



October 1, 2018

Dear TCS Families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Back to School Night on September 26th. It was a very positive evening and allowed for families to meet with our teachers and each other.

The PTO hosted a Parent Support Coffee last Friday that was attended by approximately seven parents. Mr. Kline and I attended and enjoyed hearing from the parents. Be on the lookout for the October gathering and take some time to connect with other parents.

We have a teacher in-service day on Friday, October 19th. The faculty will be working with Mike Fogel in the morning, learning about setting limits with love, in addition to learning about helping children stand up to bullies. We will also be working on curriculum development in the afternoon. Please know that we are constantly looking for ways to increase our skills in helping students be successful.

Finally, some students are not bringing lunch to school. Please make sure your son or daughter has a healthy lunch. I am a staunch believer that students will eat if they are hungry, so let us know if your child does not need to eat lunch.

Sincerely,
Bill

Important dates to mark on your family calendar:

October 19: School Closed – Staff Development

October 24: Open House for Prospective Students, 9:15 a.m.
Trip to Thornbury Farms, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

October 27: TCS PTO Halloween Family Party, 6:00 p.m.

October 31: Halloween Activities

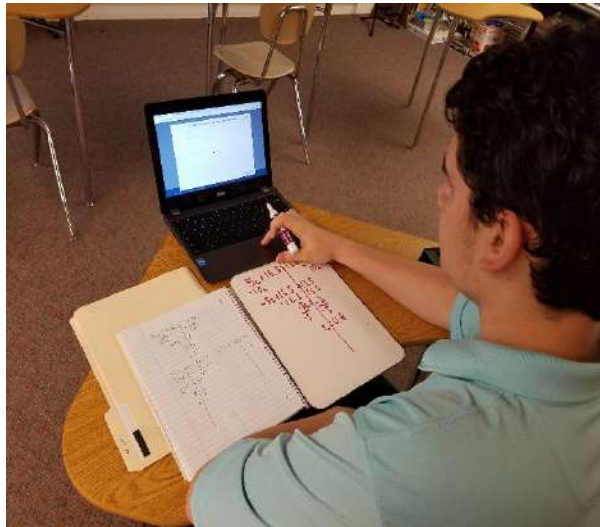
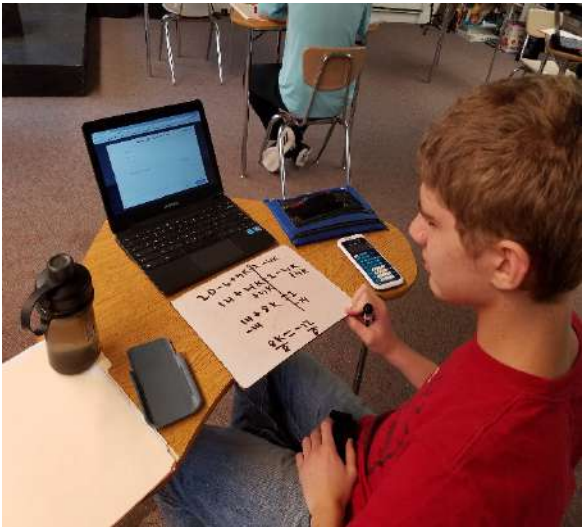
Art News - Spreading Our Wings at TCS

The students are finishing up the first collaborative art lesson of the year. Each student created a portrait of themselves, but in bird form! We used marker and colored pencil shading techniques to give life and color to our birds. Each bird represents the individuality of each student. After this lesson the art classes will move on to the Still Life unit.

Attention TCS Community! Later in the year, our art classes will have a Recycled Art unit. We need your help to collect plastic lids! The lids can be from any recyclable such as water/soda bottle lids, detergent lids, coffee tin lids, etc. Any plastic lids will work —the more colors we have, the better. Thank you for all of your support!

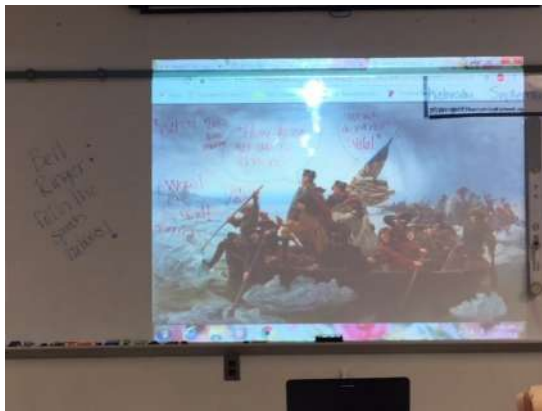
News from Mrs. Culler

Ancient History and Civilization is working on hands-on projects, including landform models of India, models and sketches of the Harappan civilization, and even a Tandoor oven! Students are making model tornadoes, cooking tandoori chicken for the ancient India unit.



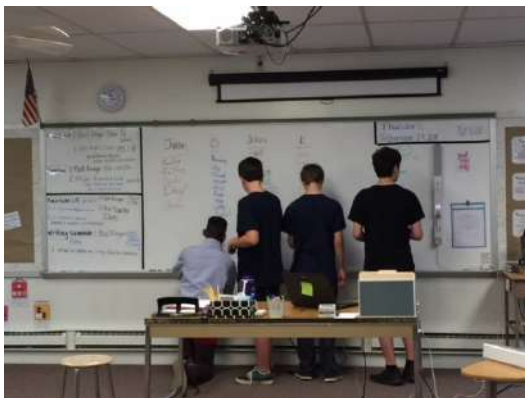


ELA News from Mrs. Wright



Literature Classes:

Book talks, myths, folklore, short stories, and novels... oh my! Students have been immersed in all kinds of rich literature these past few weeks. Among the beginning of the year's book talk projects we have been working on defining our roles as readers and how to connect and dissect what we are reading. It is great to share my love of reading with your children!



Writing Seminar:

Students are busy reviewing their knowledge of the parts of speech and how they function in writing. Students have also been practicing their email writing skills with writing an email to Mr. Bennett, in regards to ideas for indoor recess and also to me, Mrs. Wright, on a place they would love to visit someday.

STEAM

The Advanced STEAM class is working on creating a wood duck birdhouse. The students are following the engineering process, which includes: identify the need or problem; research the need or problem; brainstorm; select the best possible solution; construct a prototype; test and evaluate the solution; communicate the solution with the customer; redesign and build. The students needed to talk to the customer, Ms. Tilmon, and determine what she wanted. They needed to research online the dimensions of the birdhouse, the location, and other factors. They had to design the birdhouse. We are at the prototype phase, where the students are constructing a prototype in cardboard.

STEAM foundations class is working on designing and constructing a rubber band race car. They needed to do research; decide on the steps involved; construct the car; resolve the problems and reevaluate the design; fix or redo the model. We are close to finishing!

Photography class is learning about the Exposure Triangle: aperture priority, ISO, and shutter priority. The students have taken pictures using aperture priority alone, and setting aperture and ISO using the school's Nikon D90. During one of the classes, we went outside and shot flowers and the birdhouse. Next, the students will learn how to shoot in shutter priority and how to stop motion or slow motion.

Video editing class has learned how to do paper slide videos and flip-grid videos. These are two ways of creating a quick report for school in video format. We recently created whiteboard videos and are now learning how to edit them in WeVideo, an online video editing program for which TCS purchased a yearly subscription.

Intro to Coding is finishing Unit 1, problem solving. Before you can learn how to code, you need to understand about input, output, processing, and storage, as well as, how to problem solve because the code will go wrong, and you will need to fix it! Our next unit is on webpage design, HTML, and CSS.



School Directory

We have compiled a school directory and handed them out at Back to School Night. Let us know if you need a copy. Please make sure you do not share the information in the directory with any other organization.



PTO

Thank you to all the parents that attended our first Coffee Hour. We had a great discussion and shared a lot of good information with each other. We also discussed some of the possible PTO initiatives for this year, including student movie night, after-school game club and a speaker series for students/parents.

Please look for our next meeting date which will be in the beginning of November. We are also planning a Halloween party on Saturday, October 27 which is open to students and their families. It will be a fun day of games, crafts and healthy treats (and, of course, bobbing for apples!).

In the next few weeks, we will be able share helpful links and upcoming dates/information on the PTO section of the TCS website. We will keep you posted on when that is live and ready to use.

We appreciate all of the support and feedback! Any comments or suggestions would be greatly appreciated as we move forward and begin developing programs for the year. Please email me at gkrajicek@comcast.net.

Here's to a great year!

Georgie Krajicek

Help Support the Concept School!!

(At no cost to YOU!!!)

Our PTO has undertaken to continue to support our school by managing many areas that, with your support, provide monetary benefits to The Concept School. Please sign up for these opportunities!!!

Happy clipping! **DEADLINE IS October 18, 2018!!!!**



Please continue to clip Box Tops! You can find Box Tops on many of the products you will be using for dinners and parties. For a list of participating products, go to **BTFE.com**.

Thanks for your support.

Amazon's Smile.amazon program: This program allows you to shop on Amazon and when you do, a portion of your purchase comes back to The Concept School. All you do is log on to smile.amazon.com and fill in "The Concept School" as your organization of choice. A link to explain this program is attached.

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How to Navigate the OVR Referral & Transition Process



THE NORRISTOWN DISTRICT OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PRESENTS A FREE

OVR INFORMATION SESSION

10/25/18 - 5PM-7PM - CHESTER COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT - 455 BOOT RD., DOWNINGTOWN, PA 19335



- Information for youth with disabilities ages 14-21.
- Must attend with a legal guardian if under 18yrs.
- Open to students, guardians, & professionals.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

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