, won't be here next year,

I'll be sure to come back because this is probably one of my favorite times because we all get together, get along, and get to get ready for Christmas.

We would like to thank all of the vendors who came and hope they enjoyed themselves. From going from helping out last year, to being an elf, to actually helping and serving this year was a great experience.

New Year's Resolutions

By 7th Graders

Making a New Year's Resolution is a tradition for many people. The seventh grade class decided to start 2017 on the right foot by coming up with some of their own resolutions. Here are some of the resolutions that they came up with:

"My New Year's Resolution is to get good grades and study for tests." –Emma D.

"To continue to be happy with myself." –Emily W.

"For 2017, my goal is to help out my mom and a little more with my little brother." –Fina C.

"Learn how to play the guitar." –Sam K.

"My New Year's Resolution is to look at the bright side of things instead of the negative, and to be more mature in bad situations." –Elizabeth R.

"To eat healthier and to stop eating junk." –Jade M.

"My New Year's Resolution is to get straight A's in my classes." –Nina M.

"To get my grades up by February." –Shelby F.

"To be good at Spanish." –Katie B.

"My goal is to try harder in sports and school. And to be nicer and more understanding." –Mya C.

"I want to try more new things." –Aiden R.

"Stop buying shoes." –Gavin W.

"Stop getting to school late..." –Anonymous

"In 2017 my goal is to spend more time with friends." –Haley W.

"My New Year's Resolution is to gain more weight." –Ryan L.

"To learn guitar better, and to get singing lessons." –Jada L.

"Become better at cooking and drawing." –Natalie H.

"To start working out and eating much healthier." –Penny F.



City Team Trip

By Kelly Connor



During a school day right before the Christmas holiday, student council went on a trip to a warehouse in Chester, now used to collect presents for children in need. Student council has been going here every year for quite a while now and it has always been a great experience. There

are a lot of people to help who are supportive, and you always get to have a good laugh.

This year when the student council went we had the opportunity to check all of the presents going to the families and, if needed, go down and “shop” for them. It is always wonderful to thin about why we are there. We always get to come back to school and know that these children will be filled with joy and happiness on Christmas.

This year was definitely a good year. Even though it is the last year for myself and other eighth graders, we enjoyed moving bikes, carrying bags downstairs, and so much more because we could act like children again. I hope student council continues to do this and has a fantastic time every year because we get to spread some holiday cheer.

Student Poetry

We are accepting submissions of student poetry to publish in our next school newspaper. Below is a poem by Sarah Nixon in Mrs. Wilson’s class. On the following page are sonnets written by some of our seventh graders. If you have a poem that you would be interested in getting published, please see Mr. Bowen or Mrs. Holdeman.

Thanksgiving

By Sarah Nixon

Thanksgiving is near.
It's time to cheer!

Get the turkey.
It's no beef jerky!

Get the pie.
It's no lie!

I think the cranberries went bad.
That makes me mad!

The corn is hot!
I'm making it in a pot.

Thanksgiving is tonight.
Get ready for a Thanksgiving feast!



Student Poetry

I Don't Mind

By Emily Witz

Being censored for things I support
Like being controlled from using my brain
My life to be lived like a robot of sorts
People clouding it, making it rain.

Trying to fit in a cookie cutter of standards
No originality, none at all
Just being a pawn for some commander
Be basic, only interested in the mall.

But now I don't mind whatsoever
Now I feel comfortable being me
I am chill with myself and others
I have confidence and originality.

I came to my senses and started to try
Instead of just sitting and asking why.

Fear

By Anonymous Student

Shall I hide away from unspoken fears
Could I have a light in the dark of night
Shall I let my eyes leak salty swollen tears
Even if I put up an honest fight.

If I hold my hand out to play your game
All the sweet memories will fade away
I hope I will not be the one to blame
You will never ever leave me astray.

Fear is something everyone will control
No matter if you're tall or small you fall
If you control you can reach your goal
When you reach your goal you will find
fear very small.

Fear is only an emotion we have
Fear is something we can attack.



Seasons

By Jada Little

Swimming in the ice cold pool all day long
Ice cream trucks are driving down every block
All I sing is a happy summer song
School is almost here, we are all in shock,

Got my boots and sweaters ready for fall
The weather is changing, leaves are falling
Perfect season to go out to the mall
I can feel the cold winter breeze calling,

When I look out the window I see snow
Filling with cheer for the cold holiday
Making cookies while eating the dough
Hoping for a white Christmas getaway,

With April showers they bring may flowers
Waiting for the summer to overpower