

TMS Student & Family Bulletin: Week 6

Important Dates:

- October 13th: Healthy Youth Survey for 6th and 8th grades only
- October 15th: No School- Teacher in-service
- October 20: Picture Retakes
- October 25-29th: TMS Spirit Days

Nurturing an Inclusive Community: Every Student Matters:

To nurture an inclusive and unified school community, our PTSA generously donated funds so that EVERY student in the school can receive a spirit wear t-shirt! This is a tremendous gift to the community! Why does this matter so much?

- Many students do not have access to resources to buy a t-shirt. Providing every student with a matching t-shirt allows all to feel included and a valuable member of the community.
- Due to a lack of time or resources, not every student can participate in spirit days. These occur throughout the year. Providing every student with a matching Timberline t-shirt allows each student an easy way to participate in spirit days.

Thank you to our parent community for valuing equitable experiences for each and every student!

Timberline Spirit Days: Week of October 25th- October 29th

While we are still experiencing school in a COVID setting, our staff believes it is important for students to experience activities that connect them to the community as well as provide opportunities to have fun. Our first spirit week will be October 25-October 29th.

- Monday, October 25: Comfy Cozy Day or Timberline T-shirt
- Tuesday, October 26: "Timberline Tuesday" (TMS colors) or Timberline T-shirt
- Wednesday, October 27: Tropical Day or Timberline T-shirt
- Thursday, October 28; Neon Colors or Timberline T-shirt
- Friday, October 29: Costume Day or Timberline T-shirt

SBA Testing Schedule- Save the Dates:

To ensure students are here on testing days, we ask that families avoid scheduling appointments, late arrivals, or early releases on the dates below:

SBA Testing Dates: For Fall SBA testing we will have 4 days of testing:

- Monday/Tuesday October 18-19: 6th Grade Science students take the 5th Grade WCAS during their science period.

- Thursd28ay October 21: All grades take the SBA Math (6th takes the 5th grade test, 7th takes the 6th grade test, 8th takes the 7th grade test)
- Friday October 22: All grades take the SBA ELA (6th takes the 5th grade test, 7th takes the 6th grade test, 8th takes the 7th grade test)

SBA Training Dates for Students:

- Monday October 11: students locate and open the secure testing browser icon. If students don't have it or are unable to open it then they would seek help from the library.
- Thursday October 14: students will be trained on the testing browser.

FYI- Healthy Youth Survey for 6th and 8th Grade Only

Our school is participating the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey during fall 2021. The survey will be given to students in Grades 6 and 8. The Healthy Youth survey includes questions related to physical activity and diet, unintentional and intentional injury, substance use, sexual behaviors, abuse, risk and protective factors, and access to school-based services. Survey results are used by schools, communities and state agencies to plan programs to support our youth and reduce their risks. Participation in the survey is voluntary and the students' answers are anonymous.

Most schools will be administering the survey online this year. No privacy issues were identified in the E-survey pilot conducted in 2019. This year, schools and districts are being instructed to disable any recording, keystroke tracking, and video capture software on school-issued devices used to take the survey. They are also going to instruct students to do the same on personal devices used to take the survey before they begin. If you use any software to monitor the device your student will use to take the survey, please turn it off before they begin to ensure their honest participation.

Please read the attached Parent and Student Notification Letter for more information about the Healthy Youth Survey. You can get more information about the Healthy Youth Survey using any of the following methods of contact:

www.askHYS.net

1-877-HYS-7111

healthy.youth@doh.wa.gov

Let's make it a great week together!

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