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TWIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Homecoming

Friday, October 6, 2023

TVHS Homecoming Dance

Saturday, October 7, 2023

No School - Students

Monday, October 9, 2023

TVEC Race for Education

Friday, October 13, 2023

TVSD Board Meeting

Monday, October 9, 2023

Monday, October 16, 2023

Early Dismissal - Students

Friday, October 27, 2023

Football/Cheer/Marching

Band Senior Night

Friday, October 27, 2023

Last Day of 1st Marking Period

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

**VISIT [TVSD.ORG/CALENDAR](https://www.tvsd.org/calendar) FOR
ALL SCHOOL AND DISTRICT EVENTS.**

Every student. Every day.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

EMBRACING SAFETY AND UNITY: OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Twin Valley Families,

In the wake of recent events that have stirred safety and security concerns within our close-knit community, such as the Danelo Cavalcante search and the Abraxas Academy escapees, I find myself reflecting with gratitude and appreciation for the incredible staff, students, families, and local law enforcement within the Twin Valley Community.



As we navigate unexpected challenges, our strength lies in our collective determination to ensure the well-being of each and every student in Twin Valley. Any event that raises concern serves as a catalyst for us to reinforce our safety measures, communication protocols, and overall commitment to fostering a safe and nurturing environment.

In times like these, it's essential to remember that our interconnectedness and support for one another form the bedrock of our community. Each member plays a vital role in shaping a safe and inclusive environment. Continue to remain vigilant, speak up, and actively engaged within the community. If you see or hear something that raises concern, don't hesitate to report it. Your voice matters, and it can make a significant difference in preventing potential incidents and creating a safe environment for all.

Let us use these recent experiences as a motivation to strengthen our bonds, embrace communication, and cultivate an environment that promotes not only safety but also kindness, compassion, and resilience. Together, we can overcome any challenge and emerge stronger than before. Our unity is our strength, and our commitment to the safety and well-being of our students will continue to guide us forward. Thank you for being an essential part of Twin Valley School District.

Sincerely,
Patrick Winters

#RAIDERPRIDE

HONEY BROOK ELEMENTARY CENTER BOOK SAMPLING



Honey Brook Elementary Center (HBEC) 4th Grade Teachers, Janeen Moyer, Julia Sutula, and Kaitlin Kretchmer, have a special tradition for introducing new reading genres; a classroom transformation! This quarter's theme was a book café. Complete with table cloths, candles, flowers and Parisian café music, teachers pretended to be waitresses while serving realistic fiction books on silver platters.

As an introduction to the genre, 4th Graders participated in a "Book Tasting" by sampling and rating books. They then have the opportunity to put them in their book baskets for future reading. Teachers are hopeful that these creative and immersive experiences will inspire students to eagerly embrace the world of reading!



ROBESON ELEMENTARY CENTER FLIP OR FLOP?

Mr. Deren's 4th Grade class at Robeson Elementary Center (REC), participated in a "Flip the Mat" challenge during PE class.

This challenge helps build teamwork and problem-solving skills by encouraging students to work together to flip a mat using only their feet! Thank you to our educators at REC who create fun, stimulating activities for students to keep them engaged in learning while also developing critical skills!

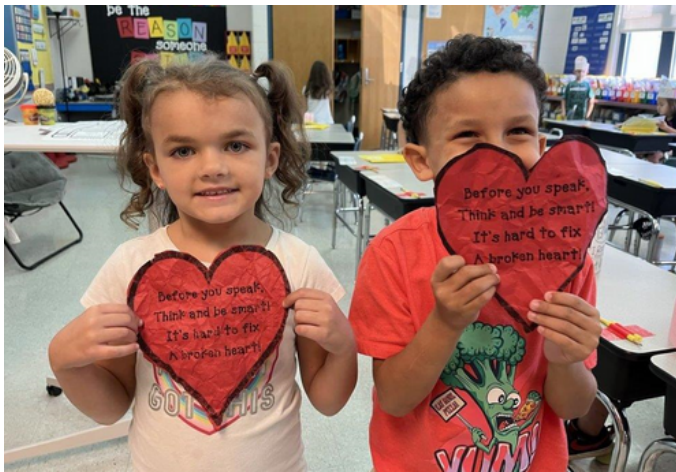


ROBESON ELEMENTARY CENTER KINDNESS MATTERS

Mrs. Kline's 1st Grade class at Robeson Elementary Center (REC) learned about being good classmates and friends in an activity that shows how words and actions have lasting impact.

At the beginning of every school year, elementary teachers spend time doing activities that help students understand school rules and expectations, as well as build a supportive, collaborative classroom community. This activity served as one example.

*"Before you speak, think and be smart!
It's hard to fix a broken heart!"*



TWIN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY FUN

Twin Valley Middle School (TVMS) held their second annual 5th Grade Family Fun Night on Wednesday, August 23. This event provided families and incoming 5th graders with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the building and staff. Families toured the building, ate dinner, took pictures at the photo booth, enjoyed Kona Ice, played games, and started to build relationships with the Middle School staff.

With 184 families in attendance, this event successfully supported efforts to create a sense of community and support the transition for incoming 5th Grade students. TVMS is continually working towards creating a positive school environment and enhancing the overall educational experience for students and families. This event was no exception!



TWIN VALLEY ELEMENTARY CENTER WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Twin Valley Elementary Center (TVEC) experienced a smooth start to the school year, welcoming both new and returning families with joy. Students and staff are working hard to set the stage for a great year and looking forward to all that lies ahead.

Speaking of what's ahead, TVEC has a variety of exciting activities and events coming up, including the RACE for Education in mid-October and their 2nd Annual Fall Fest on November 4th. The Annual Fall Fest will feature many family fun activities, including food trucks and hayrides!



**BACK
TO
SCHOOL!**

TWIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Twin Valley High School (TVHS) earned high National and metro-area rankings in 2023-2024 Best High Schools by U.S. News!

By earning a national ranking in the top 40%, Twin Valley High School achieved status as a U.S. News Best High School and gained eligibility for their commitment to education. Congratulations, TVHS and all of the incredible staff who help to make our schools the BEST!



To learn more about TVHS's recognition, visit:
www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/pennsylvania/districts/twin-valley-school-district/twin-valley-high-school-17386.



HARMONY DAY COLLABORATIVE ART INSTALLATION

HONEY BROOK WORKS TOGETHER TO CREATE COMMUNITY

On Saturday, September 16th, Honey Brook Elementary students' artwork was proudly displayed at Honey Brook Presbyterian Church in celebration of Honey Brook Harmony Day. Presented by the Honey Brook Community Partnership, this day celebrates unity and harmony, presenting unique and exciting opportunities to come together as a community.

Honey Brook Elementary Center Art Teacher, Gina Knorr, led students in creating intentional and thoughtful artwork to display at the show:

3rd & 4th Grade - Peace, Unity, Respect

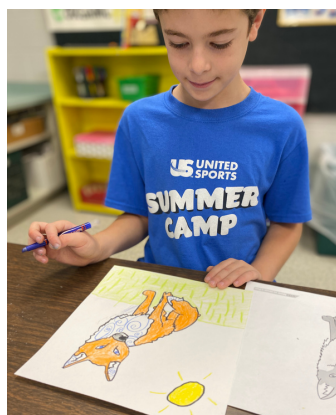
Students chose imagery that reflected what harmony may feel or look like to them. While using the art principle of harmony, various elements of art come together to a complete work of art. Students used lines, shapes, and textures to create their pieces.

1st & 2nd Grade - Show Kindness for Each Other & Our Earth

Students created beautiful, hand-painted, texture papers, then worked together to create a colorful bird while focusing on harmony and balance. There was a classroom discussion pertaining to how the dove is a symbol of peace and that living in harmony with nature means existing peacefully alongside plants, animal and all living things. Students explored ways to be more responsible to help keep our Earth in balance.

Kindergarten - Everyone Belongs

Students listened and discussed the book "We All Belong" by Nathalie Goss, then created a painting focusing on colors that make them feel happy, calm and peaceful. Each students' work, although different and unique, unites together to create a whole.



TVHS MATH TEACHER SELECTED AS FINALIST FOR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHING

Mr. Jeff Bateman, Twin Valley High School (TVHS) Math Teacher and National Honor Society (NHS) Advisor, has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) as a Finalist for the 2023 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The award recognizes teachers who have both deep content knowledge of the subjects they teach and the ability to motivate and enable students to be successful in those areas. Being named a Finalist for Pennsylvania reflects Mr. Bateman's expertise and demonstration of his impact on student achievement at TVHS.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are the highest honors bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics teaching. The Awards were established by Congress in 1983.

In response to his recognition, Mr. Bateman shared, "It is such an honor to not only be recognized at this level but also to know that it all started from the impact I had on a colleague and great friend, Jon Regino. I don't teach math because I believe that students will use it every day. Rather, I teach math because I believe it is a tool through which I help students build character, and if they learn math along the way, great. It is both humbling and affirming to know that a colleague saw how my non-traditional method of teaching had a positive impact on students both personally and academically, and furthermore inspired him to recommend me for this award. I owe this recognition to him, my colleagues, and my family who have supported me in this educational journey."

Mr. Jeff Bateman and his family, along with Dr. Patrick Winters, TVSD Superintendent, and Dr. Bill Clements, TVHS Principal, will celebrate this extraordinary achievement at a special day in Harrisburg on October 17, 2023. Congratulations, Mr. Bateman!

TVSD EDUCATOR RECEIVES FULBRIGHT U.S. DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD



The U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board selected TVHS educator, Elizabeth Techman, for the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Short Term Program (Fulbright DAST).

Ms. Techman is one of 20 U.S. citizens who received the opportunity to travel abroad in the 2022 Fulbright DAST Program. The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Short-Term Program sends expert U.S. K-12 educators to participating countries to support projects in schools, teacher training colleges, government ministries, or educational nongovernmental organizations, as identified by U.S. Embassies and Fulbright Commissions.

As a Fulbrighter, Ms. Techman will share knowledge and foster meaningful connections across communities in the United States and Colombia. Upon returning to their classrooms and schools in the United States, Fulbrighters share their stories and often become active supporters of international exchange, encouraging colleagues and students to go abroad. As Fulbright alumni, their careers are enriched by joining a network of thousands of esteemed professionals, many of whom are leaders in their fields. Fulbright alumni include 61 Nobel Prize laureates, 89 Pulitzer Prize recipients, and 40 who have served as a head of state or government.

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program and is supported by the people of the United States and partner countries around the world. Since 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 400,000 participants from over 160 countries the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

TVSD congratulates Ms. Techman on this award and looks forward to sharing a recap of her experiences in Colombia, along with other educators who have traveled abroad for professional development, in a special series this fall. Stay tuned!



Pictured, left to right: Patrick Skoniczin, Bruce Hartshorne, President of the Rotary Club of Twin Valley; Camrynn Owens, William Clements, TVHS Principal

TVHS ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

PATRICK SKONICZIN

Patrick Skoniczin is a highly accomplished senior at Twin Valley High School. In addition to being a dedicated student, he is very involved in the music program, participating in Concert Band, Marching Band (as the drum major), Jazz Band, Symphony Orchestra, Chorus, and Select Chorus. Additionally, he has participated in several prestigious PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association) ensembles, advancing to the County, District, and Region level both as a pianist and a vocalist, and to the All-State level on trumpet. Music has always been Patrick's passion, and he is anticipating a career in the same, intending to major in Music Education next year. Whether it be playing piano, trumpet, accordion, singing, conducting, or composing, he constantly finds solace in music. Patrick also participates in several school clubs including the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society (as the Vice President), and Theatre Arts Club (as the President). Outside of school, Patrick spends his time singing in his church's choir, composing music, or just being with friends and family. He particularly enjoys spending time at his beach house in North Wildwood, New Jersey. Patrick would like to thank his teachers, friends, and family for always supporting his endeavors.

CAMRYNN OWENS

Camrynn Owens is a senior at Twin Valley High School this year and is largely involved throughout the school. She is the Senior Class Vice President and is an officer for both the Mini-THON and Student Council clubs, where she spends much of her time planning events throughout the school year. She is also an active member of NHS, Link, High School Heroes, Varsity Club, and History Club. Growing up, she played various sports and has played travel lacrosse since the 5th Grade for the Xtreme Lacrosse Club, which is ranked 50th in the nation. She is currently on the High School Lacrosse Team which has advanced to the State Championship the past two years and has also won County and District titles. Camrynn was named to the Berks All-County Lacrosse Team this past season. She is ranked number 3 in the class with a 4.446 cumulative GPA and consistently pushes herself academically. She has won the AP Calculus, AP Chemistry, AP United States History, and German 1 end-of-year awards. She was one of two students nominated as a HOBY Leader her sophomore year and has attended multiple leadership retreats through Student Council and Mini-THON. With a passion for math and science, she plans on majoring in Biomedical Engineering and is currently applying to a variety of schools.



TVCEF SPOTLIGHT

TWIN VALLEY COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

WHO WE ARE

The Twin Valley Community Education Foundation is a non-profit organization created and administered by an independent board of community volunteers serving Berks and Chester Counties. The TVCEF mission is to serve as a link between business, the school district, and the community to provide educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities.

Our main priority is to support Twin Valley schools, students and community. This is accomplished by providing financial support to school programs and projects, scholarships to students, and classes and events to the community. To date, TVCEF has awarded over **\$107,000 to Twin Valley student scholarships and \$146,000 in educational grants!**

Learn more at: **tvcef.org**

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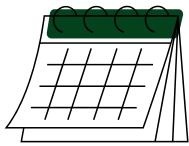


WELCOME AMANDA FORD!

Executive Director, TVCEF

Amanda is a graduate of Mansfield University with a background in Education and Event Planning. She currently serves on the PTO board at Robeson Elementary Center and can be found at various athletic organizations within our community.

As a mom of kids in the elementary and middle schools, Amanda is in-tune with district happenings and will work to continue the Foundation's mission to partner with local businesses and the school district to provide opportunities to our community.



UPCOMING TVCEF EVENTS:



TVCEF SPOTLIGHT

TWIN VALLEY
COMMUNITY
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

ALUMNI

HOMECOMING TAILGATE

OCTOBER 6 5PM-7PM

BY THE FLAGPOLE IN FRONT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL



**TWIN
VALLEY VS GARDEN
SPOT**

Bring your own tailgate food or purchase food from
Updog Hot Dogs food truck & Twin Valley Coffee

NO ALCOHOL is permitted on school grounds.



REGISTER on the alumni database and TV Alumni get
into the homecoming game for free!!

Register at twinvalleyalumni.org

OUR SCHOOLS

Honey Brook Elementary Center
Robeson Elementary Center
Twin Valley Elementary Center
Twin Valley Middle School
Twin Valley High School

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The Twin Valley yearbook is a one-of-a-kind publication. It's a limited-edition collection of stories and events from the school year, and now is your opportunity to reserve a copy and make sure your student doesn't miss out on remembering and sharing this special time in their lives with their classmates for years to come. The 2024 Vallian Yearbook will be delivered this spring, is full color, and is on sale NOW! The cost of the yearbook is \$65.00 if purchased by Thanksgiving, so act now and make this a great holiday gift for your Twin Valley student. This rate goes up after this date, so get your order in early to get a discount!

For your convenience, we have several purchasing options available:

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FOR THE CLASS OF 2024 SENIORS ONLY! If you would like to have a tribute message printed in the yearbook for a graduating senior, you can submit your message of congratulations and the images! Contact Student Services at 610.539.1330 for more information.

The yearbook staff is working hard to put together a great book, so don't delay and purchase your yearbook today!



GAME DAY HELP WANTED!

TVSD Athletics is seeking paid game day help! Earn \$30-60 per day as a Scorebook, Scoreboard, Football Chain, or Ticket Seller. A volunteer application and security clearance is required to participate.

If interested, please contact Taylor Parker, TVSD Director of Athletics & School Involvement at ttomlinson@tvsd.org!

