

The Howl, January 27, 2016

### **News from the Lunch Room Staff**

IntaJuice is back! On February 19, and every Friday after that, we will have the option to purchase IntaJuice for \$1.50 each. Make sure to send in or add money to your student's lunch account if they would like to purchase this healthy treat.

### **The Scholastic Book Fair**

It's Almost Here!!!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming during conferences! Please visit the West Campus Library and see all the great books Scholastic has to offer on Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. For each dollar spent at the book fair, TPCA will earn 50 percent of that amount in free books. This year we will again be purchasing more books for the library. Teachers' wish lists will be available in the library should you choose to purchase a book for your child's classroom. Book fair flyers will be sent home with students K-6. Students: Keep reading toward our 3.5 million minute goal! Reading gives you superpowers! Every hero has a story!!!

### **Reading Challenge Update**

We're halfway to our goal! What incredible reading you all have done! TPCA K-6 students are almost halfway to the goal of 3.5 million minutes with 1,686,267! Here are the highest classrooms per grade level for this reporting period: K - Higgins; 1st - Hoffman; 2nd - Long; 3rd - DeVary; 4th - Rodgers; 5th - Targgart; 6th - Roser's 7th Period Class. If we meet the 3.5 million minutes goal, k-6 students will get to dress like a superhero and have a day to Read & Feed. Yes, that means hang out in their rooms and read and eat during the school day! Remember: Every hero has a story. Reading gives you superpowers!!!!

### **Box Tops and Labels for Education**

Where are all the Box Tops? We have seen a decline in Box Tops and Labels submissions. Please send them in soon. Box Tops are worth \$.10 each, and all money raised goes to make our library better. Labels earn us points, and we use these points to purchase playground equipment and supplies for our classrooms.

### **Lego Robotic Team**

A team of TPCA Middle School students attended a Lego Robotics State Tournament last Saturday and did very well. Only the top 25 percent of teams in the state were invited to participate in the state tournament. Of the 73 teams in attendance, our team finished in the top ten in the Robotics Competition and had nearly perfect scores in both the project presentation and robot design judging categories. Some teachers enjoyed their "Sweet Spoons" over the holidays, and the judges liked them equally well. The team will display their "2nd Place Mechanical Design" trophy in our display case. Congratulations to Esther Xu, Elena Anderson, Eli Anderson, Hayden Morford, Ben Jacobi, Kezi Kroeger, and Owen Kroeger for representing TPCA so well!

### **Middle School Track and Field**

Middle School Track and Field will be starting soon at TPCA! Please come to an informational meeting on February 10 at 3:10 p.m. in the HS Gym. Please contact Mr. Crim with any questions at [crim\\_brian@svvdsd.org](mailto:crim_brian@svvdsd.org). Hope to see you there.

### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE TIME AT TPCA**

Thursday, February 4, 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 5, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Grades K-5 will have scheduled conferences. Appointment forms are going home in Thursday's folders.

Middle School, High School, Specials', and Electives' conferences will be held in the West Campus Commons.

Thursday, February 4, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - unscheduled

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - scheduled

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - unscheduled

Friday, February 5, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - unscheduled

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - scheduled

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - unscheduled

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Thursday, February 4 - Early Release at 12:00 p.m.

Friday, February 5, NO SCHOOL.

### **TPCA CHESS CLUB**

Do you want to learn how to play chess? Or do you already know how to play and would like to get better? Either way, come to the TPCA Chess Club! It's open to all students in Grades 3-8, and we will meet on Tuesdays from 3:20 - 4:20 in the East Campus Media Center, starting on January 12, 2016. Let's have fun with the ancient game!

\*\*\*\* Due to higher than expected turnout, Chess Club has been moved to the East Campus Media Center. Nothing else has changed. See you all there on Tuesdays!

### **GUEST FITNESS INSTRUCTORS WANTED**

Do you teach yoga, Pilates, cross fit, or any other type of fitness that you would like to share with TPCA High School students? Mrs. Williams is looking for guest instructors to come and teach a 50-minute class in as many different fitness disciplines as possible. This class meets from 2:09 to 3:00 p.m. on Mon., Thurs., and Fri. and from 1:29 to 3:00 p.m. on Tues. If you are interested, please contact [Mrs. Williams](#) or 303-772-7286.

### **LUAU DANCE PARTY**

It's getting close! We hope the students are excited about the big MS Luau Dance Party! This is a PTVO hosted event free of cost for all MS students. Please join us on Friday, February 19, 2016, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the TPCA Commons and gym. Dress in your favorite Hawaiian shirt or come casual and ready for a fun evening of socializing with friends. There will be a photo booth, so be sure to bring your camera! Also, there will be check in and check out of students, so parents must come in to drop you off and to get you. Parents, we'd LOVE your help with the event. Take a

minute and look at the [sign up genius](#). There are still several open slots available to donate items or to volunteer your time. If you have any questions, contact [Erica](#).

### **Parent Participation Needed**

We will be interviewing for the elementary principal position Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 3:30-6:30 (approximate times). We need parents of elementary parents to participate in this important process. Pre-approved questions are provided. We have three different groups meet for 45 minutes with each candidate and then debrief after we are finished. I would like six to nine parents to participate; they will be teamed with staff who will also be participating. Please contact Carol Gerke if you would like to participate in this important process.

### **Peter and the Wolf Ballet**

Friday, February 26, your K-5 students will get to experience the Peter and the Wolf Ballet. We are very excited to offer this opportunity to our students. I hope you will take this opportunity to speak with your student about ballet and ballet etiquette beforehand and be sure to ask them all about the performance that evening. I have no doubt they will have a lot to share. I have included some information on ballet etiquette and some ballet vocabulary to aid you in your conversations. Enjoy and thank you, Mr. Bean

### **Ballet Vocabulary**

- *Ballet*: A classical dance form that is over 400 years old
- *Plier/Plié*: Pronounced “Plee-yay”; “To bend”; In ballet, a bending of the knees.
- *Sauter/Sauté*: Pronounced “Sow-tay”; “To jump”; In ballet, a jump
- *Reverence*: A ballet bow; during the renaissance, a way to say “hello” and “thank you”
- *Pointe Shoe*: A special shoe that lets a female ballet dancer stand on her toes

### **Ballet Etiquette**

Attending a ballet performance should be fun, but there are also certain etiquette rules that you must follow as an audience member:

- Before you go to the show, learn about the ballet that will be performed. Longmont Dance Theatre will be performing Peter and the Wolf, which is a ballet with a story. It can be helpful to know the story of the ballet you are going to see so that you can fully enjoy what is happening onstage.
- Once you enter the auditorium, sit quietly in your seat rather than moving around. This allows those around you to find their seats and focus on the performance.
- If you want to tell a performer that they are doing a good job, do so in a way that uses proper ballet etiquette. You can clap for them while they are dancing, or you can say “brava” for female performers or “bravo” for male performers to express your support. Whistling, stomping, and yelling are not appropriate.
- Dancers need to hear the music, and must not be distracted. You may talk to your neighbors when the show is over.
- It is never appropriate to take a flash photography of a ballet dancer while they are performing, as they may become disoriented from the flash and injure himself or herself.

- When a dancer finishes dancing, it is always appropriate to clap for them to thank them for their hard work. At the end of a performance, the dancers will bow to say “goodbye” and “thank you.” Clap for them to thank them for their dancing! If an audience really enjoys a show, they may give a standing ovation. In a standing ovation, the audience stands to their feet to clap enthusiastically as the dancers bow.
- A ballet performance should be good fun for everybody! All of these etiquette rules are about respecting the art form, the auditorium, the other audience members, and the performers. By behaving correctly, everybody can enjoy the ballet!

### **PTVO News**

The PTVO would like to welcome Duayne Haar as our new PTVO Treasurer! We are happy to have you and look forward to working with you! Thank you for volunteering your time with the PTVO!

Are you interested in planning events, helping to fund our field trips and activities, or building our Twin Peaks community? The PTVO is looking for officers and volunteers for the next school year. Please contact Heather if you are interested in volunteering and making the school year great for our kids. Please plan to attend our next PTVO General Meeting on Tuesday, February 9, at 7 p.m. in the Cafetorium.

Click here to view a letter to TPCA parents from the PTVO.

### **Counselor’s Corner**

Twin Peaks will be participating in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Pennies for Patients Drive from January 25 to February 16, 2016. Each student will have his/her own collection box, and each classroom will have its own collection box. Visit [studentseries.org](http://studentseries.org) to learn more and make a donation!

**From Nest to Wings:** From Nest to Wings is a unique educational conference designed to help sophomore, junior, and senior young women maximize the college application process, college choice, and first year experience while helping their mothers understand how to provide support and deal with an empty, or emptier, nest. For EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION, visit [www.nesttowings.org](http://www.nesttowings.org). The event is on Saturday, February 20, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Plaza Event Center, 1900 Ken Pratt Blvd, Longmont .

### **Lacrosse Program**

Lacrosse will start at the end of February. Twin Peaks is still looking for some eager community members to be a part of the Lacrosse program. We need people for the following roles:

- Lacrosse Assistant Coach
- People willing to be trained to be Lacrosse officials
- High School Boys wanting to play lacrosse

Please contact [Scott McNutt](#) if you are interested in volunteering or have questions.

## **Athletics and Activities Committee**

Agenda for the Athletics and Activities Committee meeting scheduled for January 29, 2016 in the East Campus Conference Room is as follows:

1. Handbook Edits and next Steps
2. Lacrosse Official Recruitment
3. Club and Athletics Participation Data
4. Other Topics
5. Adjourn

Please put the following dates on your calendar for committee meetings until the end of the year.

January 29, 2016; February 12, 2016; February 26, 2016; March 11, 2016; March 25, 2016; April 15, 2016; April 29, 2016; and May 13, 2016 .

See you at the Athletics and Activities Committee meetings.