

Tidioute Community Charter School
Bulldog Bark Newsletter
June 2007



Contact Information

TCCS would like to remind all parents to contact the school over the summer if there are any changes in living arrangements (address, phone number, etc.), so that our information is up to date and all families receive the mailings in August.

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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 be 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.

First Day of School 2007-2008

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

Summer Hours

TCCS summer office hours will be 10 am to 2 pm Monday through Friday.

New Back-to-School Resource for Parents

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.

The research about parent involvement is clear – kids whose parents are involved at school have more positive attitudes and achieve higher academic success. That's why we have attached "Top Ten Reasons to Get Involved." At 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 for more information on all the great benefits this website has to offer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall for another amazing year. You can also access the Back2School2007.com website through the schools website tidioutecharter.com and click on the links page.

Attention Alumni

TCCS would like to ask all alumni to contact the school if/when there are any changes in living arrangements (address, phone number, name change etc.), so that our information is up to date and all alumni can receive mailings and alumni updates.

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. These forms are available at the school. **Act 114 that was just passed into law requires all volunteers who obtain clearances after April 1, 2007 to also obtain FBI clearances.** 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 school office, in the classroom, go on field trips, work in the student store and 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 weekly or daily 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, come in or contact the school at 484-3550.

Thank You

We have attached a list of the volunteers for the 2006-2007 school year. Though the PTO manager has been a great asset to the CAPTIVATE program, we are still unable to track all of the volunteering that occurs for the school. Out of school volunteering happens on a daily basis in the many areas of operation of the school so it is important to note that the number of volunteers and the number of hours of volunteering is not the true account of the great success of the CAPTIVATE program. For those volunteers we may have missed, please accept our apology and our sincere thanks for everything you do!

- Total hours volunteered from 06-28-06 through 6-1-07 is 2,520 hours. Or the equivalent of 63 forty hour work weeks.
- Of the 126 volunteers:
 1. 9 have over 100 hours of volunteering service this year
 2. 10 have 40 to 99 hours of volunteering service this year

3. 36 have 10 to 39 hours of service.
4. 71 have 1 to 9 hours of service.
5. 55 volunteers met CAPTIVATES request of volunteering at least 10 hours to the school.

Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels

TCCS is currently looking for a volunteer(s) to take over the Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels programs. Anyone interested can contact the school at 484-3550. A great big thank you goes out to Julie Lindemuth for the fantastic job she has done with these programs over the past two years. With her hard work and the support of the community in sending in these labels, the school was able to purchase a new laminator with the funds raised from the Box Tops program.

Tidioute Community Charter School **“Working Together to Accomplish More”**

The 2006- 2007 school year has come and gone in a flash. The seniors will be graduating and beginning their bright futures and the school has completed its second year of operation making great strides and looking towards the future as well.

When the Tidioute Community Charter School was founded in 2005, its founders recognized that parent participation was a key component in student success in school. Since the beginning, parent and community participation has been a major reason for the school's growth and success. Over this past school year volunteers worked together to make improvements to the facility including cleaning the building, updating the school library, improving the playground and school grounds. Room parents, CAPTIVATE volunteers and the Student Activities Committee gave countless hours of their time throughout the year fundraising for field trips and sponsoring events including the Santa's workshop, Dr. Seuss night, the Book Fairs which brought in over 100 new books to the classrooms and library, and the Kennywood and Waldameer field trips just to name a few. 126 volunteers gave over 2, 500 hours of their time to the school this year alone!

Improvements were made to the facility including, new carpeting in the high school classrooms, painting the classrooms and cafeteria, a new band room, a new sound system

for the gymnasium, a new PA system for the entire school and new equipment for the cafeteria.

The faculty and staff made great strides with the educational program. New programs were put into place to improve student achievement. 50 laptops and 8 Smart boards were purchased for the elementary and high school classrooms. Another 50 desktop computers have been earmarked for a new language lab and classroom use. More smart boards will be purchased and the elementary science curriculum will be upgraded to include the Delta education hands on Foss science kits for the upcoming school year. Library management software was purchased to automate the library. The expeditionary projects were a success. Some of the projects culminated in community nights including Mock Crime Night for the forensics, a community wide southern style barbecue for the "Tidioute Community Reads" project and Bridges where parents and community members had the opportunity to see and test the bridges the students constructed. With hands on instruction being a focus of the curriculum, students had the opportunity to attend numerous field trips including The Struther's Library, The Albright Knox Art Gallery, Port Farms, The Erie Maritime Museum, The Chataqua Institute, the McKeever Educational Center, the Erie Zoo, the Pittsburgh Art Museum and the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame to enhance their classroom learning. A job fair was held and numerous volunteers visited the school and spoke to the students about their careers. As a culmination to careers week students in grades 7- 12 were bused to twelve separate locations to learn about different careers.

The Tidioute Community Charter School held a number of community service projects this year. Part of the mission of the school to develop the mind, soul and physical well being of our students through the creation of a safe environment and community involvement was put into practice through school wide community service projects including the community blood drives, raising funds for the American Cancer and Leukemia and Lymphoma Societies, picking up trash on the highway and throughout town just to name a few. The students gave over \$3000 for their community service projects this year alone.

As the school looks to the future, improvements will continue to be made and community involvement will remain a priority. The "Members of Distinction" wall, a lasting acknowledgement of the contributors to the Tidioute Community Charter School Endowment Fund is intended to thank and recognize the generosity of donors who are providing for the future of our school. The wall however cannot do justice to the fact that countless volunteers have given hundreds of hours of their time to TCCS sometimes without stepping foot into the building. TCCS would like to thank the entire community, parents and students for their tremendous support throughout the year, together we do accomplish more.

Have a great Summer!!

June Events

- June 1st - 1-6th grade field trip to Waldameer Park
- June 1st – Family Night 6-8 pm "Bridges"
- **June 3rd – 3pm Baccalaureate**
- June 4th- 7-11^h grade field trip to the Rock-n- Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland
- June 5th – American Lung Association Awards Presentation
- June 6th – TCCS Annual Awards Day
- **June 8th Last day of school ½ day**
- **June 8th 7 pm Graduation**

**Congratulations Class of 2007!
Good Luck!**



2006-2007 TCCS
Volunteers

1. Dorothy Anderson
2. Janet Anderson
3. John Anderson
4. Danielle Barton
5. Marty Bennet
6. Thelma Billingslea
7. Beth Bonner
8. Kevin Bonner
9. Colten Brown
10. Henry Brown
11. John Brown
12. June Brown
13. Norene Brown
14. Tom Brown
15. Amanda Burris
16. Mary Jane Burris
17. Robert Burris
18. Stephanie Burris
19. Hailie Cass
20. Heather Cass
21. Mike Clifton
22. Chuck Coughlin
23. Conor Coughlin
24. Nancy Coughlin
25. Ben Craft
26. Jill Craft
27. Mike Craft
28. Christina Craig
29. Melissa Craig
30. David Craig
31. Callie Davidson
32. Jill Faulkner
33. Bridget Flynn
34. Meg Froman
35. Bev Gatta
36. Krista Greeley
37. Jake Haight
38. Cindy Hannah
39. Leandra Harlow
40. Brain Hedeler
41. Crystal Heenan
42. Heather Henderson
43. Marlene Higgins
44. Jennifer Hittie
45. Peyton Hittie
46. Cathy Holmes
47. Samantha Holmes
48. Bill Johnson
49. Butch Johnson
50. Larry Kestner
51. Kit Kitelinger

52. Robbi Kitelinger
53. Allison Konkle
54. Bella Konkle
55. Terri Konkle
56. Curtis Lewis
57. Susan Lewis
58. Scott Lewis
59. Anna Lindemuth
60. Cindy Lindemuth
61. Julie Lindemuth
62. Lee Lindemuth
63. Lora Lee Lindemuth
64. Betty Marshall
65. Jim Marshall
66. Toni Martin
67. Zebbie Martin
68. Amber McAfoose
69. Maureen McAfoose
70. Ricky McAfoose
71. John McCauley
72. Vicky McCauley
73. Vicki McChesney
74. Theresa McDowell
75. Kelley McKean
76. Annette McKown
77. Natalie McLaughlin
78. Pam McLaughlin
79. Pat McLaughlin
80. Vicki McLaughlin
81. Bonnie Mitchum
82. Michelle Molek
83. Alexis Morrison
84. Kendrick Morrison
85. Stephanie Morrison
86. Steve Morrison
87. Denise Myers
88. Roseanna Nicholson
89. Blake Nottingham
90. Dara Nottingham
91. Sandy Palmer
92. Ron Rafalski
93. Linda Reese
94. Mackenzie Rehe
95. Bjorn Rindahl
96. Jens Rindahl
97. Lars Rindahl
98. Sandie Ringel
99. Dina Sabella
100. Jessie Sabella
101. Mandy Sarver

102. Donna Jean Schwartz
103. Kay Serafini
104. Amanda Shields
105. Linda Shields
106. Kaitlon Silvis
107. Mason Silvis
108. Shawn Silvis
109. Tammy Silvis
110. Dana Sites
111. Christine Sonney
112. Fran Stoneburg
113. Dustin Stoner
114. Jeff Strain Sr.
115. Jeff Strain
116. April Sudul
117. Gina Sudul
118. Tedd Sudul
119. Lindsay Tock
120. Brianna Tyler
121. Sallie Urbanik
122. Tootie Weaver
123. Ron Weller
124. April Wilson
125. Charles Wilson
126. Wayne Wismar
127. Jim Ziegler
128. Kristie Ziegler

