

# NEWSLETTER



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## TC MIDDLE SCHOOL

This year, the Taylor County Middle School FFA chapter purchased and raised a show hog for the 2020 North Florida Youth Livestock Show and Sale (NFYLSS) in Madison, Florida. President Mallory Folsom, volunteered to care for and exhibit TCMS FFA show hog, “Bandit,” by putting in many hours of hard work and preparation to ensure that he was successful and ready for the show. Mallory did very well exhibiting Bandit in both the show and in the showmanship rounds of the fair. Thanks to our supportive community members, Bandit, who weighed in at 280 lbs, was purchased for \$8.00/lb at the NFYLSS sale on February 20, 2020. TCMS FFA hopes to continue building their program in the future, interesting more students in showing livestock, working in the forestry industry and participating in new career development events. FFA is an amazing opportunity for students, as it equips them with premier leadership skills, personal growth and career success through agriculture education.



Mallory Folsom, President, TCMS FFA with Bandit at NFYLSS.

## TC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Taylor County Primary School recently celebrated literacy by using books to travel around the world. Students traveled to different countries each day in their classes learning about cultures and traditions through reading. Teachers “booked” trips through read alouds and took their students on adventures to countries around the world. On these adventures they learned more about the culture, animals in their natural habitat or read about familiar fairy tales from different cultures. As they completed their adventures students documented their trips in their student created passport. While in STEAM, students took virtual trips to surprise destinations using virtual reality headsets to explore the geography and cultural differences around the world. In music students were introduced to and learned songs from various cultures. Local community members came as mystery guest readers to surprise and share their favorite adventure books with students. All in all, the students had a successful week celebrating literacy.

## TC HIGH SCHOOL



February has been a busy month at TCHS. As we wound up our winter sports and our spring athletes started their seasons, our new football coach continued to build the foundation for our program. Around the school, we rewarded our perfect behavior students with candy on Valentine's Day (200 students with no referrals) and our National Honor Society handed out encouraging messages to their classmates when they came on campus. Our teachers continued to find new ways for our students to interact with their subjects and give them hands on experience to increase their understanding of DNA, taking care of someone else, and dissecting frogs. February also saw the naming of our Girls State representative for 2020, Ellie Webb, who will travel to Tallahassee this summer for this experience. Students who are selected for Girls State are eligible for scholarships upon graduation. Cole English was selected as the 2020 Sunshine State Scholar for TCHS and was also selected to attend Veterinary Camp at the University of Georgia this summer. We are excited for the opportunities that have been extended to our students and cannot wait to see what opportunities come next for our students.



**Taylor County Primary School will  
begin Preschool (infants-4 year olds)  
and incoming Kindergarten registration  
beginning April 7, 2020.**

# TC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## TCES 5TH GRADERS ARE "ROCKING" SCIENCE AND HAVING A "BLAST"

Taylor County Elementary School science curriculum is currently focused on Earth Science. Recently TCES 5th graders participated in a science-based field trip to Martin Marietta Aggregates, a local rock quarry in Taylor County. Students



began the day with a presentation of the rock mining process which outlined and identified the three categories of rock; igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic. The presentation provided real world connection for how rocks and the mining process are used every day through road and bridge construction, agriculture and farming, and

many other purposes. After completion of the presentation, the students took a tour through the mining plant and observed the sorting process and the various types of machinery used by the company to excavate the rocks. Martin Marietta provided lunch for the students before the day ended with a blast. The students had the unique opportunity to witness an actual mining blast. For most of our students, this was a once in a lifetime experience. We are thankful for the support we have received from Martin Marietta during this school year. Besides providing this field trip, as a free learning experience for our students, earlier in the school year, they purchased much needed supplies for our classroom teachers. We are thankful for Martin Marietta for providing a STEM based learning experiences for our students and for their continuous support of our local schools.

## SAVE THE DATE

1. March 2-6 - Celebrate Dr. Seuss Week
2. March 8 - Daylight Savings Time
3. March 13-20 - Spring Break
4. March 25 - Picture Day - Report Cards go home

## STEINHATCHEE SCHOOL

Steinhatchee students are continuing to work hard as they master new standards in preparation for the upcoming Florida Standards Assessments (FSA). They have recently been challenged by their principal to become the first group of students at Steinhatchee School to record back to back "A" scores for their school grade. If this milestone is reached, Steinhatchee students in grades 3-5 who meet their academic improvement goals will be treated to a "River Cruise and Island Adventure" courtesy of Sea Hag Marina and our Parent Involvement Team (PIT).

Our students were also given the opportunity to have a little fun at the Valentine's Day Social facilitated by PIT. The social was the culmination of a month long "royalty race" where K-2 students vied for the title of prince and princess while 3-5 students competed for king and queen by raising money through decorated donation cans placed around our community. The winners took to the stage on their "thrones" and also had a chance to wave at the crowds during the Fiddler Crab Festival. Valentine's Day weekend really paid off for Steinhatchee students, between the royalty competition and festival parking fundraiser PIT was able to raise over \$5,300 in support of our students.



Arts and crafts projects have been under construction by our students recently thanks to Big Bend Nature Stewards (BBNS). BBNS not only supplied the materials but also displayed student art projects at the Steinhatchee Community Center during the Fiddler Crab Festival. The art was judged and students at every grade level were able to earn prizes. Steinhatchee students have also partnered with University of Florida representative, Judy Dampier, to plant a fresh crop in our hydroponics container garden. Steinhatchee students look forward to reaping the rewards of their hard work soon!

## TAYLOR ACCELERATED SCHOOL

Over the past five months, lots of cool things have been happening at TAS! In mid-October, the accelerated school was in the midst of a staffing crunch. Our district office decided to offer support.

Two days per week, the Director of Instruction led a literature circle using restorative practice strategies. Students voted on the book they wanted to read and selected the novel Search and Destroy. The Search and Destroy literature circle was used



as a venue to introduce the APEX tutorials which assist with test preparation. Students completed reading and discussing the 216-page novel at the end of January.

Another TAS initiative has been the TAS Reward Room. The TAS Reward Room took about two months to plan and create. Students were involved in determining the process by which one earns the right to a weekly reward room visit. They were also involved in everything from designing the makerspace and gaming areas all the way down to the types of snacks and drinks that would be available each week. Funds from the Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment and the categorical Supplemental Academic Instruction grants were used to equip the Reward Room.

Every Friday, TAS staff review student data to determine if they have met the Attendance, Attitude, and Achievement criteria during the current week and earn the privilege of the TAS Reward Room. Weekly Reward Room visits have been impacting student participation and attendance, thus far! Feel free to visit the TAS campus and see for yourself!

## BIG BEND TECHNICAL COLLEGE



BBTC SkillsUSA members and advisors competing at the SkillsUSA Competition in Pensacola



Dual enrolled Welding Technology student Aubrie Stetson is the first ever BBTC student to compete in the Welding Sculpture contest at the SkillsUSA contest

### BBTC NEWS

Did you know BBTC's Massage therapy program has a spa that is open to the public? To check out the services offered and to book an appointment visit <https://www.messagebook.com/Perry~Massage~BBTCstudentclinic>

### GED SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

If you haven't earned your high school diploma come in and let us help you prepare to take your GED®. Classes are offered Monday - Friday 8 - 11 and 12:00 - 3 and on Monday and Tuesdays from 4:00 - 7:00 PM

### BBTC IMPORTANT DATES

- March 13th – Diesel Technology Field Trip to the National Hot Rod Association Gatornationals
- Spring Break - March 16-20
- 2020 -2021 Practical Nursing applications are due March 27th.