

Principal's Corner

We welcomed a number of students back to in-person instruction on October 19th. Everyone's patience and understanding were deeply appreciated as we had to adapt to new schedules and teacher changes. We continue to clean, sanitize and social distance within the school as everyone's health and safety is the utmost importance. Please make sure that your student is wearing a mask to school and if he or she feels ill, please keep them at home. A note from a doctor or parent must accompany your child upon returning to school.

The annual Halloween parade will still take place on October 30th. Visitors are not permitted on campus. You will be able to view the parade from home by logging in to <https://live.myvrspot.com/st?cid=YTMzYm>. The parade is scheduled for 2:00pm. Please be sure that your child can put on their costume by themselves as we are not able to assist due to social distancing guidelines. The PTA has generously supplied crafts and a healthy snack for each student which they will have in their classroom.

Our Scholastic Book Fair, which helps to support our school, is being held virtually this year. On-line purchases can be made between October 26th-November 8th. An informational flyer was sent home and additional information can be found in this newsletter.

November 25th is a remote learning day for all Trinity students. Please be sure that your child logs on from their Chromebook to complete any coursework for the day. Thanksgiving break will be held from November 26th through the 30th. Classes will resume on December 1st.

Have a safe and happy Halloween and Thanksgiving.  
Mrs. Ostrosky, Principal, Trinity West Elementary

West News

If your child was absent on Picture Day, they will be photographed on Make-Up day for the yearbook, & for any photos you choose to order.  
November 18<sup>th</sup> is make-up day

This is also the day for photo retakes. Send all printed photos back to school with your child on Make-Up Day, to return to the photographer. New photos will be shipped to the school in several weeks.

For more information visit Lifetouch Photography at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)



Shining a Light on Autism

Many people with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) find social interactions difficult. The mutual give-and-take nature of typical communication is often particularly challenging. Children with ASD may fail to respond to their names and avoid eye contact with other people.

*Trinity West Gazette* is produced by the Trinity West PTA, to share information and highlight school activities. We do our best to make sure all dates, times, and information are up to date and correct.

We make every effort to include all students throughout the school year. **If for any reason, you DO NOT want your child included in future editions**, please send a note to the school office ASAP and/or email us at: [twsgazette@gmail.com](mailto:twsgazette@gmail.com)

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### Chipotle Fundraiser

Thank You to everyone that participated and made this fundraiser a success!



### Welcome to Trinity West!

Miss Dana Ricker- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher

### Upcoming Dates:

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**- End of the first nine weeks

**Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>**- Holiday orders/money are due

**Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>**- PTA meeting 6pm via zoom

**Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**- Make up Picture Day

**Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>**- Student Remote Day and Parent/Teacher conferences via on-line

**Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>- Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**- Fall Break

### Counselor's Corner

Quote of the Month "*The more grateful I am, the more beauty I see.*" -Mary Davis

In these times it is extra important to think about all things we are grateful for. Taking a little time each day to think of one thing you are grateful for, can put into perspective what is important. Some prompts you can go over with your student are:

1. Something that comforts me that I am grateful for....?
2. Something that money cannot buy that I am grateful for.....?
3. A memory I am grateful for.....?
4. A strength of mine I am grateful for....?
5. A challenge I am grateful for.....?

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the counseling department:

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# November is First Grade Month



## Spotlighting Team Builders:

### Traxson Vernau

*"Traxson is a wonderful student to have in the classroom. He is always willing to help his classmates and teacher when needed. Traxson displays good manners and is very well behaved. It is a pleasure to have Traxson in my first-grade classroom!"- Mrs. Gasmire*



### Savina Veltri

*"Savina is an incredibly hard-working student! She completes all of her assignments on time and takes pride in the work she completes. Savina always goes above and beyond by using her time wisely and practices her reading skills daily. She is kind and always thinks of others. She is a wonderful addition to our class community!"- Mrs. Narens*



### Kate Weaver

*"Kate has been a great helper to me and the other students in the class. She is a great rule follower and a great friend. Way to go Kate!" - Mrs. Pitzer*



### Alex Dunkle

*"Alex is a wonderful student. He is highly creative and likes Art the most. Alex is a dog lover, loves to play with Legos, and watch Penguin's Hockey. He loves to eat at Olive Garden, KFC, McDonald's, and Chick-Fil-A. When asked what he misses the most: He misses his friends at school "- Mrs. O'Conner*



### Anthony (AJ) Pol

*"AJ is wonderful in class! He always listens and follows directions, and he is a great model for his peers. AJ is so kind and helpful! He is eager to help his peers, if they are struggling or confused."- Miss Dunn*



### Jonah White

*"Jonah always comes to school with a smile on his face! He does his best learning by trying his hardest. Jonah is a kind friend to his classmates. He is respectful to our class." - Miss Ricker*





# Shining a Spotlight

on  
***Mrs. Jennifer Narens***  
**1st Grade Teacher**



**Why did you choose to become a teacher?**

I became a teacher because I love helping children find their strengths and encouraging them to reach their goals! I enjoy sharing my love for learning and hope that my students find their own excitement in it, as well. I knew very early on in my life that teaching was the career that I wanted to pursue. It is a passion of mine and I love seeing the excitement and growth in my students every time they achieve something new.

**Tell us about your family.**

My husband and I have been married for five years and we have a two year old daughter, Hayden. We lived in the Northern Virginia area for seven years before moving back home to Pittsburgh last year. We just moved into our new house this past summer and it feels great to be back in Pittsburgh, surrounded by Steeler Fans, and being part of the Hiller Community.

**Any Pets?**

**I have a 6 year old  
Great Pyrenees/  
Lab mix named  
Msddy!**



**My Hobbies:**  
Attending sporting events, visiting a variety of parks with my family, reading, cheering on the Steelers!

## Some of my Favorite Things:

**Music:**  
**The Beatles**

**Restaurant:**  
**Olives and Peppers**

**Color:**  
**Purple**

**Disney Character:**  
**Gus Gus from Cinderella**

# Holiday Fundraiser Money/Forms due Nov. 9th



# November 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4	5 End of 1st 9 weeks School Board Meeting 6pm @ THS	6 Wear your Hiller Blue	7
8	9 PTA Meeting 6pm Sarris and Wagners Due 	10	11 Veterans Day wear your Red, White and Blue	12	13 World Kindness Day	14
15	16	17	18 Picture Make up Day	19 School Board Meeting 6pm @ THS	20 Wear your Hiller Blue	21
22	23	24	25 Remote Learning Day Parent/Teacher Conferences	26 Happy Thanksgiving! 	27 Fall Break	28
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Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!