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SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Dear Parents.

T.C.P. is on the path of academic success once again. I am excited that 70% of our third graders are already proficient or higher on the State English Language Achievement Test, taken in October. Students will have a second chance in April. Included in this newsletter are samples of their writing as well as those of some 4th graders. We have only until March 31st to continue to prepare all our students for the state test and the nationally-normed Terra Nova. Thanks to our tenaciously working staff and your support, I am confident we will meet our goal of students scoring higher than last year. Although high academic achievement is our primary goal, we are also challenged with developing socially well-rounded citizens.

Adult problems become teen problems and these days teen problems become intermediate student problems. In schools across the country, staff and teachers occasionally see students who reach our for help by threatening to harm themselves or others. I recently read an article, by Tim DeWeese, a mental health center director in Kansas, with information I believe can be helpful for school staff and parents.

Existential crises pervade modern life. But certain stressors aggravate these crises: impersonal, soulless technology; the bullying that permeates electronic communications; the often immature celebs young people admire; the media's obsession with bad news; and the seemingly endless search for meaning in a social life often lacking the stabilizing values and relationships we find in church, family, and other life anchors.

And then there's mixed martial arts fighting, or what some people call the internet. As DeWeese notes, "Civility is all but gone. It should be put on the endangered list because it's just non-existent within our culture. We can't simply disagree. We can't find common ground. We don't know how to compromise."

All this produces what DeWeese calls "An absence of authentic human relationships," often made worse by the high expectations of an age group regarded by itself and others as highly temperamental, emotionally fragile. This when depression can take hold and lead to poor grades, alienation from friends and family, and self destructive behavior.

The first step to wellness and prevention of crisis with teens and children is to understand that depression can't always be seen easily but must be discovered by caring adults asking the right questions. Don't ask "How are you doing?," a question which invites the vague, often misleading "I'm fine." Instead, DeWeese recommends that we ask children what good or bad things happened to them today, and to share with them the good and the bad things that happened to us. "So that you're having this authentic human interaction." says DeWeese.

Sometimes children find themselves overwhelmed by the hectic pace of modern life, by criticism and negativity. Sometimes we forget they need interactions that are authentic, positive and uplifting.

I often hear young people say that they want to be heard, they want to make a difference, they want to feel important. Authentic, meaningful interaction with our children may help them find their purpose. And in that we ourselves find a good measure of grace.

So you may hear young people say put down your phone and listen to us. We act like we don't want you to be involved in our lives, but we really do. That may not be a loud cry for help. But it may be a quiet call for love.

Parents, don't miss the signs. When a child isolates, sneaks out of the house, does poorly in school, or drops long-time friends, it may not be simply defiance that demands discipline. It may be that child is in need of help.



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Academic Honor Roll

T.C.P. is pleased to announce that the following students achieved academic excellence in the 2nd quarter. We are very proud of these students. And they are:

'A' Honor Roll

<u>Kindergarten</u>: Jazilynne Benton, Akirah Black, Troy Culbreth, Daniel Dobbs, Kyle James, Howard Johnson, Krystina Johnson, Isaiah McKinney, Braden Miller, Jada Parker-Rowe, Natalia Ruffin, Jalin Smith, McKenzie Smith-Coulter, Jazlyn Stephens, Namar Washington, Makayla Waters

2nd Grade: Henry Bell, I'Janae Bell, Ayrianna Black, Chloe Childs, Cherish Collier, Yah'shure Cooper, Fatoumata Drammeh, Amari Dunn, Brooke Edwards, Brooklyn Everson, Bryson Gordon, Jeremiah James, Christian Johnson, Da'onna Jones, Allen Lee, Sokha Lo, Londin Lovette, Da'Ryan Mosley, Aubrey Motley, Nasira Nuradeen, Asa Smith II, Makhi Stallworth, Mariah Tesfaye, Aubrey Vaughn, Devin Ward

3rd Grade: Roberto Aguilera-Gonzalez, Eunice Akouete, Jaden Alexander, Zionna Beverly Johnson, Xavier Burlew, Randy Calloway, Jr., Jaymir Cardwell, Leandria Criswell, Gabrielle Daniels, Victoria Gavon, Ne'vaeh Houston, Aishatu Isham-Ndiaye, Breylen Latham, Chennai Lowery, Jenarro Mosley, Tri'Meir Norris, Mariah Peak, Brandon Powell, Kaliyah Reed, Eli Ruff, Bella Ruffin, Madison Schultz, Issatou Sillah, Shyalia Smith-Willis, Aubrielle Stanley, Ziyae Thomas, Mackenzie Waters, Cortez Williams, Raena Williams

4th Grade: Keyling Herrera Garcia, Auhna Hollis, Nichole Lattimore, Mikiese Lewis, Reanna Moya, Alexis Rushing

5th Grade: Jonathan Cephas II, Kenyon Dean Martin, Devion Edwards, Braylon Harmon, Abdullah Isham-Ndiaye, Amaya Johnson, Kimara Jones, Jazmine Lackey, Shaveontre Leary, Caitlynn Newbill, Jerome Psbprne, Victor Ridgeway, Paige Rouse, Litzy Siles, Rikauri Sneed, Kadence Thomas, Skyy Walters, Rhylee Williams

6th Grade: Cristian Carter, Leslie Criswell, Namoi Davis, Muhammed Drammeh, Da'Viona Edwards, Amiyah Foster, Jordan Hall, Zurri Hudson, Zenaida McKinney, Lemuel Montgomery, Ariel Mosley, Jasmine Ried, Zy'Aire Richardson, Ra'Nijah Sneed, Ra'Maryon Spikes, Denver Taylor, Jon'ir Travis, Eriyanna Wilson, La'Myra Woods

'A/B' Honor Roll

Kindergarten: Jaylin Barnett, Summer Bias, Aydan Brown, Demi Brumfield, Ramir Dixon, Ishata Duvvuri, Damiel Espinoza, Tyland Gaines, Malaysia Gentry, Eric Gilliam, Brielle Holly, Jaliyah James, Journee Julian, Mi'Kayla Massey, Cherish McClendon, Jermir Murray, Ayden Nolan, Kamauria Phillips, Ethan Scruggs, Dameer Sims, Rohit Suda, Brooklyn Trimble, Jason Voner, Alexander Watkins, Zariah Williams

<u>Ist Grade</u>: E'mani Boatman, Emmett Edwards, Audrey Guy, Raymond Johnson, Mya Johnson, Geonee Joiner, Jaiden Jones, Serenity Kenny, Zoey Kershaw, Nadiya Mompremier, Hananiah Moore, Sir Paul Ellery, Jesse Peralta, Kameron Reynolds, Elijah Robinson, Bronx Scales, Kiran Smith, Aicha Sow, Aaron Triggs, Kyren Westbrook

2nd Grade: Seraiah Foster, Lauren Frost, Arrion Gamble, Laila Hargrove, Michael Irby, Ronald Jackson, Jerriana James, Ilan Johnson, Mia Lee, Rowen McMahin, Ammy Mendoza, Kieshaun Short, Carrington Smith, Jeremiah Smith, Honor Sneed, Kendall Stallworth, Ymari Staewart, Jurnee Taylor, Damayh Thomas, Keron Watson

3rd Grade: Ca'Mauri Benton, Carlita Campbell, Dorian Coburn, Aleigha Currie, Jayden Davis, Coumba Diawara, Mya Evans, Jackson Frierson, Azariah Gervin, Bailey Herrera Garcia, Braelon Holmes, Prince Malone, Ryann McPherson, Parker Miller, Ibrahima Njie, Harvin Peralta-Castillo, RaMirr Pugh, Elijah Scrugs, Devin Thomas, Auree Tolliver, Rashad Whipple, Mamie White, Anthony Wofford

4th Grade: Ya Myla Banks, Aareon Bell, T'sani Hardin, Ashley Nelson, Sincere Reid, Briauna Sanders, Ayana Slayton, Ryaun Sneed, Jabari Tonsing, Donovan Williams, Isaac Wright

5th Grade: Ja'Niyla Carter, Htoma Cisse, Maro Cisse, Diamond Cook, Ron'nell Crawford, Ka'Ronn Daugherty, Mame Diagne, Christopher Gray, Demontae Hall, Ta'Niyah Harris, Le'Shawn Hill, Da'Onte Jones, Donerah Lawrence, Brielle Lindsay, Zyah Manuel, Bayleigh Mendez, Kara Neugebauer, Aaliyah Odoms, Tyemir O'Neal, Lauren Roland, Nina Sanders, Kyhrie Short, My'Ashia Smith, My'Onna Wiggins, John Williams

6th Grade: Mariam Barry, Max Davis, Vielka Gon-

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'B' Honor Roll

Kindergarten: Kingston Brown, Kasey Cook, Quentin Heard, Jr., Myana Irby, Keasa James, Mishaela Moore, Ali Peralta, Zyaire Roberson, Josiah Tolliver, Kyndall Trapp, Kyrie Trapp, Rashad Waters, Keyzirah White

1st Grade: Aubriee Bingham, Andre Bush, Chyna Ellison, Ava Gervin, Alaya jasper, Da'Shonna Jones, Madison Lee, Javion Murray, Jordan Riley, Meiko Syrue, My'Angel Taylor, Chayce Turner, Princess Whitmire, Raegan Williams, Serayah Yisrael

2nd Grade: Jaiya Harris-Coleman, Zyairra Hollis, Ty'Kiana Howard, Kayden Jones, Ramello Pope, Amauri Ridgeway, Tyliah Shears-Brooks, Kendi Stallworth, Nicholaus Valentine, Jr., Nala White

Harper, Kyren Harvey, Elijah Johnson, Nikkariah Robinson, Ri'mauni Sneed, Donovan Taylor, Amir Walker, Anthony White

4th Grade: Israel Akoute, William Berry, Daniya Bray, Xoe Burlew, Teri'Ona Johnson, Tayvion Mayo, Braylen Morgan, Faith Parks, Jerod Thomas, Jr., Taylor Valentine, Jada Ware, Yamaria Williams, Uriah Williams, Tacari Yisrael

5th Grade: Jayla Abnathya. Jaheim Copeland. Darion Hill, Aiden Johnson, Na'riya Ross, jannah Sillah, Kezia Yisrael-Johnson

6th Grade: Mike Meza Gamez Iason Pega Rrelend Shipp, Lauren Campb

Perfect Attendance

Kindergarten: Daniel Browning, Ramir Dixon, Ezra Henry, Kyle James, Ethan Scruggs, Jazlyn Stephens, Namar Washington, Makayla Waters, Rashad Waters, Royal Watts

1st Grade: Jesse Peralta, Nakiya Bell, K'Raee Brooks-Bryant, Jasiah Brown, Chyna Ellison, Quantez Gentry, Ava Henry, Gabrielle Jackson, Jaiden Jones, Kiyan Smith, Kamari Smith, Alyla Smith-Moore, Raegan Williams, Mi'yair Zanders

2nd Grade: I'Janae Bell, Ayrianna Black, Cherish Col-3rd Grade: Tay'Marion Bias, Carmello Campbell, Olivia lier, Fatoumata Drammeh, Christopher Ellison, Xavier Henry, Ty'Jiana Howard, Michael Irby, Jeremiah James, Da'onna Jones, Sokhna Lo, Bre'Asia Sanders, Keishaun Short, Asa Smith, Kendi Stallworth, Aubrey Vaughn, Devin Ward

> 3rde Grade: Roberto Aguilera-Gonzalez, Eunice Akoute, Zionna Beverly Johnson, Tay'Marion Bias, Daveon Bray, Xavier Burlew, Jayden Davis, Jackson Frierson, Victoria Gavin, Breylen Latham, Ryann McPherson, Mariah Peak, Brandon Powell, Elijah Scruggs, Shyalia Smith-Willis, Mamie White, Cortez Williams, Raena Williams, Israel Wright

> 4th Grade: Israel Akoute, Aareon Bell, Xoe Burlew, Keyling Herrera Garcia, Kimora Hutchinson, Yankuba Nichole Lattimore, Mikiese Lewis, Reanna Moya, Ashley Nelson, Mykael Parker, Sincere Reid, Briauna Sanders, Shaniyah Sutton-Willis, Jaovani Whiteside, Donovan Williams, Isaac Wright

> 5th Grade: Maliyah Allen, Demontae Hall, Ta'Niyah Harris, Abdullah Isham-Ndiaye, Aniyah Cephas, Jonathan Cephas II, Maro Cisse, Des'ariya Harvill, Ti'hanna Howard, Aidern Johnson, Kimara Jones, Shaveontre Leary, Brielle Lindsay, Elvin Ruiz, Kyhrie Short, Rhylee Williams



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Citizenship Award

Kindergarten: Jaylin Barnett, Jazilynne Benton, Akirah Black, Daniel Browning, Demi Brumfield, Arius Cook, Ishita Duvvuri, Malaysia Gentry, Isabel Henderson, Ezra Henry, Myana Irby, Keasa James, Howard Johnson, Journee Julian, Mi'Kayla Massey, Isaiah Mckinney Jr., Jada Parker-Rowe, Ali Peralta, Ethan Scruggs, jalin Smith, Mckenzie Smith-Coulter, Rohit Suda, Josiah Tolliver, Brooklyn Trimble, Namar Washington, Rashad Waters, Makayla Waters, Royal Watts

1st Grade: Kareem Cromer, Merrell Dodds, Emmett Edwards, Alaya Jasper, Geone'e Joiner, Zoey Kershaw, Hananiah Moore, Javion Murray, Zaden Robinson, Bronx Scales, Kamari Smith, Meiko Syrue, My'Angel Taylor, Raegan Williams

2nd Grade: I'Janae Bell, Henry Bell, Ayrianna Black, Romano Boykin, Jr., Chloe Childs, Cherish Collier, Yah'shure Cooper, Fatoumata Drammeh, Brooke Edwards, Brooklyn Everson, Seraiah Foster, Lauren Frost, Arrion Gamble, Jason Gibson, Bryson Gordon, Jeremiah James, Jerianna James, Christianne Johnson, Da'onna Jones, Allen Lee, Mia Lee, Sokhna Lo, Ammy Mendoza, Da'Ryan Mosley, Aubrey Motley, Carrington Smith, Asa Smith II, Jurnee Taylor, Mariah Tesfaye, Aubrey Vaughn, Devin Ward, Phoenix Watts, D'iore Williams

3rd Grade: Zionna Beverly-Johnson, Daveon Bray, Randy Calloway Jr., Carlita Campbell, London Campbell, Leandria Criswell, Gabrielle Daniels, Jayden Davis, Victoria Gavin, Azariah Gervin, Ne'vaeh Houston, Aishatu Isham-Ndiaye, Chennai Lowery, Ryann McPherson, Jenarro Mosley, Mariah Peak, Harvin Peralta-Castillo, Ra'Mirr Pugh, Eli Ruff, Issatou Sillah, Delicate Smith, Aubrielle Stanley, Donovan Taylor, Ziyae Thomas, Mackenzie Waters, Rashed Whipple, Cortez Williams

4th Grade: Daniya Bray, Xoe Burlew, Ryan Drew, Keyling Herrera Garcia, Kimora Hutchinson, Tayvion Mayo, Samirah Miller, Reanna Moya, Sincere Read, Briauna Sanders, Jahriyah Segar, Khalia Smith, Shaniyah Sutton-Willis, Kennedy Turner, Jaovani Whiteside, Donovan Wil-

liams, Ronald Williams

5th Grade: Jayla Abnathya, Maliyah Allen, Saniyah Bostic, Carlos Campbell, Jr., Janiyla Carter, Aniyah Cephas, Jonathan Cephas II, Htoma Cisse, Ka'Ronn Daugherty, De'Vion Edwards, Christopher Gray, Des'Ariya Harvill, Darion Hill, Abdullah IshamNdiaye, Aiden Johnson, Amaya Johnson, Da'Onte Jones, Kimara Jones, Jazmine Lackey, Donerah Lawrence, Zyah Manuel, Bayleigh Mendez, Kara Neugebauer, Aaliyah Odoms, Tyemir O'Neal, Jerome Osborne, Lauren Roland, Elvin Ruiz, Antoniya Segar, Terence Shears, Jr., Kyhrie Short, Litzy Siles, Rikauri Sneed, Kadence Thomas, Jamie Tonsing, Skyy Walters, My'Onna Wiggins, John Williams

6th Grade: Lauren Campbell, Cristian Carter, Jai'brayyona Craig, O'mari Crawley, Leslie Criswell, Naomi
Davis, Kameron Dickerson, Muhammed Drammeh,
Da'Viona Edwards, Amiyah Foster, Karrington Green Jr.,
Jordan Hill, Zurri Hudson, Anmarie Hutchinson, Jaidyn
Jones, Niere Latham, Bri'Asia Lindsey, Zenaida McKinney, Mike Meza Gamez, Kenzie Mike, Promise Murray,
Zy'Aire Richardson, Brelend Shipp, Otis Smith, Ra'Nijah
Sneed, Ra'Maryon Spikes, Denver Taylor, Ashyla Terrell,
La'Myra Woods

Elevator Club

<u>Kindergarten</u>: Jenesis Boynton, Jericho Boynton, Arius Cook, Daniel Dobbs, Quentin Heard Jr., keasa James, C'Riyah Oats, Vegas Ridgeway, Zyaire Roberson, Ya'Veah Williams

Ist Grade: Jade Abnathya, Nakiya Bell, Ja'zaryi Benton, Kayden Birks, K'Raee Brooks-Bryant, Jasiah Brown, Richard Coleman, Kayden Cook, Tay'Heire Cooper, Kareen Cromer, Aaliyah Dubose, Va'mareis Foster, Quantez Gentry, Briana Gonzalez, Roman Hearn, A'myilah Housley, Gabrielle Jackson, Ke'ilah James, Avery Johnson, Mya Johnson, jaiden Jones, Da'Shonna Jones, Ron Long, Kameron Reynolds, Zi'Miere Roberson, Yadir Rodriguez Espinal, Alyla Smith, Kamari Smith, Ja'Merre Spikes, Erionna Stanley, Mikhail Thomas, Eric Turner, Zaria Whatley, Jordyn Williams, Mi'yair Zanders

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2nd Grade: Christopher Ellison, Laila Hargorve, Dimitri Harvill, Da'onna Jones, Amauri Ridgewya, Christian Smith-Coulter, Nala White

<u>3rd Grade</u>: Jai'lan Bias, Tay, Marion Bias. Car;ita Campbell, London Campbell, Jay'mir Cardwell, Aleigha Currie, Mya Evans, Derrick Harper, Bailey Herrera Garcia, Ibrahima Njie, Brandon Powell, Zayontae Proffitt, Ramirr Pugh, Madison Schultz, Elijah Scruggs, Issatou Sillah, Delicate Smith, Jayden Warren Hill, Mackenzie Waters, Anthony Wofford, Israel Wright

4th Grade: Ya Myla Banks, Daniya Bray, Xoe Burlew, Zayden Colgate, Kimora Hutchinson, Yankuba Jeng, Olivia Jones, Nichole Lattimore, Ashley Nelson, Mykael Parker, Sincere Reid, Alexis Rushing, Briauna Sanders, Ayana Slayton, Shaniyah Sutton-Willis, Jada Ware, Isaac Williams, Donovan Williams, Uriah Williams, Isaac Wright

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Notable Newsill, Ty

Newbill, Tyemir O'Neal, john Phillips, Victor Ridgeway, Lauren Roland, Na'Riya Ross, Paige Rouse, Nina Sanders,

Antonyia Segar, Terence Shears, Jr., Kyhrie Short, William Short, Jr., Litzy Siles, Jannah Sillah, Gianni Simpson, My'Ashia Smith, My'Onna Stewart, Jamie Tonsing, My'Onna Wiggins, Laila Williams, John Williams

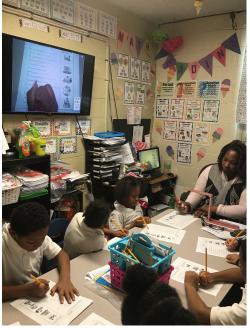
<u>6th Grade</u>: O'mari Crawley, Kameron Dickerson, Quinell Hadden Jr., Yaedin Hill, Jaidyn Jones, Mike Meza Gamez, Promise Murray, Jason Pegg, Dasani Phillips, Rau'shee Warren, Jr.

Notable Quotes

Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind." Henry James

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?" Martin Luther King







6-STODENT WRITING

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Wilma Rudolph By Gabrielle Daniels

Grade 3, Ms. Petersen's class

I think everyone should know about Wilma Rudolph (June 23rd, 1950 - November 12, 1994). She was an Olympic champion who overcame a disability.

When she was a child, doctors told Wilma she would never walk again. But she did walk. Then she started running track, and won three Gold Medals at the 1960 Olympics in Rome.

I admire Wilma because she never let anything stop her. She overcame adversity and became a great runner.

Why Education Is Important By Shyalia Willis

Grade 3, Ms. Petersen's class

Education is important because children are the future of the world. They should be up-to-date with current affairs. Children are the pillar of the nation who develop a country and the world. The future should be secure and the children will build the nation with their knowledge and education.

Just as every human needs oxygen to survive, education gives people the knowledge and skills they require. Education has no limits.

In conclusion, education is the key to success in personal and professional life, provides various kinds of knowledge and skills, and is a continuous and secure process for learning.

The Wonderful Singer Mahalia Jackson By Auhna Hollis

Grade 4, Dr. Ray's class

Mahalia Jackson was born October 26, 1911. At 5 years old she was already singing in her church choir. As she grew up, her voice took on a deep, rich quality that moved many to tears.

At 16, Mahalia left her hometown New Orleans and moved to Chicago to begin a formal singing career. In 1946 she became known nationally with her hit recording "Move On Up A Little Higher."

Over the final years of her life, Mahalia devoted her time and talents to the struggle for civil rights, speaking out and singing for equal rights for African Americans.

7-Student Writing

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Clara Brown, The Pioneer By Brooklyn Brown Grade 4. Mr. Cornett's class

Clara Brown was born into slavery on January 1st, 1800. As a child, she and her mother were sold to a Virginia tobacco farmer and worked in the fields.

As an adult, Clara's husband and daughter were sold at slave auctions. In 1857 she got a chance to buy her freedom, and she set out to find her family. She heard her daughters were out west, so she took a job as a cook on a wagon train and made a trip to Colorado.

Soon after, she started a laundry for miners and became wealthy. She contributed a great deal to the poor and homeless.

In conclusion, when she died in 1855 at the age of 89, she was honored by the Colorado Pioneer Association.

Why We Should Recycle By Aishatu-Isham Ndiaye Grade 3, Ms. Petersen's class

In my opinion, we should recycle, because it helps the earth. Recycling saves energy and trees, and reduces pollution.

First, recycling conserves the earth's limited supply of raw materials. In addition, recycling saves energy.

Recycling also saves trees. And every ton of paper recovered is a ton that doesn't go to a landfill.

Finally, recycling reduces pollution by cutting down the amount of waste that clutters rivers, lakes, parks, roadsides, and our city's streets.

These are the many reasons that we should recycle.

Recyling
By Randy Calloway
Grade 3, Ms. Petersen's class

To begin with, recycling is good for us and our planet. If you have something recyclable and you



8-STODENT WRITING

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A New Home
By Aicha Sow
Grade 1, Ms. Connie's class

Name Aicho Sow Date February 7-20
My name is Aicha Sow, I came from
Africa, and my briguinge is Wolof. When
I came to America, I did not speak
English, Now I speak English, and my
formite subject is Math. I Love to read
and learn new words. I am an honor
student. America is my new home, and
Iam very happy here.

Thank you to all students whose writings were submitted by their teachers, to whom we also extend our appreciation. Selecting which writings to print in our newsletter proved to be a task as difficult as it was enjoyable. There were so many excellent offerings, and there were a number who would have been printed was space not a factor. Thank you students and teachers!