

Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

Can you believe we are through with one month of school already? I want to thank everyone for helping us to get off to an incredibly smooth start this school year. A special thank you to all of the Trinity West teachers, support staff, and PTA members. Our PTA does an awesome job of supporting our school throughout the year and this year is proving no different!

While we expect each child to attend school daily, if your child is ill or has a fever, we ask that you do keep him/her home. Children must be fever free for 24 hours before they should return to school. A note from a doctor or parent must accompany your child upon returning to school so we can count the day as an excused absence.

Students who are working remotely (whether cyber or hybrid) need to be in attendance every day. An absence will be recorded for days that they do not log on and complete their work. Please make every effort to ensure work is being completed while the students are at home.

Make sure you check out the school calendar as there are many great things happening this month at Trinity West!! We cannot wait to see many of our students here five days a week starting October 19th.

Mrs. Ostrosky, Principal, Trinity West Elementary

West News

LOST AND FOUND

Each year, many forgotten items end up in the lost and found box. By the end of the year, it can be quite a pile.

PLEASE consider putting your child's name on everything you can: coats, lunch boxes, backpacks, hoodies, jackets, and removable clothing. This helps items find their way back to their owners and helps us keep the lost-and-found box smaller.

If your child forgets or misplaces an item at school, please remind them that they can search the Lost and Found box at school.

Shining a Light on Autism!

Autism Facts:



- Boys are four times more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls
- An estimated 40% of people with autism are non verbal

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**

Social Media: Our Facebook rules have changed to comply with school district policy. Only our Facebook page administrators can post. Your questions are welcome! Just ask in person or write to twshillerspta@gmail.com.

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Trinity West PTA email: twshillerspta@gmail.com **Trinity West Newsletter:** twsgazette@gmail.com

Twitter: [Trinity@west_elem](https://twitter.com/Trinity@west_elem)



On-line Book Fair

10/26-11/8

Watch for more information!

Keep an eye out for our new Spirit Wear Store. More information will be available soon.

Thank You!

Our Supply Drive was a HUGE Success because of YOU



Welcome to our New Teachers and Staff!

Miss. Ninalee Dunn
Grade 1 Teacher

Ms. Kellie Swart
Grade 2 Teacher

Mrs. Lori Daloia
Grade 5 Teacher

Mr. Brad Zurisko
Grade 5 Teacher

Ms. Melinda Pillar
Paraprofessional

Mrs. Christina Craig
Paraprofessional

Box Tops

GET THE APP in iTunes or Google Play

Just scan your receipt with the app—nothing to clip or send into school! Easy! Credit for your purchase automatically goes to Trinity West. Many Box Top products are switching over to this scannable format, and do not have clip able box tops.

All funds raised from Box Tops benefit Project TEAM at Trinity West.

THANK YOU!!

NEXT PTA MEETING:

Monday, October 12th, 10am via zoom

Want to help, but you just cannot get there during school hours? Can't make a PTA meeting, but you want to volunteer somehow? Want to help without dealing with dozens of kids (or any kids at all)?

We can use all kinds of help, and we need you!
There are many volunteer opportunities available—contact our PTA President, Amy Bowman:

twshillerspta@gmail.com

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 5th- Picture Day
Hybrid Group A

Oct. 7th- Picture Day
Cyber Students

Oct. 8th- Picture Day
Hybrid Group B

Oct. 12th- PTA Meeting
10am via zoom

Oct. 21st- Chipotle
Dine to Donate
4pm-8pm

Oct. 19th- 23rd- Red Ribbon
Week

Oct. 25th-Nov. 8th- On-line
Book Fair

Oct. 26th- Holiday
Fundraiser Kick-off

Nov. 5th- End of 1st Nine
Weeks

CAN I VOLUNTEER NOW?

Due to Covid -19 we are not allowed to have volunteers in the building. Hopefully, things settle down and that changes by the end of the year. Please be prepared by making sure your clearances are completed.

New volunteers are approved during School Board meetings. This means there can be a delay between receiving your clearances and being approved to volunteer.

Questions? Call Human Resources: 724-223-2000

Picture Day Make up

Fall Photos will be used in the yearbook. Don't like the photo? A makeup picture day will be scheduled. Unwanted photos are returned, and retakes are shipped to the school at no additional charge.

Make up day for everyone: 11/18

Order forms and payments can also be sent to school with your student on Picture Day. Late payments will result in later delivery of your photos to the school.



2020/2021 PTA Board

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Our Kids Klostet is still up and running. For those that do not know what/who we are: We started in Trinity district years ago. We accept donations of gently used, clean clothing and give them to needy children for free. We need donations of gently used clean boys' pants of all sizes. If you would like to donate please contact me at ourkidsklostetpa@gmail.com for pick up.

Thank you,

Kimberly Piatt of Our Kids Klostet

RED RIBBON WEEK:

October 19th-23rd

A spirit week supporting a drug-free school.

Monday- Red out/ wear Red

Tuesday- Mustache Day

Wednesday-Camo Day

Thursday- Wear Neon Clothes

Friday- Hiller- Day- wear blue

*No face paint, please!

Counselor's Corner

Hello, and welcome back students and parents! Your students are going to have an interesting school year ahead of them, but they have the support of the Counseling Department behind them. On the team is School Counselor Mrs. Lynne Gallagher. This is Mrs. Gallagher's 5th year being the School Counselor for Trinity East and West Elementary schools.

Mrs. Gallagher is also joined by student intern Courtney Call, who will be with us for the Fall semester. Courtney is in the School Counseling program at California University of Pennsylvania. She is excited to learn and assist your children in their upcoming school year!

Back to School Tips:

Schedules: It will be beneficial to you and your child to try to make a daily schedule using some of the following suggestions:

- Wake-up time (make sure they have enough time to eat a good breakfast and wake-up before having to get on computer)
- 15 mins break before virtual class time (to use the bathroom, or get a snack or drink)
- 5 mins before virtual class (to log on)
- Break time (to move around, go outside, not staring at a screen)
- Bedtime (to make sure your child is getting 9-11 hours of sleep each night)

Screen Time: With classes being on a hybrid schedule to begin the school year (half virtual/half in person), it is important to monitor your students extended screen time at home. Staring at a screen for extended periods of time can cause sensory overload. To avoid this, it is suggested to set a certain amount of time that a child can use a device and then have some no screen time.

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

- Mrs. Lynne Gallagher MSEd, LPC
(724) 222-4730 ex 1504
lgallagher@trinityhillers.net
- Ms. Courtney Call
California University of PA
School Counseling Graduate Intern



October is Kindergarten Month

Spotlighting Team
Builders:

Rebecca Lanius



"Rebecca works hard on her schoolwork, turns her assignments in and always tries her best. When we play with other children, Rebecca is thoughtful of the feelings of others. She tries to include other students who may need a friend and works hard to do her best! Keep up the great work! You are a wonderful role model for our friends and classmates." - Mrs. Buri

Sabrina Hanes



"Sabrina comes into class and gets right to work. She is very patient, a good listener, follows all the classroom rules and is kind to her classmates." Mrs. Stiner

Sophia Hartzog

"Sophia works hard each day while giving her best effort on every assignment. Sophia always has a smile on her face when she submits her work on Canvas! Her positivity never fails to make me smile. Sophia loves Kindergarten and is up for learning new things each and everyday!" -

Miss Wybranowski





SHINING A SPOTLIGHT

ON

Miss Kaley Wybranowski
Kindergarten Teacher



Any Pets?

I have a 9 month-old Australian Shephard named Henry! He is my bestie. He loves to go for long walks and snuggle on the couch.



My Hobbies:
Spending time with my loved ones, going on hikes, and visiting new restaurants!

Why did you choose to become a teacher?

I have always known that I would be a teacher! I love making connections with students and inspiring them to love learning something new each day. I decided to become a teacher because I wanted a career that would give me the ability to impact people in a positive way! I couldn't imagine doing anything else. It is my true passion and I am so thankful to be a kindergarten teacher here at Trinity West!

Tell us about your family.

I am engaged to my high school sweetheart, Michael. We are getting married this July and couldn't be more excited! WE love visiting parks and traveling to new places together. This summer we went on a road trip and visited six states from Ohio to Texas. Our favorite stop was Asheville, NC! We love the peaceful mountains and breathtaking views.

I have a younger sister, Jena and I'm very close to my Mom, Dad, and Mimi. We love spending quality time with each other.

Some of my Favorite Things:

Music:
Anything Taylor Swift

Restaurant:
Driftwood Oven

Color:
Mint Green

Disney Character:
Belle

If you need a Membership Form email twshillerspta@gmail.com



October 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 World Smile Day 	5 Picture Day Group A 	6	7 Picture Day Cyber 	8 Picture Day Group B 	9 Wear your Hiller Blue	10 Wear your Hiller Blue
11	12 PTA meeting via Zoom 10am 	13	14	15 School Board meeting THS @ 6pm	16 Wear your Hiller Blue	17
18	19 Red Out, Wear red (no face paint!)	20 Mustache Day	21 Carnie Day (no face paint please) Chipotle Dine to Donate 4pm- 8pm	22 Neon Day	23 Wear your Hiller Blue	24
25	26 Holiday Fundraiser Kickoff	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween!
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

We need pictures for yearbook!

- send twshillerspta@gmail.com or trinitywestyearbook@gmail.com



BACKPACK BUDDIES

WEEKEND MEALS FOR STUDENTS

Dear Parent,

The Love in a Backpack program by The Washington Salvation Army is available at your child's school this school year.

The program is designed to provide non-perishable food once a week to children that would benefit from supplemental nourishment over the weekend. Bags will be dispensed in a discreet and caring manner inside participating children's backpacks. Once a month there will also be a storybook and a school supply item. This program runs the full 38 weeks of the school year.

There is no cost associated with this program. Your family does not have to meet any income guidelines to participate as need can at times go far beyond numbers on a page can describe. If this would help your family on the weekend we would love to have your child participate. If you wish for your child to participate in the program please sign below and return the letter to the school

Thank you!

Child's Name _____

Parents Signature _____

I want my child to participate in the Love in a Backpack program.

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Trinity West Elementary School. Come in to the Chipotle at 187 Old Mill Blvd in Washington on **Wednesday, October 21st** between **4:00pm and 6:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Trinity West Elementary School.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code F3X8H8T before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.

Use code **F3X8H8T** in promo



MEXICAN GRILL
All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donations, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.