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TWIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES:

No School

Monday, May 29, 2023

Early Dismissal

Friday, May 26, 2023

Keystone Exams - Spring

Monday, May 15 through

Friday, May 26, 2023

Baccalaureate Ceremony

Thursday, June 1, 2023

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Graduation

Saturday, June 3, 2023

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Santander Arena |

Reading, PA

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SCHOOL AND DISTRICT EVENTS.

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TWIN VALLEY TALKS RECAP

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Twin Valley School District successfully hosted three community engagement sessions centered around District updates and information regarding curriculum and instruction, student services, information technology, business services, building and grounds, and more. Additionally, questions, concerns, and comments were addressed at each of the sessions.

Thank you to the individuals who attended these sessions. Your input regarding the Twin Valley School District is extremely valuable and appreciated, and we look forward to future opportunities to engage with our District community. If you were unable to attend one of the three sessions, a recording of the presentation is now available online. Click the button below to watch the recording.



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TWIN VALLEY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLASS OF 2023 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

SANTANDER ARENA | READING, PA

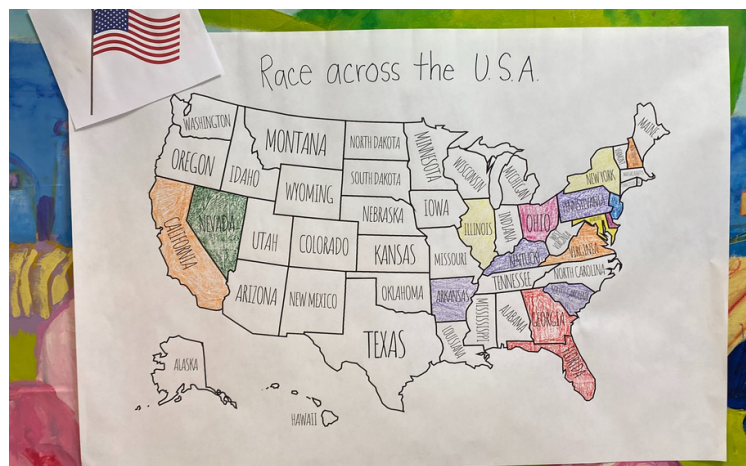
Saturday, June 3, 2023



HONEY BROOK ELEMENTARY CENTER RACE FOR EDUCATION



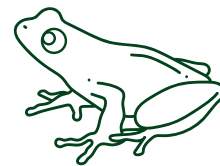
Honey Brook Elementary Center (HBEC) kicked off their Race for Education. Students fundraised by sending letters to their family and friends. The HBEC students had a goal of raising \$13,000. The theme this year was **Race Across the U.S.A.** The students worked hard to get a donation from every state. Last year, the students fundraised enough to purchase eight picnic tables that are now available for students and staff to enjoy outside. The warmer weather has allowed the picnic tables to be used frequently by both teachers and students. The students culminated their drive with a walk on May 11th.



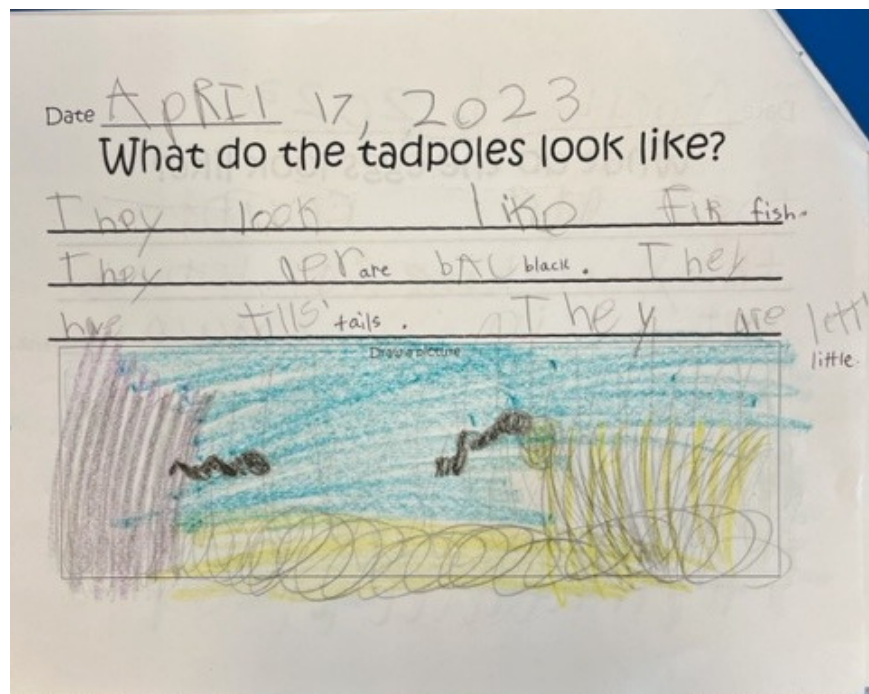
ROBESON ELEMENTARY CENTER HIGH SCHOOL HEROES

High School Heroes comes to Robeson Elementary Center four times a year to engage students in fun learning activities. They also get to know students better during lunch and recess. This month's theme was Earth Day. The photo to the left is from Mrs. Passerini's 2nd Grade class. The HS Heroes also help us run stations during Field Day in May. Every year, Robeson students look forward to seeing their HS friends!

TWIN VALLEY ELEMENTARY CENTER LIFE CYCLE OF THE FROG



Kindergarten classes at Twin Valley Elementary Center have begun tadpole investigations to study the life cycle of the frog. Students make observations of the tadpoles daily and write their findings in a "Frog Journal." The tadpoles were funded by the PIE/PTO. In eight weeks, the tadpoles will have developed into frogs in each of the Kindergarten classrooms. The students are very excited about this learning opportunity and cannot wait for the tadpoles to become frogs!



TWIN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY NIGHT FUN

On April 20, 2023, Twin Valley Middle School (TVMS) hosted its sixth out of seven family nights. The night consisted of a cookout followed by multiple games of BINGO. Over 50 families took part in this community building event.

The night was made possible by TVMS staff not only giving their time but also providing gift baskets and an assortment of prizes to the winners.

Thank you to everyone who participated!



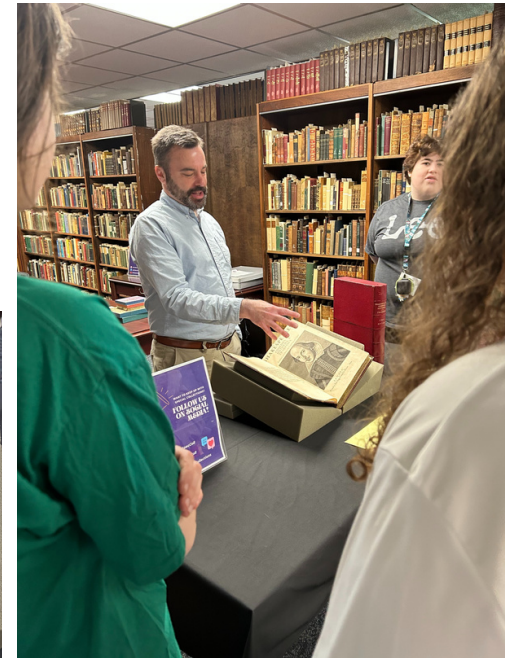
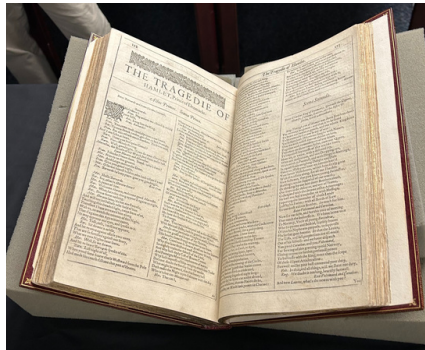


Photo Caption (Standing Left to Right): Kaylee Gullo, Teresa Phelan, Julia McKeown, Megan Burnett, Sophia Estevez, Ella Estevez, Logan Kiser, Seyonna Bay, Jayden Martinez; (Sitting Left to Right): Dariana Gonzalez Salva, Mrs. Sandra Crook, Elaina Medina.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH FIELD TRIP

April is National Poetry month and William Shakespeare's birthday. On Friday, April 21st, a group of 11 students (seniors and sophomores) traveled with **Mrs. Sandra Crook** to West Chester University (WCU) for the day.

WCU hosted a Fortnight of Festivities, which celebrated 400 years of William Shakespeare's First Folio. The students toured the First Folio exhibit and played Shakespeare themed games and activities.



HOSA CONFERENCE

Twin Valley School District students attended the Penn HOSA State Leadership Conference (SLC) on March 29-31 at the Valley Forge Convention Center. The following are highlights from the conference:

- **Emerson Smith** - Penn HOSA Scholarship (\$2500)
- **Rebecca Goldman** - Aspire Award (\$5500)
- **Grace Kelly** - Editor: HOSA Happenings Award
- **Tanner Falkler & Rebecca Goldman** - Silver Level HOSA Blood Drive Award (174 units collected in 3 drives this school year.)
- **Penn HOSA Foundation Award** - This foundation presents Penn HOSA students with educational scholarships.
- **Rebecca Goldman** - 3rd Place for Prepared Speaking





TVHS INTERNS END-OF-YEAR RECAP

TWIN VALLEY STUDENT INTERNS WRAP UP SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

At Twin Valley High School, it is a typical day for students to gain opportunities in the “real world.” For example, a student interested in becoming a physical therapist may job shadow or intern in this career field and participate in hands-on learning experiences, getting exposure to patient assessments, proper practices, and client relationships.

Students interested in law can intern with local courts where they learn about the duties and responsibilities of a Magisterial District Judge and observe daily proceedings with both civil and criminal cases. Observing in this environment provides opportunities to interview others in various roles, such as police officers, local and county detectives, district attorneys, public defenders, bail agents, and more.

Mrs. Angela Morgan and Mrs. Gwen Werner, Internship Coordinators, welcome all students and all career interests. Any junior or senior at Twin Valley High School can participate in an internship. When students share their career aspirations, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Werner network with professionals to coordinate a placement that aligns with their desires for career exploration and learning.

This year, Senior **Mariana Spetseris** interned with Reading Hospital—Tower Heath and participated in medical research. She will be listed as one of the authors in a medical journal located in Pubmed. Other students in the medical area experienced radiology, plastic surgery, genetic counseling, and observed while making patient rounds with doctors and other medical professionals.

Other interesting career areas include: education, dental, strength & conditioning, equine management, titanium production, business, accounting, college athletic recruiting, interior design, event planning, pharmacy, environmental and plant management, architecture and engineering, veterinary medicine, automotive, and childcare.

We believe students learn “by doing.” Benefits for students include offers for summer and part-time employment, networking with professionals who can guide them in career and college-planning, scholarships, stipends, and more!



Students pictured (left to right; top to bottom): Keira Monaghan, Encompass Health; Sarah Gowman, Phoenix Rehabilitation; Kaylee Snyder, Elverson Dental; Sam Rhoads, Encompass Health

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TWIN VALLEY STUDENT INTERNS WRAP UP SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

THANK YOU to all the district staff members who worked with intern students. **THANK YOU** to the following businesses who hosted our interns this year:

Aaron's Hydraulics, ABS Structural Detailing, Adragone Aeroponics, Albright University Athletic Recruiting, Alvernia University, ARRO Consulting, Berg Construction, Be Mine Boutique, Berks Arts, BLiNCK Studios, Brandywine Valley SPCA, Cedar Hill Flower Girls, Country Companion Animal Hospital, Cross Gables Estates, District Court 15-3-01 Judge Hipple, District Court 23-3-01 Judge Glass, District Court 23-2-02 Judge Taylor, District Court 23-2-04 Judge Yoch, Downingtown Family Practice, Elverson Dental, Elverson Fitness, Encompass Health, Exeter Wawa, French Creek Aesthetics, French Creek Golf Club, Goebel and Sons, Green Valleys Watershed, Hickory House Nursing Home, Honey Brook Animal Hospital, Honey Brook Golf Club, Honey Brook Pharmacy, Impact Physical Therapy, Industrial USA, LLC, Keller Williams/Katie Broskey Realtor, KenCrest, Kurtland Farms, Kurtz Fish Hatchery, Labs Funeral Home, Little Mates Child Development Center, Ludwigs Corner Veterinary Hospital, Lynn Kline Farm, Marinos Athletic Performance, McCormick Chiropractic, McDonald's, Morgan Corporation, Morgantown Wawa, Miracle Auto, M & M Tattooing, Olsen's Auto, Parkesburg Arby's, Pawsitive Hearts Pet Therapy, Penn Medicine/Chester County Hospital, Penn State Health--St. Joseph Medical Center, Penske, Phoenix Rehab, Phoenixville Hospital Cancer Center, PhytogenX, Risbon Excavating, Reading Eagle, Reading Hospital Tower Health, Retro Fitness, Romasco Masonry, RV Industries, Santander Arena, Shady Maple Market, SPANCO, Stoned Goat Farm, Suburban Brewery Company, Tel Hai Retirement Community, The Goalie Trainer, The Goddard School, TIMET, Tower Health Medical Group Plastic Surgery, Twin Valley Coffee, Twin Valley Veterinarian, Warwick County Park, West Lawn Wawa, Whole Child Learning Center, and YMCA Brandywine.

For additional information about Twin Valley's Internship Program, please contact **Angela Morgan** at amorgan@tvsd.org or **Gwen Werner** at gwerner@tvsd.org

Students pictured (top to bottom): Cloe Hannum, Robeson Elementary Center; Josh Phillips, Magisterial District Court 15-3-01, Judge Hipple; Mariana Spetseris, Reading Hospital Tower Health



TVHS ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

*From Left to Right:
Anthony Engle and Jessica Robinette*

By far, one of his proudest accomplishments is gaining the two congressional nominations allowing him to officially be a member of the United States Naval Academy Class of 2027. There he will run Division I Track and Cross Country, study Engineering, and then upon graduation, serve as an officer in the military.

Jessica Robinette is a senior at Twin Valley High School. Jessica will be attending East Stroudsburg University next year to further her academic career. She is heavily involved in many clubs and activities at the school. Jessica participates in Girls Lacrosse, Mini-Thon, NHS, Link, and History Club.

Since she was 10 years old, Jessica has played lacrosse. Although she is not planning on playing lacrosse in college, this sport has been a big part of her life. From ages 13 to 16, she played on travel lacrosse teams. Jessica played for PA Express for one year then went and played for Xtreme for two more years. During her time playing lacrosse for Twin Valley, the team won two County titles and one District title. Jessica also participates in Mini-THON as Merchandise Overall where she helps raise money for kids with pediatric cancer.

As far as academics, she has maintained a 4.175 cumulative GPA and is ranked 27th in her class. She intends to major in Accounting at East Stroudsburg University. Jessica is very thankful and appreciative of her internships this year with Accounting Manager, Dodie Kern, and Mrs. Cipolla. These internships showed her the ins and outs of accounting and gave her a real world experience of working with a business. Jessica's mother and father are her biggest supporters, and she appreciates everything they have done for her over the years. She credits all her success to her family and thanks them for always helping her along the way.

TVHS SENIORS, ANTHONY ENGLE AND JESSICA ROBINETTE, HONORED AS APRIL ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Twin Valley Rotary Club was proud to honor seniors, **Anthony Engle** and **Jessica Robinette**, as their students of the month. Anthony and Jessica were honored for their participation in extra-curricular activities and outstanding academic achievement.

Anthony Engle is known for giving a 110% effort in all of his endeavors. This drive is what enables him to succeed in a wide variety of areas, anywhere from athletics and academics to extracurricular activities. For example, his dedication in track has allowed him to be a member of the All-State Indoor Track Team, holding school records in every event from the 800m to 3000m individual races, and also being a member of the record setting 4x800m Relay, Distance Medley Relay, and 4x400m Relay Teams. His favorite athletic accomplishment is placing 4th and 3rd at the Indoor State Championships in his junior and senior years respectively.

On the academic side, he has maintained straight As throughout his entire High School career, placing him 3rd in the class, with eight AP courses and many more honors classes. He also serves as the Varsity Sports Club President, is a member of the National Honor Society, and serves in the Heroes Club, teaching lessons to 4th Grade students at Robeson Elementary Center. He also takes pride in being the runner up for the Governor Position of the American Legion's Keystone Boys State Program, again demonstrating his ability to succeed in a wide variety of areas.



EXTRACURRICULAR UPDATES

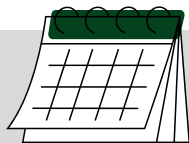
EXTRAORDINARY RAIDERS

TVHS LEO CLUB VOLUNTEERS AT HONEY BROOK FOOD PANTRY



On April 26, 2023, the Twin Valley High School Leo Club volunteered at the Honey Brook Food Pantry. What started as a rainy and windy night ended with a rainbow! *Photo caption (left to right): Yarimar Irizarry-Padua, Teresa Phelan, Natalia Vazquez Perez, Dariana Gonzalez Salva, Mrs. Crook (Advisor), and Saade Maclara Salaman*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR STUDENT ATHLETES



Future College Athletes Day Ceremony will be on **June 1, 2023**, at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Main Gym. Senior athletes who will be playing sports in college next year will be honored and recognized.

Twin Valley Athletics is already looking forward to next year! **Fall Sports begin in August** with High School Football and Golf starting on **August 7th**, and all other High School sports beginning on **August 14th**. Middle School Football starts **August 14th**, and all other Middle School Sports begin **August 21st**. Athletes are able to get their physicals after **June 1, 2023** and fill out all paperwork on Planet HS after June 1st.

TV SALE

OWN A PIECE OF TWIN VALLEY RAIDER MEMORABILIA! PRICES RANGE: \$1-10

Full list and quantities: bit.ly/tvathleticssale



Ready to Purchase? Contact Alison Foster, Athletics Secretary, at afoster@tvsd.org

Disclaimer: Equipment should not be used for previously intended purpose; these are considered memorabilia and are not up to current safety standards.

The Twin Valley Athletics Department is hosting a uniform and equipment sale! A variety of uniforms, jackets, helmets, etc. are available for purchase (price range is \$1-10; cash or check). For a full list and quantities available, visit bit.ly/tvathleticssale. Additionally, these items will be sold at a "Yard Sale" on June 24th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the High School Main Gym. For more info, contact Alison Foster at afoster@tvsd.org.

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SPRING ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

On Saturday, April 29, 2023, the Twin Valley Athletics Department inducted two members into the Twin Valley Athletics Hall of Fame. **Mr. Bob Mountz** and **Mr. Randy Epler**. Bob Mountz was a long time coach and teacher at Twin Valley, coaching track and other sports. Randy Epler was a long time coach, teacher, and served as the Athletic Director at Twin Valley. Congratulations to both Mr. Mountz and Mr. Epler. We are very proud to have them inducted into the Twin Valley Athletics Hall of Fame.



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