

MAY 15, 2021

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TIRANA INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL



THE WEEK'S REMINDERS:

MONDAY, MAY 17

Elem, MS & SEC ASA

TUESDAY, MAY 18

Elem, MS & SEC ASA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

No Elementary ASA
No MS & SEC ASA
6YO Tiger Cub Madness

THURSDAY, MAY 20

Elem, MS & SEC ASA

FRIDAY, MAY 21

No Elementary ASA
MS & SEC ASA
5YO Tiger Cub Madness

Pictured above: the 8YO classes enjoy their time at Tiger Cub Madness: an evening of bouncing, popcorn, pizza and friends.

TIS Tiger News:

Dear TIS Community,

As we head into the last month of the 2020-2021 school year, just like any year, there are many things going on and much to look forward to! **On the second page** of this newsletter, please take note of all the upcoming ways you can get involved and make sure you don't miss anything.

Also, please note that the TIS teachers have been cleared for their 2nd COVID vaccination on Friday, May 28th. **On this day, students will be released between 1:00pm and 1:15pm.** Thank you again for your flexibility as we continue to work towards a safe and healthy TIS.

Kind regards,
Jon Mudd; TIS Director



UPCOMING REMINDERS:

MAY 26

All Virtual International Celebration videos due to Mrs. Mudd

MAY 26

Elmer the Elephant 5/6YO program

MAY 27

MS Agamemnon Performance

MAY 28

International Dress-up Day! **Wear your country costume and/or colors!**
Student Dismissal: 1:15pm
Teachers will get 2nd vaccination

MAY 29

TIS 3K/5K Run!

JUNE 2

Welcome to the Jungle 7/8YO program

JUNE 4

Ukulele Jam 9/10/11YO program

JUNE 11

Secondary Graduation

JUNE 18

Last Day of School: 11:30 release

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COVID PROCEDURE HANDBOOK

TIS WEBSITE

LUNCH WEBSITE

ACTIVITIES WEBSITE



TIS MOMS AND DADS

CLICK HERE

If you are a current TIS parent or staff member, you are welcome to join this group. It is a private group on Facebook.

Please note: The upcoming programs for the elementary and Middle School, as well as the Secondary graduation, will all be *live-streamed* to the "TIS Moms and Dads" private Facebook group. **You are encouraged to join this group.**



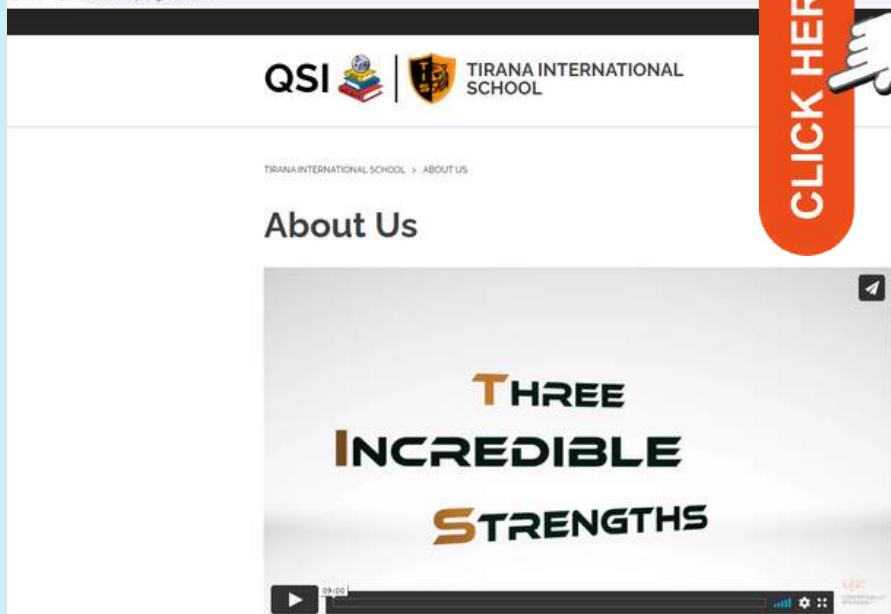
VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION

All nationalities are encouraged to participate in the TIS virtual celebration of nationalities.

Each country is invited to take part. If you haven't been contacted about this and would like to be, please email Mrs. Mudd @ alyssa-mudd@tirana.qsi.org



Did you miss the viewing of the new **Official TIS School Video** on social media? Click on this link and you can view it from our webpage!



Tirana International School

Summer Camp 2021

4 Weeks

Age 3-11YO

*Creative
Campers*

Monday- Friday

9:00-15:00

**195 \$
Week**

Theme of the week

Lunch

Afternoon activities

Activity

(lunch included)

Sports, Art

9:00 -12:00

12:10-12:55

13:00-15:00

WEEKLY THEME

WEEK 1 JUNE 28-JULY2

GOING' GREEN

SCIENCE OF FOOD

Learn the cycle of food from the tiny seed to the amazing art of culinary.



WEEK 2 JULY 5-9

SPACE IS THE PLACE

Campers will become familiar with exciting Space Discoveries.



WEEK 3 JULY 12-16
TIME TRAVELERS
MYTHS & LEGENDS

Travel back in time and
learn about the
fascinating past of the
world's civilizations



WEEK 4 JULY 19-23
MAD SCIENCE
FUTURISTIC FUN

Have fun and learn by
discovering different
experiments.



A SUMMER OF FUN AND LEARNING, TOO!!

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**REGISTER FOR
SUMMER CAMP HERE!**





Preschool News

#fromthedeskofMrsFredriksson

Dear Preschool Families,

We hope this finds you healthy and well.

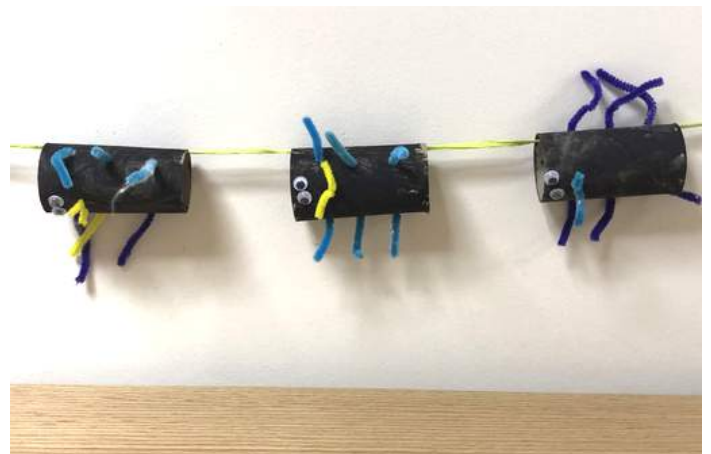
From the smallest critters to the biggest giraffes, this week has been all about various living creatures walking this earth! Our preschoolers have had a fabulous time investigating bugs and learning about zoo animals, as well as creating some of their own. When students and teachers enter our school, they are now greeted by Gerald and Gigi, our giraffe friends, who are hanging out with some monkeys and snakes (dangerous combo)! Upstairs in the preschool corridor, little bugs are crawling around on the walls 😊

The subject of insects and animals is something that fascinates most young children and we have had fantastic conversations and discoveries throughout the week!

We wish you a buzzing week ahead,

Warm regards,

Ms. Jennie and the Preschool Team





2YO Class

Row, row, row your boat!

Oh, what a wonderful time in the two-year-old class!!!

They have been learning about boats and ships.

Playing with water is children's favorite game, and they had so much fun dropping different items in the tub of water to see which one sinks and which floats.

The hit of the week was the pretend fishing boat in the sea.

These little children are great chefs.

We made some delicious cupcake boats and enjoyed them outside in this beautiful weather!





Elementary News

#fromthedeskofMrWood

Dear Parents,

We have had another successful week of MAP testing in the elementary. On Friday, we began makeup testing, and we will continue makeups next week. I am hopeful that we will be complete by the end of Tuesday or Wednesday. Not too long thereafter, MAP scores will be shared and uploaded to OpenApply for you to view. You will receive a notification about this.

Please kindly take a few minutes to complete the 2021-22 Foreign Language Preference Form that is included in this newsletter. Your timeliness in completing this is appreciated and we need to receive this for all returning students, please.

As we head into our final five weeks (wow, can you believe it?), please encourage your child to continue to persevere, work hard, and end the school year strong. Meaningful learning continues, units continue to be worked on, and more academic progress will continue to be made. Have a lovely weekend.

Sincerely,

Mike Wood
Mike-wood@tirana.qsi.org

2021-22 Foreign Language Preference Form

We are requesting that parents of current 4yo through 10yo students complete this form.





Updates from ... Elementary Tech

5 and 6-year-old students are getting exposed to different tools and activities to help them improve eye-hand coordination and motor skills. They are being introduced to keyboard and typing.

7-year-old students are learning all about technology resources. They are doing STEM activities and typing games.

8-year-old students are using Lego WeDo 2.0 to learn the basics of programming and they are definitely enjoying it. Besides this they are using Code Combat to develop their thinking and programming skills.

9-year-old students are learning fundamental programming skills using Scratch. They are creating animations and games using block codes.

10-year-old students are developing their programming skills, think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively. Through the use of Scratch, the students are learning how to create their own interactive stories, games, and animations.

11-year-old finished their programming unit. In this unit they had the opportunity to master this skill through Scratch programming. Now they have started the last unit Virtual Reality unit. They will explore virtual reality as an emerging technology, learn about its positive and negative aspects, and delve into the unique possibilities it provides as a learning medium by exploring virtual environments, situations, and tools.





Reading Support

The consonant + LE

The 6 -year-olds have been busy learning about a special type of syllable: The consonant + LE syllable (-ble, -cle, -dle, -fle, -kle -ple and -gle.)

This type of syllable always appears at the end of a word. There are three types of consonant-le words: Closed syllables with a consonant-le ending such as **grum/ble**; open syllable words with a consonant-le such as **ta/ble**; and closed syllable words where the consonant-le in the middle is doubled, such as **lit/tle**.

Why do we need the "e"? Because EVERY syllable has to have a vowel and the "e" is fulfilling its role in that purpose.

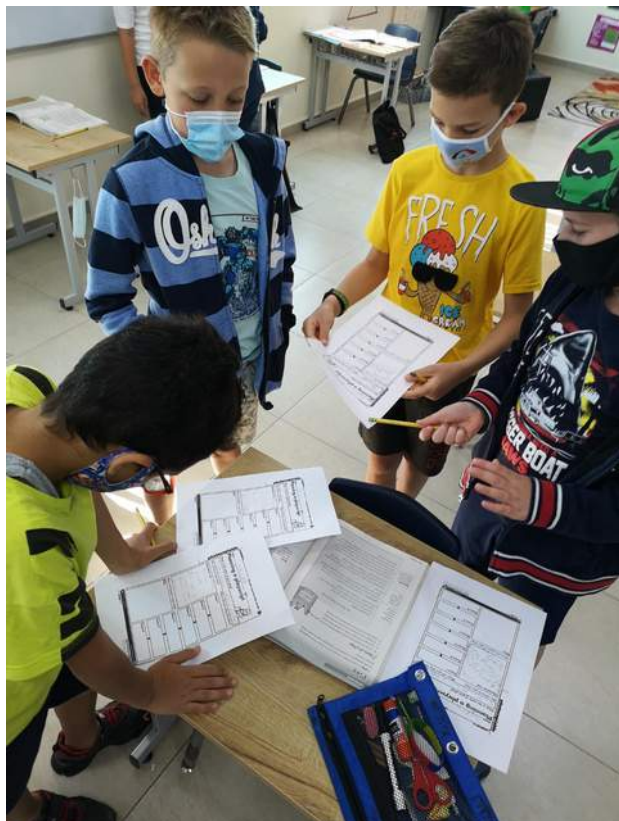
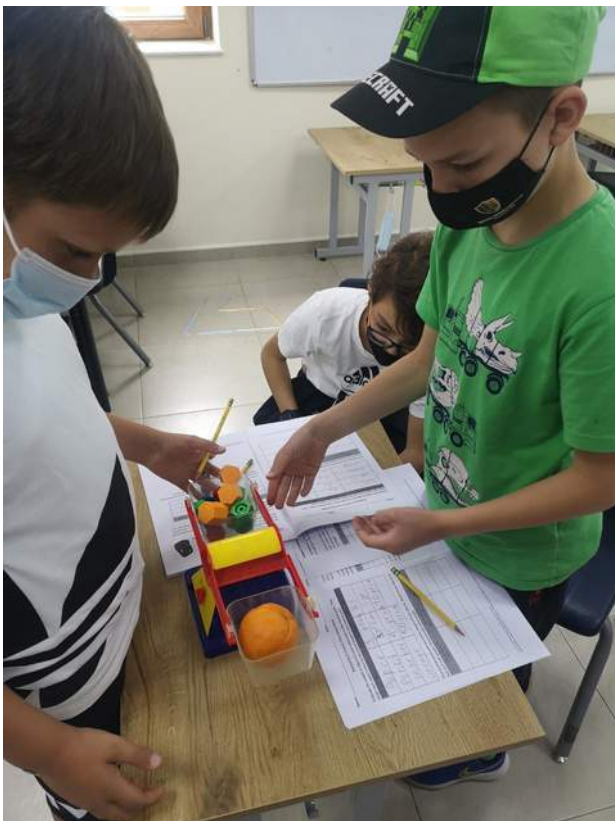




Novel Time

Whatever works!

There is a lot of collaboration happening in 8-year-old Black from measuring mass and capacity to writing plays. Students are also enjoying reading their novels for their novel studies. Some students choose to read sitting down, some walking around, and some perched up high. Hey, whatever works for them!





10YO Class

Good things happening!

In Science class, students in 10 Black have been studying habitats, ecosystems, and how energy transfers throughout organisms. To help demonstrate this learning in a hands-on way, students created "Habitat Boxes" to showcase an animal they chose to learn about, its food web, how it might change its environments, how human impact might affect the animal, and more!



During a Literacy unit a few months back, while students in 10 Orange were learning how to analyze and write informational text, students researched and wrote about an endangered animal of their choice. This led the class to wonder how to help these animals. Their solution? The creation of a class magazine including their essays, puzzles, comics, and more. After selling the magazine to fellow elementary and middle school classmates for 400 ALL for a hard copy and 250 ALL for a digital copy, and after covering the cost of printing and assembling the magazine, the class had a profit of about \$180 USD. **This was enough for the class to "adopt" 7 endangered animals through the World Wildlife Fund for \$25 each...and even have enough left over for an ice-cream sandwich to celebrate!**



MS/Secondary News

#fromthedeskofMrTempel

Greetings Middle School Students and Families,

As the weeks keep coming and going, here are some important timeframes to think about:

- 4 weeks until Graduation, then...
- 1 week until the last day of school! That means we only have 25 school days left!
- AP Exams have begun and will continue through May 24
- MAP Testing continues May 17 - May 21

MAP Testing continues!

Middle School students will continue MAP testing the week of May 17. There are still a couple of tests left, but this week will mostly focus on students who need to finish a session or make up a test that they missed. As this is the last MAP session test of the year, it is essential that we can gather data to see how our students have progressed. If at all possible, please have students on campus for MAP testing. I can send out more specific scheduling information that will include dates of testing as the dates draw nearer.

Blended Learning Intention Form

In addition, a reminder to everyone that parents who fill out the blended learning form each week for their students who plan to stay home are eligible to attend classes online and will be counted "present" for attendance. Below is the form for you to fill out. Only parents who have students learning from home need to fill out the form.

Blended Learning Intention Form:
May 17 - May 21

**Click here to complete the
Blended Learning Form**

For those who are choosing to learn from home, a user-friendly website was created where these students can find out what is happening in each of their classes each week. Below is a link to the blended learning website:

Blended Learning Plan Website

**Click here to view the Blended
Learning WEBSITE**

If any of you ever have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Tempel at jeff-tempel@tirana.qsi.org.

Have a great weekend,

Mr. Jeff Tempel
Middle School & Secondary Director of Instruction
jeff-tempel@tirana.qsi.org

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

Daria Morris

WHAT I WILL
MISS MOST:

Walking around
the track with
my friends
during lunch on a
sunny day.

MY FAVORITE
CLASS AT TIS WAS:

AP Literature
and Composition
(shout-out to
Mr. Vernon for
teaching that
amazing class!)



Class of 2021

I AM MOST PROUD
OF MYSELF FOR:

Surviving
through 10 AP
classes, which
is the
equivalent of
one year of
university!

TIS ACTIVITIES:

NHS, Yearbook,
Speech and
Debate, MUN,
StuCo, School
Musicals and
Plays, Cross-
Country

AFTER TIS:

I'm planning to move back to the United States next year,
where I will attend university and study Justice and Law.

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY BOOTCAMP

Week 2:



Preparing to Apply to Universities
in the United Kingdom

Secondary III students are invited to join Ms. Tempel in the Sun Room at 11:30 on Thursday, 20 May. We will discuss UK-specific application details, such as: the UCAS application system, your personal statement, letters of recommendation/the referee statement, application deadlines, etc...



Updates from ... MS Robotics ASA



The Middle School Robotics students have been practicing the missions for this year CEESA First Lego Challenge, from building up their robots to programming them. This year we have 2 teams that have worked nonstop to prepare for the final challenge. They have been presenting their missions to different age classes. Lately they introduced the concept of this challenge to 6-year-old-students and helped them to try some of the missions. Due to all the restrictions and the fact that most of the schools were running online for long time, the challenge this year will be online and our school will compete to 2 other school- American International School of Budapest and American School of Warsaw.

The students will have the **CEESA event on Friday, 21 May**.
We wish both teams the best of luck.

Can you recognize how these intriguing images were made? In the spirit of reuse, reduce and recycle, students have been reusing old, discarded books into personal artworks. They expressed their memories through a series of mixed media images, using drawing, painting, collage and any technique of their own invention on the pages of the books. Sometimes existing text or images were creatively incorporated to become a part of the artwork.





East Asia & Tiny Birds

Classes with Ms. Graves

The World Geography classes are finishing up a unit on East Asia. As a culminating activity, they learned how to make origami flapping birds. Some even challenged themselves to fold the tiniest bird possible!



In Ms. Graves's other classes:

12 Year Old Math began a new unit on solving equations with variables.

12 Year Old Earth Science is learning about human impact on Earth's system.

13 Year Old Cultural Studies is making connections between the Scientific, American, and French Revolutions and modern events.

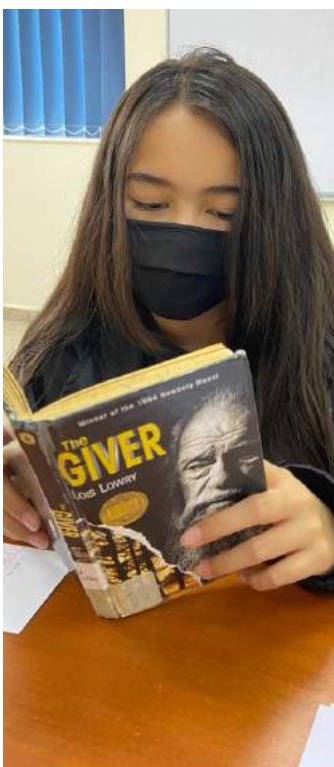




Middle School Reading and Math

In literature, 11 Black is working on a novel study. Some students are reading *Hatchet* and some are reading *The Giver*.

In math, 11 Black started a unit on geometry. This week they learned to find the area of many different shapes--triangles, trapezoids and parallelograms to name a few.





Athletics & Activities



ATTENTION ALL RUNNERS:

The weather is getting better, and it is time to get outside. It's time for the spring 3K/5k. Our middle school/high school cross country team will once again be competing with teams from around QSI.

May 29th is the TIS 3K/5K run. Head to the lake and complete your 5k loop. See if you can improve your time from the fall. If 5K is too much, take the kids out and run a 3k.

We will again be taking times for different age groups.

ages 5-7

ages 8-10

middle school

high school

More details to come in next week's newsletter regarding where to submit times.

Your voice at school



Parent Support Group

Join us! When: the last Wednesday of the month
Contact psg@tirana.qsi.org



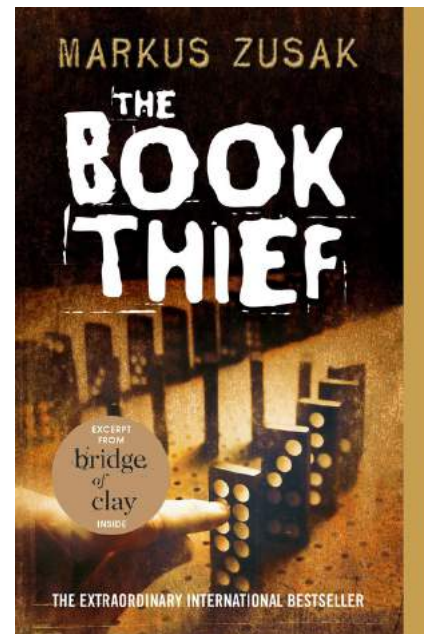
Missed it at the Movies?

I can honestly say no movie is like opening a great book!

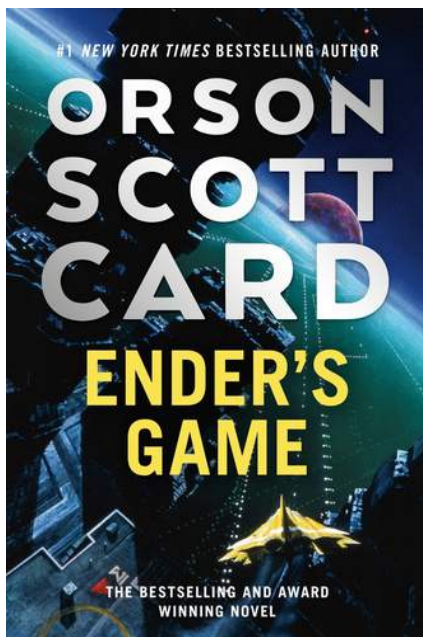
Here are some Young Adult Books that have made it to the big screen. There are certainly many other book -to- movie adaptations to choose in our library, but these are a good place to start.



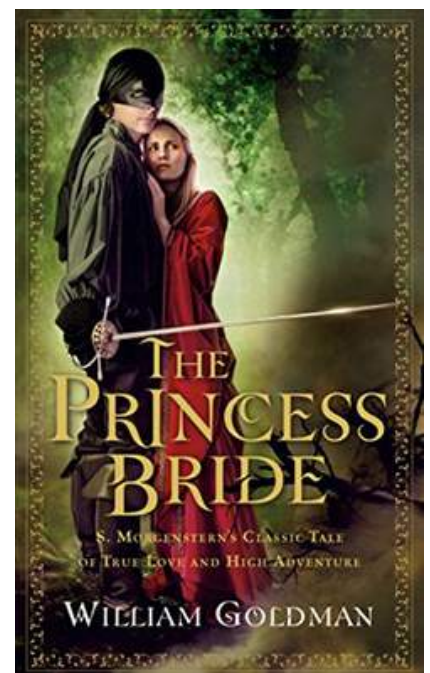
Everything, everything by Yoon, Nicola. The story of a teenage girl who's literally allergic to the outside world. When a new family moves in next door, she begins a complicated romance that challenges everything she's ever known.



The book thief by Zusak, Markus. Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

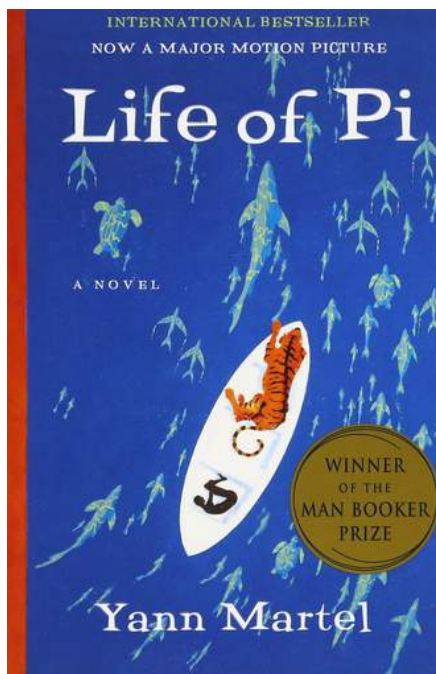


Ender's game by Card, Orson Scott. Young Ender Wiggin may prove to be the military genius Earth needs to fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race that will determine the future of the human race.

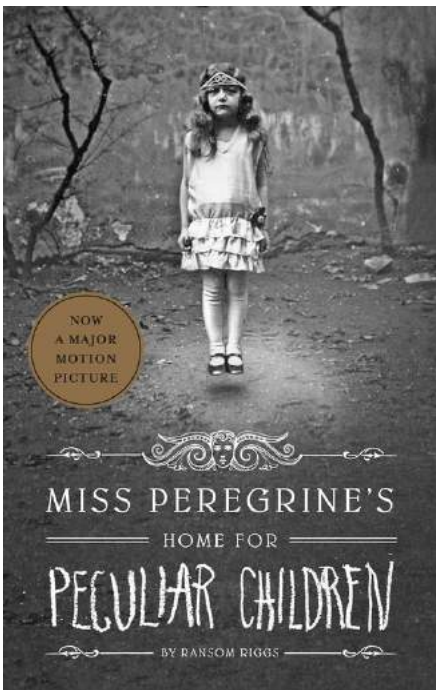


The princess bride by Goldman, William. What happens when the most beautiful girl in the world marries the handsomest prince of all time and he turns out to be...well...a lot less than the man of her dreams?





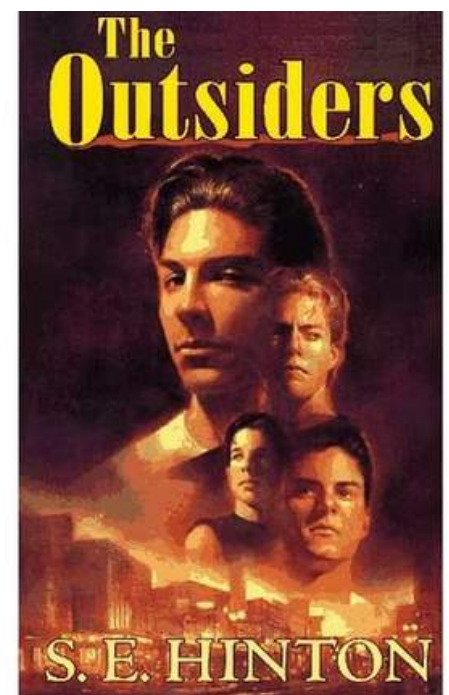
Life of Pi : a novel by Martel, Yann. Pi Patel, having spent an idyllic childhood in Pondicherry, India, as the son of a zookeeper, sets off with his family at the age of sixteen to start anew in Canada, but his life takes a marvelous turn when their ship sinks in the Pacific, leaving him adrift on a raft with a 450-pound Bengal tiger for company.



Paper towns by Green, John. One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears.



Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Riggs, Ransom. Sixteen-year-old Jacob, having traveled to a remote island after a family tragedy, discovers an abandoned orphanage, and, after some investigating, he learns the children who lived there may have been dangerous and quarantined and may also still be alive.



The outsiders by Hinton, S. E. Rivalry between rich and poor gangs in 1960s Oklahoma leads to the deaths of three teenagers and intense soul-searching for one of the youths involved, a sensitive fourteen-year-old writer named Ponyboy.



Make sure you

get connected



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Seesaw:

Download this app to keep in touch with
your child's 2YO-10YO classroom

TIS Cafeteria
WhatsApp group



WhatsApp:

Scan this QR code to join the "TIS Lunch"
group that posts photos of each day's lunch.

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Save The Date

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Tirana International School

2020-2021

Academic Year Calendar

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September	22
October	17
November	21
December	9
January	20
February	15
March	21
April	17
May	21
June	14
Term 1	72
Term 2	53
Term 3	55
Quintile 1 (Aug 27 - Oct 15)	
Quintile 2 (Oct 16 - Dec 11)	
Quintile 3 (Jan 04 - Mar 01)	
Quintile 4 (Mar 02 - April 22)	
Quintile 5 (April 23 - June 18)	





	
Terms Dates	
Term 1 (74 days)	26 August - 17 December
Term 2 (51 days)	10 January - 25 March
Term 3 (55 days)	28 March - 17 June
Quintiles Dates	
Quintile 1	26 August - 15 October
Quintile 2	25 October - 15 December
Quintile 3	16 December - 24 February
Quintile 4	2 March - 21 April
Quintile 5	22 April - 17 June

