

TROJAN TALK

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A glance at our schools from the inside!

*From Your Superintendent...
Leonard Chaplinski*

TV MOVES TO HEAD OF CLASS!

Senate Bill 55 was passed by the Ohio General Assembly in August 1997. The emphasis of SB55 was school improvement and academic accountability. Highlighted in SB55 were minimum standards for performance, high school exit exams and graduation requirements, fourth-grade guarantee, academic remediation, and retention for habitually truant students. It also seeks safer and more productive school environments.

Parents of TV students should have received a mailing recently from the State Department of Education, identifying how our school district performed according to those standards. Anyone else interested in seeing these results or anyone with questions about the Report Card may contact my office.

Tusky Valley has established a Continuous Improvement Plan to set a direction that will allow all of us to focus on accountability. This plan in no way is a quick fix; many of the goals were established for two to three years from now. The main focus of the Continuous Improvement Plan is to use the state performance data as the basis for developing actions of the district. This plan will meet requirements of the law/SB55 and the fiscal accountability of HB412.

The 2001 Local Report Card reflects student progress for school year 1999-2000, along with comparisons from past years. On January 30, *The Times Reporter* headline read "TV Moves to Head of the Class." Tuscarawas Valley led all schools in the county, meeting 23 of the 27 established state standards. We are currently ranked as a "Continuous Improvement" school. Our goal is to attain the rank of an "Effective School" by meeting all 27 standards.

Tusky Valley can be proud of a fine school system, but it takes commitment and hard work to stay there. We are working very hard to keep us accountable to the parents, the community, and the state. Congratulations for being #1!!! Let's work to remain among the top school districts for years to come.

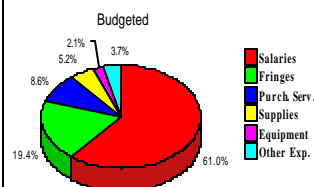
On the Horizon....

*Elaine Karp
Curriculum Director*

Textbooks will be purchased next year for K-8 math. Several high school courses are also being considered for new textbooks and new health books are being reviewed.

Based on the new Ohio Graduation Test, our social studies curriculum has been aligned and the district will be considering new social studies books for grade 9.

2001 Expenses



TV Local School District is a service organization. The majority of costs for any service organization is salaries and fringe benefits. The Ohio Department of Education recommends that districts keep expenses for salaries and fringe benefits below 85% of their budget.

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The seventh grade teachers would like to thank parents who have volunteered this year. Volunteers have helped in many ways, including sending treats, chaperoning the Christmas dance, and helping students with homework during Academic Assist.



Volunteer Sally Green

Mrs. Green is the mother of Claire Green, grade 7, and Matt Green, grade 8.

Any community member who would like to assist with seventh grade homework one or more days a week is welcome. Please call 330.859.2427 and ask to speak to a seventh grade teacher.

We extend a special thank you to **Sally Green**, who spends several hours each day at the Middle School helping students with homework.

Student talent on display at TVHS



Senior Mike Carter transformed an old phone booth in the high school lobby into a unique showcase. Mike's carpentry skill was a project in Dave Whitling's Tech III class.



Senior Jess Noon spent many hours painting this beautiful mural on a set of double doors in our freshman hallway. Jess is an art student in classes taught by Mike Jacobs.

Sincere appreciation is extended to Mike and Jess for giving their time and sharing their talents to beautify our building.

TV Students and Staff Shine!

TVHS students **Adam Archer** and **Liz Kramer** are using knowledge learned in Connie Garcia's Spanish class to teach "survival" English to immigrant workers. Sponsored by Hispanic Ministries of Tuscarawas County, volunteers are committed to one hour of tutoring per week.

Senior **Sharon Mase** has been selected to participate in the International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose, California, during the week of May 5-11. Sharon's project, *Does Aldosterone Initiate Cell Growth in Cardiac Fibroblasts?*, earned her the all-expenses paid trip. Dr. Karl Schwenk, TVHS science teacher, served as her advisor and will accompany Sharon to San Jose.

Holly Arbogast, Jeffrey Aul, Alison Boggs, Amanda Burgan, Steven Chumney, Amy Dessecker, Martina Kline, Alan Mizer, and Christopher Mosley have been named to Buckeye Career Center's first National Vocational-Technical Honor Society. The announcement was made during a February 14 Honor's Breakfast, followed by a February 25 Induction Ceremony.

TV students receiving "Superior" ratings at the Ohio Music Educator's Conference at New Philadelphia High School on February 10 were: *Soloists* **Cody Baker, Josh Barnes, David Cush, Mike Cush, Matt Gerlach, Mitch Girard, Jessica Gooding, Angela Hodous, Annie Hough, Liz Kramer, Ashley Larke, Judd Larke, Chris Lane, Val McAfee, Sharon Mase (4); Ensemble members** **Alicia Carosielli, Elizabeth Eddy, Erica Fleeher, Angela Hodous, Andy Jones, Ryan Kopp, Sarah Lane, Ashley Larke, Sharon Mase, Rachel Mosley, Jessica Rennicker, Cindy Spillman, Amy Tarr, Joe Waltz.**

Bus Driver **Linda Scott** was recognized and honored by the Board of Education for an act of humanity performed during working hours. In January, Linda stopped her bus to assist an elderly woman who had fallen in the snow, relayed information about the accident to the TV bus garage (who notified family members), and stayed with the woman until help arrived.

Michelle Miller, a TV graduate currently studying education at Malone College, is helping in Bolivar kindergarten classes. Everyone agrees it's great to have alumni return to our schools!

High heating bills for senior citizens was a recent topic discussed on *News Day* in Bolivar's first grade classrooms. The children decided to collect nickels, dimes, and quarters to buy lunch tickets for local elderly people experiencing hard times.

Junior **Andy Cook** qualified as a participant in the state wrestling tournament, only the tenth wrestler in TV history to compete at this level. Seventh grade wrestler **Josh Gooding** finished first in his weight class at the PAC tournament.



Michelle Miller interacts with Bolivar kindergarteners.

Barb Taylor's first grade class added color to Bolivar Elementary's playground in January. The students experimented by mixing different colors and spraying them on the snow.

Helen Redinger's kindergarten students at Bolivar Elementary "traveled" to outer space in a story they read and then related that experience to a science lesson. The students gathered substances and used their senses of sight, smell, and touch to examine and compare materials. Results were recorded. These future scientists learned that science is hard work but also a lot of fun!

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