

**Tidioute Community Charter School**  
**Bulldog Bark Newsletter**  
**August 2007**



**TCCS Meets AYP Standards**

The Tidioute Community Charter School (TCCS) is proud to announce that the school has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2006-2007 school year. As part of the No Child Left Behind initiative, all students in the nation must be classified as 'advanced' or 'proficient' in reading and math by 2014. To be on target for the 2014 goal, schools need to have 45 percent of students testing at 'advanced' or 'proficient' in math and 54 percent testing at 'advanced' or 'proficient' in reading during the current school year.

In order to meet AYP, TCCS was required to meet three targets; graduation rate, participation rate and performance on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) including all eligible subgroups. In the graduation rate category TCCS had a graduation rate of 94.12 %. For the second target area the TCCS had a 100 % participation rate overall and in all eligible subcategories on the PSSA's. In the performance areas, TCCS had an overall 59.8% proficiency rate in math, an improvement of over 17% from the previous school year and an overall 56.6% proficiency rate in reading, an improvement of over 12% from the previous school year. Eligible subgroups included white students and social economically disadvantaged students. TCCS made AYP in these categories as well.

While the administration is pleased with the significant increases that the students have made on the PSSA test scores when compared to the 2005-06 school year, improvements will continue to be made to ensure that our students are ready for the increased performance targets for school year 2007-2008. New academic programs will be implemented to the school curriculum to further aid struggling students and challenge advanced students. A second full time reading specialist has been hired to give all

students more one on one or small group reading time. The school will also be implementing some new fun and exciting programs that will give students the opportunity to participate in extra curricular activities that include not only reading and math but a myriad of subjects to enhance and reinforce the curriculum.

CEO Mr. David Craig and the Board of Trustees would like to thank all of the students, teachers, staff and parents for the hard work they put in to accomplish AYP.

**First Day of School 2007-2008**

The first day of school for the 2007-2008 school year for TCCS is Monday August 27, 2007.

**Facility Update**

The maintenance staff and summer volunteers have been busy this summer making improvements to the school and grounds. Classrooms have been cleaned and all the floors waxed. The gymnasium, offices and main hallway have been repainted and new carpet and tile placed in the office. Flowers were planted in front of and behind the school and new windows were placed in the hallway by the library. A new scoreboard was purchased and the parking lots and the playground are slated to be repaved and a new sign placed at the driveway entrance behind the school.

**From the Nurses Desk**

State Health requirements for school admission include a physical examination, current immunizations, a dental examination and care, and vision testing.

These examinations should have been completed by a licensed practitioner by August 10, 2007 for the 2007-2008 academic year. Forms, available in the school office and in the kindergarten packet, should be taken to your care providers for completion. Please return this information to the school as soon as possible.

## **New Back-to-School Resource for Parents**

We hope you are enjoying your summer break. Back to school is right around the corner and the student activities committee has a ton of great programs planned for this year!

We at the Tidioute Community Charter School want to ensure that you are as prepared as you can be for the new school year this fall. That's why we are passing along this great new resource: [Back2School2007.com](http://Back2School2007.com).

The research about parent involvement is clear – kids whose parents are involved at school have more positive attitudes and achieve higher academic success. At [Back2School2007.com](http://Back2School2007.com) you'll find everything you need to know to make your child's school year a success, including advice on homework help, healthy eating habits, dealing with stress and more. Just visit [Back2School2007.com](http://Back2School2007.com) for more information on all the great benefits this website has to offer. You can also access the [Back2School2007.com](http://Back2School2007.com) website through the schools website [tidioutecharter.com](http://tidioutecharter.com) and click on the links page.

## **Volunteer Program News Alert**

The law now requires that all volunteers working with children obtain three clearances, Act 34 and 151 for criminal background check and child abuse and Act 114 FBI Criminal History. There is a fee per clearance but your clearances are effective indefinitely as long as you continue to volunteer at our school. In order to participate in any school event, parents and community members **MUST** have their clearances. This includes but is not limited to; room parents, field trip chaperones, expeditionary project volunteers or any event where volunteers will be working with the children.

We strongly encourage each family to make a commitment to contribute a minimum of 10 hours a year to the school by volunteering in one or more areas of the school's operation. There are many opportunities for parents and family members to volunteer at our school and fulfill their hours. Volunteers work in the classroom, go on field trips, run the student store and work at sporting events just to name a few. Volunteers coordinate and work on fundraisers. Families work on school beautification by assisting with landscaping projects, building projects and clean up of the school grounds. Volunteers work

during the summer, during the school day, evenings and weekends. There are volunteering opportunities to accommodate any schedule. You are not expected to serve at each of the events a particular committee will sponsor, but help as your schedule permits. Your involvement in special events is equally important to that of the daily or weekly volunteer because these projects could not be completed without your help.

We urge all parents to join the CAPTIVATE (Community And Parents Together Involved in Volunteering and Teaching Excellence) program. For more information on the CAPTIVATE Volunteer program or to obtain clearance forms, contact the school at 484-3550 or visit our website at [tidioutecharter.com](http://tidioutecharter.com) and click on the links page.

## **Extended Library Hours**

Beginning this school year the TCCS library will be offering extended hours to students.

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** 9am to 3 pm

**Wednesdays** 9am to 4pm

**The Third Saturday of every month** – 9:30am to 11am

Saturday Story time and crafts will begin at 9:45. September's theme is Curious George. For more information contact the school.

## **School Clubs**

The following clubs are being offered this school year:

Yearbook – Grades 9-12  
Prom Committee – Grades 9-11  
Academic Bowl- Grades 9-12  
SADD – Grades 7-12  
Spirit Club – Grades 7-12  
Environmental Club- Grades 7-12  
Book Club – Grades 7-12  
Archery/Trap – Grades 9-12  
Debate – Grades 11 and 12  
Art Club –

Drama Club – Grades 7-12

For more information contact the school at 484-3550.

## **Picture Day**

Picture Day at the School will be Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Student Activities Meeting**

The Student Activities Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **After School Activities**

The following after school activities will be taking place this school year. Contact the school for more information.

Football – Fridays for grades 6-12 September through November, April through June.

Soccer - Mondays for grades 7-12 September

Ultimate Frisbee- Wednesdays for grades 7-12 September through November, April through June

Spirit Club - Tuesdays for grades 7-12 all year

Fitness Club – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for grades 7-12 GIRLS ONLY in November.

Weightlifting - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for grades 7-12 in October.

Drama Club – Grades 7-12 April/May

Outdoor Club Grades 7-12 April/May/ June

Baseball – Grades 9-12 Spring

### **Kitchen Supplies Needed**

The Home Economics department is in need of the following new kitchen supplies:

Bake Ware

Cookware

Can Openers

Colanders

Cookie Cutters

Dish Towels/Cloths

Hot Glue Guns/ Sticks

Ladles

Measuring Cups/Spoons

Spatulas

Pot Holders/Oven mitts

Yarn/Thread

Needles/Pins

Material

Timers/Thermometers (meat & candy)

Step Stool

The complete list is located in the office.

### **August/September Events**

**Monday August 27<sup>th</sup>** First Day of school for students

**Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Cross Country (away)

**Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup>** Labor day –  
**No School**

**Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup>** Girls Volleyball at Northwestern

**Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup>** Girls Volleyball vs. Venango Catholic (home)

**Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>** – Cross Country (away)

**Monday September 10<sup>th</sup>** Girls Volleyball at Erie First Christian (4:00)

**Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup>** Student Activities Committee Meeting 6:30pm in the library

**Wednesday September 12** Girls Volleyball vs. Kennedy Catholic (home)

**Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup>** TCCS Blood drive

**Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>** TCCS Library Open 9:30 -11am with Stories and Crafts beginning at 9:45

**Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>** Girls Volleyball at Redbank Valley Tournament

**Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>** – Cross Country (away)

**Monday September 17<sup>th</sup>** Girls Volleyball at French Creek Valley Christian (4:00)

**Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup>** TCCS Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm in the library

**Wednesday September 19** Girls Volleyball vs. Youngsville (home)

**Friday September 21** Girls Volleyball at Bethel Christian (4:30)

**Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Cross Country (away)

**Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup>** Girls Volleyball at West Forest

**Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>** Girls Volleyball at Rocky Grove

**Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>** – Cross Country (away)

For information on any of these events contact the school at 484-3550.