

**Tidioute Community Charter School**  
**Bulldog Bark Newsletter**  
**April 2012**



**From the CEO's Desk**

A reminder to all parents that students are NOT to arrive at school before 7:30 am. We do not have staff in place to watch students and the doors are not unlocked before 7:30. For your child's/children's own safety we ask that you please make other arrangements with neighbors, friends and/or relatives if you need to drop them off sooner than 7:30am.

Thank you,  
David Craig, CEO

**TCCS Letter of Interest Period**

The Tidioute Community Charter School's letter of interest registration period for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year began March 1<sup>st</sup>. Parents interested in having their children attend the TCCS are asked to fill out a letter of interest packet. Students in grades K4-12 in the Warren County, Forest County and Titusville School Districts are eligible to attend TCCS at no cost with busing provided. There are a limited number of openings for the upcoming school year so parents are urged to register as soon as possible. A reminder that students currently attending TCCS do not need to re-register. For more information, or to obtain a letter of interest packet, please contact the school at 484-3550.

**Scheduling for 12 -13 School Year**

Students in grades 6-11 will begin to schedule for the 12-13 school year in April. A slip will go home with your child to approve the selected schedule by the end of April. The schedule requires a parent signature and is to be returned back to the school office. Also, dual enrollment courses are available for juniors and seniors to begin earning college credits. If this is something your child is interested in please encourage them to pick up an application form in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mahaney at 484-3550 or [tccsmahaney@yahoo.com](mailto:tccsmahaney@yahoo.com)

**Spring Bulb Delivery**

The bulbs will be delivered to the school on May 10<sup>th</sup>, just in time for spring planting and Mother's day.

**PSSA Testing Continues**

Science will be the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Water and snacks will be provided to students during testing. Please try not to schedule any appointments during this week as it makes it more difficult for your child if they have to test on different days than their classmates.

**Spring Concert**

The Spring Concert is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. All students are asked to wear blue jeans and red shirts. Attention Band students: Please let Mr. Bush know as soon as possible if you need black slacks or shoes so he can arrange for you to be fitted. All band members are to wear black socks for all concerts and parades.

The concert will include all elementary students, all band and choir students and guitar classes. The concert will begin at 6:30pm. Students are asked to arrive at 6:00pm.

**Music Department Bake Sale**

A Bake Sale is scheduled for Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> following the Spring Concert. All students are asked to donate a baked good. Please pre-pack cookies 2 or 6 to a bag. This makes it much easier for set-up. There will be no sales until after the concert. All items are to be brought in to school the day of the concert or the evening of the sale. Don't forget to sign the volunteer sheet if you donate a baked good. Baking counts for volunteer's time. If you need assistance please ask. Please support the music department. The money raised helps purchase needed uniforms and equipment for the Band and Chorus.

**Struthers Library Theater Field Trip**

The 2nd and 3rd grade will travel to the Struthers Library Theater on April 25<sup>th</sup> to see "The House at Pooh Corner". Students will depart at 8am.

### **Little Miss Contest**

The TCCS Little Miss Contest will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This event is open to TCCS students in k-6<sup>th</sup> grade. All contestants will be judged on appearance, poise, personality, creativity and talent. This event is open to the public. For more information contact the school at 484-3550

### **Follow TCCS on Twitter**

TCCS is urging all students, parents and community members to sign up for Twitter. Important TCCS news such as games, events, open houses, school delays and cancellations are tweeted out to TCCS followers. Followers can receive this news right on their mobile phone. Click on the follow us on Twitter link on the TCCS website at [tidioutecharter.com](http://tidioutecharter.com).

### **Birthday Grams**

Want your child to feel extra special on their birthday? Send them a birthday gram! Birthday grams are \$3 each and include a helium balloon and your choice of a stuffed animal or candy along with a special message from you. Parents, grandparents and friends may place their order in advance.

### **Civil War Club Field Trip**

#### **By: Brianna Tyler**

Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>- The TCCS Civil War Club will be traveling to the Manassas battlefield and Washington D.C. Aside from touring the battlefields, the club will also visit Fords Theater, Lincoln Memorial, The Capitol Building, The White House, and the Ben Lamond Manor House. The club did not utilize any school funds to support the trip. The Civil War Club earned funding for the trip by selling food and drinks for home basketball and volleyball games, by designing the winning float in the 2011 fishing tournament, and from a donation through the Tidioute Ladies Auxiliary.

“I think it’s important for students to visit historical sites aside from learning in a textbook. Trips like these encourage a lifelong interest in history”, said Mr. Patterson, who formed and coordinated the club. “It is one thing to read about something in a text book, but you get an entirely different level of depth and perspective by seeing the historical sites in person.” According to Aubrey Sonney, a Civil War Club member, “I have a deep interest in history and

plan to be a history teacher someday, so I think it’s a great opportunity to travel and learn about the history of our nation.”

The chaperones—Mr. Patterson (English), Ben Reed (a former Civil War Club President), Ms. McKean (special education), and Mr. Fratrigh (history)—will be driving the students, and they will all be staying in a hotel. Dylan Vanstone (junior) is the current president of the club. The club also includes Aubrey Sonney, Cody Miller, Dan Bonner, Brian Bonner, Lukas Divido, and Cody Masters.

### **Skating Party**

The last TCCS skating party of the year at “The Rink” in Titusville, will be on Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Round trip bus service will be available on a first come first served basis to take interested students, parents and community members to the skating party. The bus will depart TCCS at approximately 5:45 and arrive back at TCCS at approximately 9:00 pm. There is NO COST to ride the bus. Students must have a note signed by a parent or guardian if students are to ride home with someone else and not take the bus. Cost for skating is \$2.50 per person, \$6 per family and \$1.50 per skate rental. This event is open to the public.

### **Skate a Million Miles**

TCCS has teamed up with “The Rink” in Titusville to promote healthy living and lifestyles for the Skate a Million Miles 2012 Challenge. Roller skating is recognized by the American Heart Association as offering the following health benefits; healthy weight and enhanced well being. The Skate a Million Miles event will run until June 6<sup>th</sup> at The Rink Family Fun Center. There is NO COST to be involved. To register for this worthwhile program stop by “The Rink” and sign up and receive a punch card. After 5 visits each participant will receive an award stating that they completed the event. As part of this program free skate nights will be held.

**Free skate night schedule:  
Wednesday nights 6:00 to 8:00 pm  
(Only fee is \$1.50 skate rental)**

Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>

### **TCCS Third and Fourth Grade to Visit Maple Sugaring Farm**

The TCCS third and fourth grade will wrap up a literature unit on the novel “*Miracles on Maple Hill*” by Virginia Sorensen by visiting a working maple sugaring farm in Edinboro on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The students will visit the sugarhouse to see how pure maple sugar is made, the old fashioned way. They will take part in the kids’ activities in the museum, warm welcome tent and "black pot". The students will also walk the trails in the woods where they tap the maple trees.

### **Hop- A-Thon Fundraiser**

The Muscular Dystrophy Hop-A-Thon will be held on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Parents are invited to watch their children hop for the MDA. Fundraising packets have been given to all elementary students, and are due on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. All amounts of donations are accepted, and remember, it all adds up. I am asking that each student try to raise \$25.

The class who raises the most money will win an ice cream or pizza party! Our goal is to raise \$1000 for the MDA, which helps send kids who have MD in our area to specialized camps.

### **TCCS Spring Yard Sale**

The SAC will be holding a spring yard sale on Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 4pm. We are asking for donations of clothing, toys, furniture and household items. A flier was sent home with students with the **guidelines for donations**. All items must be free from rips, tears, stains and excessive wear, must be in working order and no glassware of any kind. No upholstered furniture, mattresses or any type of item that would harbor molds and allergens including stuffed animals. For more info please contact the school at 484-3550.

### **Waldameer Field Trip**

The Student Activities Committee has arranged for the students in grades 1 through 11 to go to Waldameer Park on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be provided. The water park will NOT be open this day. The cost will be \$5 per student.

### **Senior Trip**

The senior class will be taking their class trip to Crystal Mountain in Michigan May 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Students to Visit PNC Park**

Students in grades 3 to 6 will be traveling to Pittsburgh on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for the PNC Education Day. The students will watch the Pittsburgh Pirates take on the New York Mets. They will also participate in a scavenger hunt at the park. Students will receive a pirate jersey. Departure time is 8:15 am and an estimated return time is 7pm.

### **Bike Hike**

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be riding the bike trail at Drakes Well in Titusville on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Honor Roll Field Trip**

Students in grades 3-12 who have made honor roll every quarter this year are eligible for the Honor Roll field Trip that will take place May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will be traveling to Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens.

### **Prom**

Prom will be held on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 11 pm.

### **Graduation**

The 2012 TCCS Graduation Ceremonies will be held on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.

### **Class Notes:**

#### **Hygiene Kit Service Learning Project**

A group of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students decided that teen hygiene is an important issue to tackle within the school. Students are organizing a project that involves teaching students the basic rules of good hygiene and providing 4<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade students with a hygiene kit full of basic grooming care items. **Donations of items or monies to buy items are being accepted now.** Depending on the grade of the student, some items that will be included are: shampoo, deodorant, cotton balls, hair brush/comb, disposable razors, soap, body wash, band aids, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, wash cloths, fingernail clippers, and any other items as needed. Students felt this was an issue that they could relate to and face daily. They wanted to be able to provide everyone with the knowledge and the kit full of items so they have the opportunity to have good hygiene every day.

### **Taste of PA**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Family and Consumer Sciences class and the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Pennsylvania Studies classes collaborated to host the first annual TCCS Taste of Pennsylvania Day. With a partner the students researched a recipe that has it's origins in Pennsylvania. After collecting their research they created a flier to describe their food item. Students created posters and invited TCCS staff and faculty and family members to come sample their food items.

The Taste of PA day was very successful. The food prepared by the students turned out delicious. Stromboli, pepperoni balls, sticky buns, soft pretzels, funnel cakes, Philly cheese steak, Philadelphia style ice cream, Old Forge style pizza, and gobs (whoopee pies) were all available to taste. The class also included foods that are manufactured in Pennsylvania like Good n' Plenty, Peeps, Hot Tamales, Herr's snacks, Wise snacks, Pellegrino peppers, and Heinz products.

### **Trout in the Classroom Quilt**

The 4th grade class (shown below with Mrs. Selfridge who helped them with their sewing) traded quilt squares with 4th graders from other schools that were based around their trout project they are currently doing in their classroom. The students hatched brook trout eggs earlier this winter and will release them into the local streams. The students sewed the squares together to make a wall hanging for the classroom. The students had fun learning how to use a sewing machine.



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

The Third grade (shown below) studied the different types of rocks, and then became paleontologists by creating fossils. They created their fossils by covering sea shells in plaster-of-paris; letting it dry; then carefully chiseling the shells out of the plaster. They then painted their fossils to look like real life fossils they would find outdoors.

Third grade also studied a unit on seeds. They learned about the different parts of a seed and also dissected them. They then planted the seeds to watch them grow.



### **Mobile Ag Lab Comes to TCCS**

The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation, a division of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) brought agriculture education to TCCS from April 16th to the 20th. The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Mobile Agriculture Education Science Lab created an opportunity for students to learn about agriculture (Pennsylvania's number one industry) in a fun and hands-on way.

### **Teen Drug Use and Abuse Prevention Service Learning Project**

A Service-Learning project is in the works for a group of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who have decided that "Teen Drug Use" is a community issue that they would like to make people aware of. They are still in the process of planning their project.

### **“Lights On, Abuse Off- Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign”**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and a group of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students are organizing a day to show their support by participating in the National Pinwheel for Prevention Campaign, with a twist. The pinwheel is the symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention nationwide. It represents the efforts to change the way the nation thinks about prevention, focusing on community activities and public policies that prioritize prevention from the start to make sure child abuse and neglect never occur. Child abuse and neglect covers every ethnicity, every age and every community, whether you're in the inner city, suburbs or rural area.

The students decided to take it a step farther to get the whole community involved by asking for donations to purchase LED light-up Pinwheels to display in a Pinwheel garden at the school on April 30<sup>th</sup> AND asking ALL community members turn their porch lights on from 9pm-11pm to show their support of this important issue in communities nationwide. The pinwheels will be lit and porch lights glowing to show community wide support.

The money raised will be donated to a local organization, A Safe Place, which serves residents of Warren and Forest Counties. They provide FREE confidential Services to men, women and CHILDREN who are victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

A flyer is being sent home to purchase your pinwheel today. Please show your support by purchasing a pinwheel and turning your porch light on! Each person will receive their pinwheel once the event is completed.

### **Historic Tour of Tidioute**

Local resident TCCS alumni and staff member of TCCS, John Brown, volunteered his time recently to give the 10<sup>th</sup> grade PA Studies class a historic tour of Tidioute. The tour, which lasted almost two hours, started on Jefferson Street at the Deerfield Cemetery and ended on Main Street at the Hunter Mansion. Locations included examples of 19<sup>th</sup> century style houses and commercial buildings through town. Mr. Brown gave background information on sites that were home to various businesses including the chair factory and the Tidioute Cutlery

factory. He told the class stories of the terrible fire that burned down most of the business district and how Tidioute thrived in its heyday. The class walked away from the tour with vibrant images of the Opera House and theater and a better understand of the history of “The Favored Valley”.



### **Pittsburgh Zoo and Carnegie Science Center Field Trip**

The 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes traveled to Pittsburgh to visit the Carnegie Science Center and the Pittsburgh Zoo for an overnight fieldtrip on March 23rd. The students spent the day at the Carnegie Science Center and Sports Works. They saw an IMAX theater show called “Tornado Alley and the Guide to Mars”. The students ate dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse and arrived at the zoo at 6pm. At the zoo the 4th grade attended a program called Crazy Critters. They learned how animals adapt to their environment. The 5th and 6th grade attended ZSI (Zoo Scene Investigators). The students solved a crime using clues left by the animals. Both groups participated in a scavenger hunt. The students spent the night at the zoo. On Saturday the students had time to explore the zoo. Both groups got to do behind the scenes tours and close encounters with the animals.



**Penny Wars Raises Funds for Pets**

The first graders of TCCS (shown below front row) won a penny war hosted by the student council. Mrs. Wolbert and her first grade class will receive a pizza party for winning the penny war. Through everyone's generous donations they were able to raise \$482.43 for Paws Along the River Humane Society in Warren, Pa. The check was received by the Humane Officer Tera Darts and a visitor from the Humane Society, Stewart.



Shown above student council members back row left to right: Advisor Mr. Fratrach, Desiree McChesney, Anna Lindemuth, Aubrey Sonney, Ms. Tera Darts, Lacy Wolford, Lakin Krouse, Allyvia Morgan, Katelyn Ziegler, Melissa Craig, and Jon Buccardo. Not shown Advisor Mrs. Buccardo, Laci Kitelinger, Robbi Kitelinger and Brian Bonner

**SAT testing dates and registrations deadline**

Test Date	Registration Deadline
June 2	May 8

**ACT testing dates and registrations deadlines**

Test Date	Registration Deadline
June 9	May 4

**FAFSA**

Seniors and their parents are reminded to complete the financial aid applications (FAFSA). FAFSA is the form used to apply for financial aid to help pay for college. Parents and/or students should not write themselves off by thinking that a post-secondary education is unaffordable. There are various ways a college education can be affordable – through

scholarships, grants, and loans. FAFSA form filing deadlines are generally May 1st. However, many colleges have earlier deadlines. The form is available on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov) or call 1-800-433-3243 for a paper format

**SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS!**

**Scholarships.com** - For trusted and reliable scholarship and financial aid information you'll find text links and banners at [www.scholarships.com/link](http://www.scholarships.com/link).

**The American Legion** - For Scholarship and financial aid information visit [www.legion.org/needalift](http://www.legion.org/needalift).

**Tylenol Future Care Scholarship**

If you or someone you know is pursuing a career in healthcare, the makers of TYLENOL® want to help. The 2012 **TYLENOL® Scholarship Program** will award \$250,000 to healthcare students who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities and academic excellence. Ten students will receive \$10,000 scholarships and thirty students will receive \$5,000 scholarships. Submit your application or get more information at [Tylenol.com/scholarship](http://Tylenol.com/scholarship) deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Upcoming Events February-June**

- **Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup>** – Library Theatre Field trip grades 2 and 3 “House at Pooh Corner”
- **April 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** – Civil War Club Field Trip
- **Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>** – SADD conference
- **Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>** – Hurry Hill field trip grades 3 and 4
- **Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Law Day field trip 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- **Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Skating party at “The Rink” in Titusville 6:30pm
- **Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Deputy Phil program Grades k-3
- **Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>** – **TCCS Board of Trustees Annual Meeting 7:30pm**
- **Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>** – SADD presentation 12 -3pm
- **Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Little Miss Program k-6

- **Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>** – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to Recycling center, Garden shop, Simpler Times Museum.
- **Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Bulb fundraiser delivery
- **Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Prom 7pm – 11pm
- **Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Concert 6:30pm
- **Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Waldameer Field trip grades 1-11
- **Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>** – SAC Yard Sale 9am to 4pm
- **Monday May 21<sup>st</sup>** – 23<sup>rd</sup> – Senior Trip
- **Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Grades 3-6 PNC Park field trip
- **Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Bike Hike grades 5 & 6
- **Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Pond Field Trip grade 4
- **Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>** – No School Snow makeup day

- **Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Baccalaureate 3pm
- **Monday May 28<sup>th</sup>** – No School Memorial Day
- **Tuesday and Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** – Honor Roll field trip
- **Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup>** – Awards Day 9am k-6 1pm 7-12
- **Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>** – Last Day of school 11:30 am dismissal
- **Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>** – TCCS 2012 Graduation 7pm



### **Honor Roll Quarter 3**

#### **Grade 2**

Bridget Baker  
 Jady Bynum  
 Connor Carnahan  
 Gavin Dashner  
 Nathaniel Davies  
 Aspen Fors  
 Jessica Hulse  
 Elizabeth Kestle  
 Bryceton Maille  
 Angelina Sabella  
 Treyah Selfridge

#### **Grade 3**

Sydney Fischer  
 Destiny Grazier – White  
 Amalia Sabella  
 Blake Sabella

#### **Grade 4**

Dakota Barton  
 Noah Burke  
 Julian Gillenwater  
 Dalton Kennedy  
 Derek Klos  
 Nakiesha Krouse  
 Kelsey Nuttall

Adrianna Pierce  
 Carlie Suica  
 Sienna Wachter  
 Jacinda Zeller

#### **Grade 5**

Paige Downey  
 Greysen Fors  
 Brooke Martin  
 Shawn Merritt  
 Alexia Morgan

#### **Grade 6**

Annah Burke  
 Hailie Cass  
 Angel Flanigan  
 Lauryn Harshaw  
 Bella Konkle  
 Korrine Sauers  
 Lukas Sheckler  
 Joshua Smith  
 Noah Sudul  
 Catherine Whitehill

#### **Grade 7**

Amber Borland  
 Sierra Hall  
 Alexis Harlow

Lakin Krouse  
 Allyvia Morgan

#### **Grade 8**

Melissa Craig  
 Emily Hagberg  
 Lauren Slack

#### **Grade 9**

Brian Bonner  
 Ryleigh Mahaney

#### **Grade 10**

Robbi Kitelinger  
 Anna Lindemuth  
 Christa Sudul

#### **Grade 11**

Lacy Kitelinger  
 Tim Martin Suydan  
 Dylan Vanstone

#### **Grade 12**

Nathan Allen  
 Dan Bonner  
 Katie Glasgow  
 Kyle Kysor  
 Kendrick Morrison  
 Katie Weilacher  
 Lacy Wolford  
 Katelyn Ziegler



APRIL

Building Healthy Schools & Communities

# Snack Attack!

Eating healthy snacks can help improve overall health! After a long day at school, your child may be hungry. Here are some ways to make sure that healthy after-school snacking becomes a routine in your home:

- Find out what time your child eats lunch at school so that you can schedule dinner time accordingly.
- If you are having dinner soon after your child eats an after school snack, offer them light foods and water rather than foods and drinks that will be more filling.
- Make a list of nutrient-rich healthy snack options with your child and go to the grocery store together to compare products so that you find the healthiest options.
- Prepare healthy snack options in advance so that they are already available when your child comes home from school. Making these snack foods easily accessible will help to ensure that your child makes healthy after-school snacking part of their routine!

To help ensure your child will make healthy snack choices when you are not with them, like at school, talk to them about the importance of eating healthy foods. Check out what snacks are available at your child's school and help them understand which snack choices are for them to enjoy every once in a while, and which choices are healthy everyday snack choices.

## Fun Fruit Kabobs

Makes 4 servings (Serving size= 1 kabob)

Recipe from [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)

### Ingredients:

1 apple  
1 banana  
1/3 cup red seedless grapes  
1/3 cup green seedless grapes  
2/3 cup pineapple chunks

1 cup nonfat yogurt  
1/4 cup coconut, shredded



### Instructions:

Prepare the fruit by washing the grapes, washing the apples and cutting them into small squares, peeling the banana and cutting it into chunks, and cutting the pineapple into chunks. Spread the shredded coconut onto a large plate. Slide pieces of fruit onto a wooden skewer and design your own kabob! Do this until the stick is almost covered from end to end. Hold your kabob at the ends and roll it into the yogurt, so that the fruit gets covered. Then roll the kabob into the shredded coconut. Repeat these steps with another skewer.

Nutrition per serving:

Calories 141; 3 g fat; 2 g saturated fat; 3 g fiber; 1 mg cholesterol; 52 mg sodium; 103 mg sodium; 0.5 mg iron.