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# Tomlinson Middle School



## Parent Newsletter

### A Message from our Principal...

Welcome back Wolves!

I would like to thank all parents and students for a great start to a new school year. This year has started with some record numbers. We have been fortunate to serve our students free breakfast, which has helped increase our number of students served to record numbers. It is so important to begin the day the right way and with the proper nutrition our students need. With continued service to students, we hope to better serve our TMS community. Also, we have hundreds of new students to Tomlinson, and we are excited to have them join our pack.

Our goal is to continue to pursue the three R's of a successful education—Rigor, Relevance, and most importantly, Relationships. This year we have added Advisory to our curriculum in order to build positive relationships with students and parents. During Advisory students will learn strategies to succeed in school. Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin

by focusing on becoming acclimated to middle school and how to stay organized and to plan ahead. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin career/college planning and goal setting. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will also be goal setting and learning about success in high school and beyond. Students will learn important problem-solving skills to help them make sound decisions. In addition, we will incorporate our health and wellness topics in advisory.

Our school is fortunate to be one of four schools in the state to have a pilot program called Oklahoma Futures. Oklahoma Futures is sponsored by the Oklahoma State Department of Health and Lawton Public Schools. It is a program to help improve our students' health and wellness through resources and education. We are also fortunate to have Traci Wills on staff who is a registered nurse and who oversees the operations of the Tomlinson Health & Wellness clinic. Ms. Wills has already helped students

with health related issues to include providing free immunizations here at TMS. This year our goal is to reach further into the community to increase awareness of health related topics and provide resources to insure the well being of our students now and in their futures. I encourage all parents/guardians and the community to visit our health clinic. The clinic is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Again, our goal is to provide the education and the resources to students and families to help our wolves achieve success in all their future endeavors. Thanks again parents and students for a great beginning!

Go Wolves! Laura Puccino





## Bell Schedule

### Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Advisory: 8:30 - 8:50

1st Period: 8:55 - 9:40

2nd Period: 9:45 - 10:30

3rd Period: 10:35 - 11:20

4th Period: 11:25 - 12:10 (7th & 8th grades)

4th Period: 11:50 - 12:35 (6th Grade)

5th Period: 12:15 - 1:00 (8th Grade)

5th Period: 12:40 - 1:25 (6th & 7th grades)

6th Period: 1:30 - 2:20

7th Period: 2:25 - 3:15

### Lunch Periods

Lunch 6th Grade: 11:20 - 11:45

Lunch 7th Grade: 12:10 - 12:35

Lunch 8th Grade: 1:00 - 1:25

### Tuesday & Thursday

1st Period: 8:30 - 9:20

2nd Period: 9:25 - 10:15

3rd Period: 10:20 - 11:10

4th Period: 11:40 - 12:30 (6th Grade)

4th Period: 11:15 - 12:05 (7th & 8th grades)

5th Period: 12:10 - 1:00 (8th Grade)

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## Title I Information

Title I Parent Resource Center

We want to remind ALL of our TMS parents that Title I has available in the Parent Resource Center of our library many books, videos, and other resources that are designed to make parenting a bit less challenging. These resources are available for parents to check out. We encourage you to take advantage of these. After all, parenting is the HARDEST job in the world!

### Homework Dictionaries Available for Checkout

Parents, we have purchased some wonderful dictionaries that are designed to help you explain different assignments to your child. We know how easy it is to forget how to do some school assignments when you haven't done them for a few years! The dictionaries are available in English, Spanish, Korean, Cambodian, and Russian. You can check them out of the Parent Resource Center in the TMS library.

## 2010 School Report Card Information

**2010 School Report Card- Parents are encouraged to access the**

**Lawton Public Schools Website and view our 2010 School Report Card.**

**The Lawton district and school site report cards are available at the following website address:**

**<http://www.lawtonps.org/Departments/Testing/index.html>**

**If you do not have internet access at your home, you may request a copy of the school report card at the principal's office.**

**The Purpose of OK Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRC) is to help implement successful and effective parental involvement policies, programs, and activities that lead to improvements in student academic achievement and that strengthen partnerships among parents, teachers, principals, administrators, and other school personnel in meeting the education needs of children.**

**Contact info: [www.okpirc.org](http://www.okpirc.org)  
toll free number = 877-765-7472**

## Additional Title I Information

### Help Available for Parents with English as Their Second Language

#### Attention Parents!!!!

If you speak **Spanish, German, or Russian** as your first language and need help understanding some of the notes and assignments that your child brings home, we may be able to help you. Title I has purchased some translator pens that parents can check out of our parent center in the TMS library.

We are excited about being able to offer these to our bilingual parents. If you are interested in checking out one of these pens, come to our library for assistance.

**¡Ayuda a disponible para los padres con inglés como sus segundos padres de la atención de la lengua!!!!**

Si usted habla español, alemán, o ruso como su primera ayuda de la lengua y de la necesidad que entiende algunas de las notas y de las asignaciones que su niño trae a hogar, podemos poder ayudarle. El título I ha comprado algunas plumas del traductor que los padres pueden comprobar fuera de nuestro centro del padre en la biblioteca de TMS. Nos excitan sobre poder ofrecer éstos a nuestros padres bilingües. Si usted está interesado en la comprobación hacia fuera de una de estas plumas, venga a nuestra biblioteca para la ayuda.

## ACCESS to PARENT PORTAL

Interested in knowing your child's grades? LPS Parent Portal is up and running for the 2011-2012 school year! Parent Portal allows parents to check their child's grades through a web portal. Last year's passwords will not work so please come to the Counselors' Office to sign up and acquire the needed parent portal information. You will receive a username and password for each child, along with a web address to view your child's grades. Due to the sensitive nature of grades being a private thing between school and parent, we cannot send a parent portal home to be signed. A picture ID is required to sign up for the parent portal.



Discover the promise of FREE college tuition!

Oklahomans want to see deserving students succeed – students who study and work hard, but whose families find it difficult to afford college. If your child dreams of going to

college and works to achieve it, then we can help make it a reality!

To make that happen, the Oklahoma Legislature has set up a unique program for eighth-, ninth- and 10th-grade students that will help pay for their college education if their family's income is \$50,000 or less at the time the student applies for the program. This program is Oklahoma's Promise.

But college isn't easy. So to make sure students get ready for college while they're still in high school, the program requires students to take specific high school courses. Students will have to pass those courses and keep up their grades. And besides staying on top of the books, students will also have to show that they're in control outside the classroom. That means staying away from trouble like gangs, drugs and alcohol. In short, the student

promises to prepare academically for college and stay out of trouble, and in return, the state of Oklahoma promises to help pay the student's college tuition.

For more information about Oklahoma's Promise, please contact your child's counselor for a brochure or visit the Oklahoma's Promise website at: [www.okhighered.org/okpromise](http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise).

# Tomlinson Highlights

## Library News

The Library is sponsoring a Box Top competition for Advisory classes. The class with the most Box Tops collected by December 5<sup>th</sup> will win a party of their choice. Support the Library!

For a complete listing of participating Box Top products, visit:  
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=3878>



## Book Fair: September 30-October 7

Please bring in Internet Permission Forms as soon as possible. Students must have a form on file to be able to use the Internet at school.

## Dollars For Schools

If you have a reward card from Homeland or Country Mart then you can earn money for our school! Our school number is **62120**. All you have to do is tell the cashier the number one time. Every time you use your card, our school earns money. Please pass this number to friends and family! Our goal is to earn \$2000! Thanks so much! We will be sending a flyer home soon to parents!  
Thanks Again, Dawn Wainscott

## Upcoming Sporting Events

Football: Sep. 6, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> vs Central at 4:30 & 6PM

Sep. 13, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> vs Duncan at 4 & 6 PM

Sep. 27, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> vs Mac at 4:30 & 6 PM

Softball: Sep. 8 vs Eisenhower at TMS, 4:00 PM; Sep. 12 vs Mac at Mac, 4:00 PM; Sep. 22 vs Duncan at TMS, 4:00 PM



Volleyball: Sep. 15 vs Wichita Falls at TMS, 4:30 PM; Sep. 20 vs EMS at TMS, 4:00 PM; Sep. 22 vs Mac at Mac, 4:00 PM

## Tomlinson Wolves Café Cafeteria Information:

I would like for parents and students to be informed of the charge policy for school meals at the secondary level. For many 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students this is a totally new concept! The policy states that charging meals is not allowed in Secondary LPS Schools. Parents/students need to inquire of their meal account balances on a regular basis and make certain their child has funds in his/her account for meals daily. We have been allowing the students a grace period to charge meals when necessary. However, we do not want students/parents to assume we will continue to allow the charges after Labor Day Holiday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. If a student receives a FREE Meal, the charge policy will not affect them, unless their approval status has changed and they are no longer qualified to receive FREE Meals.

Parents may use the new Meal Pay Plus System in order to track their students meal accounts online at [mealpayplus.com](http://mealpayplus.com) and can even make payments to the account. There is however, a small fee for processing payments online, and they must allow a 2-3 days for the money to reflect on the account accordingly. It is a good idea to ensure payments are made online 2-3 days before a student's balance reaches zero. Students are allowed to charge while online payment credit is pending. Any student needing to charge a meal for any other reason, must speak with their grade level principal/counselor for approval before lunch time. Parents awaiting approval on a free/reduced meal application are encouraged to check on the status of their meal application at the Child Nutrition Office 580-355-1150. Please remember a new application is required for each school year, and if you haven't already re-applied, you may request an application be sent home with your student, or by filling it out online at [www.school lunchapp.com](http://www.school lunchapp.com). Parents should be prepared to pay regular price for any meals prior to approval on an application.

Thanks, Mrs. Jennifer Adkison, TMS Wolves Café Manager

## Congratulations to the following students who made the

### Academic Team

#### 6th - 7th Grade Team

Elizabeth Andrade 6th

Joshua Bales 6th

Jackson Cuzzort 7th

Etiene Dufrene 7th

Austin Fain 7th

Shayla Johnson 6th

#### 8th Grade Team

Colby Ashenfelter

Tarianna Bridges

Georges Dufrene

Marissa Gaffney

Tyler Julian

Jordan Kuipers

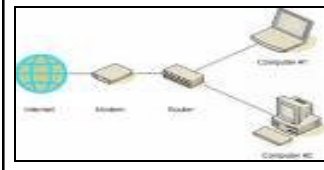
Vaneza Taylor-Vazquez

Justin Wilford

Stevie Youmans

## Internet Access Forms

In order for your child to take end of the year tests and have access to any of the computer labs, you must initial next to Basic Internet access. If your child is enrolled in Computer class with Ms. Perez, an additional permission slip is required with this initialed form. If you have any questions please contact the library.



## Start the day off right!

**FREE BREAKFAST**

**every day for all**

**Tomlinson students.**



PE Short sets are on sale in the office for \$20.00 a set !

