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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TISD

- Tahoka ISD has a new Twitter account. You can follow us by accessing our district webpage at <http://tahokaisd.us> or directly on our Twitter handle at https://twitter.com/TahokaISD?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw
- Tahoka ISD will host a Color Run to benefit the Tahoka Scholarship Fund on Saturday, April 8, 2017. The Tahoka scholarship fund awards 2 \$500 scholarships each year, one to a male graduating senior and one to a female graduating senior. The award of these scholarships is based on the candidates having qualities associated with the 4 C's of the Tahoka vision document titled *W.I.N. 2025*: Character, Community Involvement, Civic Involvement, and Continuous Improvement. Interested seniors who wish to apply for the scholarship can do so now at <http://hstahokaisd.ss7.sharpschool.com/>. For information about participating in the Color Run event, you can access our district homepage <http://tahokaisd.us> or use the online registration page for the event TahokaMSCR.eventbrite.com
- ◆ Tahoka ISD is pursuing becoming a District of Innovation as allowed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842 which created Texas education Code chapter 12A. The law allows traditional independent school districts to access many flexibilities afforded to Texas' open enrollment charter schools. For more information about TISD's pursuit of this designation for the district, please see our district website at <http://tahokaisd.us>
- ◆ The Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees met for a Regular Board meeting on January 12, 2017, and appointed Drew Stone to fill the vacancy left when former trustee Matt Woodley left his precinct 4 position to serve as a County Commissioner. Drew's position on the board will be in effect until the May 6, 2017, school board election.
- The Tahoka ISD will hold an election for precincts 3 & 4 for the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees. Interested candidates may put in their application for a place on the May 6, 2017, election ballot by filing in person at the Tahoka ISD Harvick Administration building at 2129 Main Street in Tahoka. The last day for a candidate to file for a place on the ballot is February 17, 2017. More information can be found at <http://tahokaisd.us/cms/One.aspx?>

Our District Values

These are the 4 "C's" the district identifies in its vision:

Community: A true partnership between TISD and the entire community relying on both sides to advance the district mission

Character: Student character development promoting student responsibility, perseverance, school spirit, and respect for self and others

Civic Involvement: Promoting student service and involvement in the local community as a means of giving back to society and discovering our place in a global climate

Continuous Improvement: Regularly assessing all areas of district operations and adjusting to make improvements which are aimed at accomplishing our district's mission

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Feb. 3 Early Release Day 12:00 pm
- Feb. 3 Students Regain/Lose UIL eligibility
- Feb 16 Elementary Spelling Bee
- Feb 16 School Board Meeting
- Feb. 17 End of the 4th grading period
- Feb 17 Last day to file for school board election
- Feb. 20. Student Holiday
- Feb. 21 Begin 5th grading period
- Feb. 24 Students regain /lose UIL eligibility

Other Items of Interest

- Our student enrollment is currently 587 students
- Visit the TISD website for information about other current happenings in the district at tahokaisd.us
- For local weather, visit the "Tahoka Weather" link on the TISD webpage for Weatherbug information directly from the THS weather station
- TISD attendance so far this school year is 95.74%



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District Spotlight: Tahoka Middle School

Principal: Mrs. Kelly Kieth; 20 years teaching experience; 1st year of administrative experience; 21 years in Tahoka ISD

What makes this campus unique? TMS is a transition campus. The 3 years in middle school brings about many changes in our students. The transition from elementary into High School can often be a rough ride, but it is our goal to make this transition a positive one with tons of good times while achieving success along the way. We have already held a dance, a movie on the lawn, attended a Lady Raider game, and much more hoping to guide students into social experiences and proper etiquette while having fun in the process.

What are some of the things parents can expect their students to be exposed to on this campus that will instill character into their development? We offer a Character Counts class which allows students to help out with elementary students. It's important to show responsibility, respect, and effort in everyday life, and the TMS staff strives to push students to be their best in all they do.

What types of ways does this campus celebrate students? We have a Top Dog trip each 6 weeks where students can earn privileges to attend. TMS offers extended lunches and coke float parties for different activity participation and good behavior. Each month a staff member of the month recognizes a student at the monthly school board meetings.

In what ways can parents become involved on this campus? We hold an open house at the beginning of the school year for parents to meet and visit with teachers. We also had parents help with our community clean-up day and movie on the lawn. The campus consultation committee, ARDs, LPACs, 504s, and Migrant committees are other parent involvement opportunities. Parental support is what makes this campus great.

How does this campus try to instill a servant attitude into its student body? As a campus we participated in the Lynn County Canned Food Drive and met our goal by donating 836 cans. We picked up trash, raked and sacked leaves for our TISD community Service Day. Students also brought money to donate to the Iraan schools following their tragic cheer bus accident where lives were lost.

Sporting Events

- 2/2 Powerlifting Meet @ Tahoka
- 2/3 HS Basketball @ Seagraves
- 2/6 JH Basketball vs. Smyer
- 2/7 HS Basketball vs. Smyer
- 2/10 HS basketball vs. Plains
- 2/10 Baseball Scrimmage vs. Trinity Christian
- 2/14 HS Basketball vs. Morton
- 2/16 Baseball scrimmage at Slaton
- 2/16 Powerlifting at Sundown
- 2/20 Baseball @ Denver City
- 2/23 Powerlifting @ Brownfield
- 2/23-25 Baseball @ Post Tournament
- 2/27 Baseball @ Trinity Christian

BUSINESS RECOGNITIONS

The following entities were recognized at the January School Board Meeting for their efforts to support TISD as a true educational partner with our district:

John Witt Butane

Wildcat Manufacturing

STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The following TISD staff members were recognized at the January Board Meeting:

Elementary: Lisa Hawthorne and Sally Escobedo

MS– Breanna Guerrero