

Principal's Newsletter

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Music and Theater Students Shine

Wind Ensemble at Symphony Hall

I was fortunate to be in the audience for the high school band performance in Boston at Symphony Hall on Wednesday, April 15. Playing on the same bill as the University of Maine, Orono concert band Tony DiBartolomeo's high school students demonstrated why they are regarded as among the best programs in New England.

West Side Story Thrills Audiences

Once again, theater director Eric Con-

stantineau and the Timberlane Players in collaboration with music director Tony DiBartolomeo and the musicians in "the pit" have created magic in the PAC. *West Side Story* involved over 100 students singing, dancing and acting; dozens of community/parent volunteers and a significant contribution by Timberlane staff members. Students ran the lighting, sound, and stage movements. The amazing set was built by students, community volunteers, parents, staff and

alumnus. The Players populated two casts and presented four shows. In addition, the players entertained the students of Danville Elementary School with highlights from the show and Eric gave them a lesson in theater. Rightfully, our district is beaming with pride for the program, the kids and all who joined in bringing us this show. I am left with tremendous appreciation for students' level of commitment and their growth in skill and confidence.

AIDS Quilt Visits Timberlane

For the second time in the last three years, panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt were displayed in the TRHS Gymnasium on April 23. Students were allowed to stroll past and read the pan-

els, which honor some of those who have lost their lives to AIDS.

During opening and closing ceremonies, students heard from Nancy Draper, who lost her sister

to AIDS. Ms. Draper reminded students that over half of new infections are found in people 15-25 years old. "All of you in the bleachers" she said.

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Coming Soon:

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| Early Release Day | May 14 |
| Prom 6-12mid
Atkinson CC | May 15 |
| Honors Recog.
6pm PAC | May 18 |
| PTSA Meeting
7pm Room 102 | May 19 |
| Jazz Band Concert
7pm PAC | May 19 |
| Memorial Day
No School | May 25 |
| Graduation
5:30 Stadium | June 19 |



Senior Week Looms Large for Class of '09

Graduation seems so close, yet so far away for our Seniors. With the Prom coming up on the 15th at the Atkinson Country Club, it's only a matter of time before the administration, faculty and (most importantly) graduates are donning our caps and gowns for the ceremony we all hope is in the stadium, not the gym!

Here is a quick rundown of the schedule of events for seniors:

May 15—Prom at Atkinson CC, 5:30

May 18—Honors Recognition (Juniors and Seniors) at the PAC, 6:00

June 5—Athletic Recognition Night at Sawyers, 7:00

June 11—Senior Awards at the PAC, 12:30 pm (invitations will be sent to parents)

June 13—Senior Breakfast in the Cafeteria, 8:30 am

June 14—Top Ten Dinner (invited guests) at the Atkinson CC, 6:00

June 17—Scholarship Night at the PAC, 7:00

June 19—Graduation in the stadium, 5:30. Rain location—Gymnasium, time TBA (Keep an eye on the TEN Channel if weather looks threatening that day)

"The main part of intellectual education is not the acquisition of facts, but learning how to make facts live."

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

H1N1 Virus Worries Many

The worldwide Pandemic called the 'Swine Flu' caused much concern prior to our return from April Vacation Week.

On the Monday after vacation, an announcement was made to the school asking that all

students who had travelled into the affected area during vacation week make a quick visit to the nurse's office. Several students checked in with our nurses, who found nothing suspicious.

We will remain vigilant

in tracking the outbreak, which seems to be waning during the last several days.

If you have further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our health office at 382-6541 ext. 291.

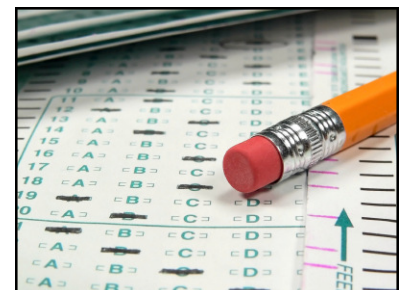
Juniors To Take the Science NECAP Tests May 19 & 20

As part of our continuing efforts to assess our progress toward providing the best education we can here at Timberlane, students in the Junior class will participate in the upcoming "NECAP" science tests. May 19 and 20 will see

all third-year students participating in these state and federally mandated tests.

Students will be provided with a light breakfast each day, and should be sure to get a good night's sleep the

day before.



World Language Night Celebrates Student Success

Last month, teachers in the World Language Department came together to celebrate the success of almost one hundred students during World Language Night, held at the Performing Arts Center.

Fifty new students were inducted into the three World Language Honor Societies: Die Deutsche Ehrenverbindung

(German), Chapter Garcilaso de la Vega of the Spanish Honor Society, and La Societe Honoraire de Francais.

Students earning the honor of induction must pass some of the most rigorous criteria of any of our honor societies. The night included the signing of the register book for each society, speeches in the World Language by each of

the societies' advisor, and a distribution of flowers in the color of the society.

Cords, which are worn around students' necks at graduation, will be presented at Honors Recognition Night on May 18 in the PAC.



"The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change."

—Carl Rogers

Busy Year for Student Council Members

Timberlane is blessed to have one of the most active and successful Student Council's in the State of NH. Led by Advisor Jennifer Libby-Barth and President Kevin Zambrano, the students on 'council'

are involved in a wide variety of activities. Among these are Big Buddy/Little Buddy Day, Spirit Week, acting as hosts during the district's teacher job fair, several community service projects, and

the Early Release day programs at the elementary schools. In addition, many Student Council members whelped out during the drop off days during this winter's Ice Storm.

Hawai'i Trip A Great Success Again

During the week of April vacation, 15 TRHS students and five teachers travelled to the island of Oahu to participate in the Kuelele Pue'ō (flight of the owl) program. Students spent three days deeply immersed in the culture of the Hawaiian

people, guided by some of the leading experts on the history of the islands and the Hawaiian people.

Trip coordinator Meghan Guanci of the English Department worked closely with our sister school, the

Kamehameha High School, to create a trip leading the life-changing experiences and eternal memories.

Students wishing to apply for the trip scheduled for February of 2010 should see Mrs. Guanci soon.



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Five Timberlane Teachers To Retire

This spring will mark the retirement of five long-term Timberlane teachers.

Mrs. Marilyn Prell came to Timberlane in the early 1980s as an English teacher. She has seen both of her children graduate from TRHS, along with thousands of students more skillful in writing, grammar and vocabulary because of her love for the profession. She will no doubt become an even more active member of her beloved Atkinson Garden Club in the coming years.

Ms. Patty Caton, a graduate of TRHS, has been with us for the last two decades. A member of the Physical Education Department, she has a true passion for sports, and can be found many days challenging her students to games in the gym, or hitting tennis balls with them outside. Retirement will give her more time to hone her already terrific tennis game.

Noreen Burns, who also saw her two children graduate from TRHS, has been a member of the math department for XX years. As the department chair, she was instrumental in establishing our "Pi Day" celebration, and the accompanying Dan Ketcham scholarship fund. Her love of math and all things calculated will be missed. Retirement will allow her to enjoy more time at her beach house, and to stay up late to watch the Sox without the early wake-up alarm to worry about.

Ron Edmiston, who came to us after 25 years as a Coast Guardsman, has been with TRHS for more than ten years. Ron has been the Lead Teacher in the Science Department for the past two years, and is also the pole vault coach at TRHS, helping to guide the current New Hampshire state record holder in the girl's event. Ron will enjoy his "retirement" by pitching in to teach two classes here next fall, as our enrollments in science are much higher than anticipated.

We will celebrate the retirements of these four, plus **Judy Rubin**, who retired last year too late for our annual party. Honors will come during an event at the Atkinson CC in early June. The Country Club is an appropriate place for Judy, who has been honing her game for the last ten months, when not helping us out this year when several teachers took extended leave.

