



MIDDLE MATTERS

Titusville Middle School



October Recap 2025

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Titusville, PA

Reminders from the Main Office

Mission Trip Days:

- ❖ 6th - 11/5
- ❖ 7th - 11/11
- ❖ 8th - 11/14

Days off for Q2:

- ❖ November 6&7 for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ❖ November 27-December 1 for Thanksgiving Break
- ❖ December 24-January 2 for Christmas Break

Fundraiser:

- ❖ Millstone Soft Pretzel Fundraiser is due November 17th.
- ❖ Delivery is December 3rd.
- ❖ Top two sellers will receive an Amazon gift card.

Academic Challenge Team

Socktober: Helping One Pair at a Time



During October, students at **Titusville Middle School** participated in *Socktober*, a kindness campaign led by Student Council and Ms. Pyle, encouraging everyone to collect new socks for those in need. Socks are one of the most requested items at shelters, especially as the weather turns colder.



Students and staff showed their generosity by bringing in dozens of pairs of new socks throughout the month. Collection boxes were placed in classrooms and hallways, quickly filling up as the school community worked together toward a common goal of helping others.

Socktober is a simple way to make a big difference, and TMS once again proved that small acts of kindness can have a huge impact. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped spread warmth and care this season!



The TMS Academic Challenge team earned 1st place in their first scrimmage of the year while competing against other local teams. The competition took place on September 18, 2025 in Clarion, Pa and was sponsored by the Riverview Intermediate Unit 6 Gifted Consortium.



Buzzing with Excitement



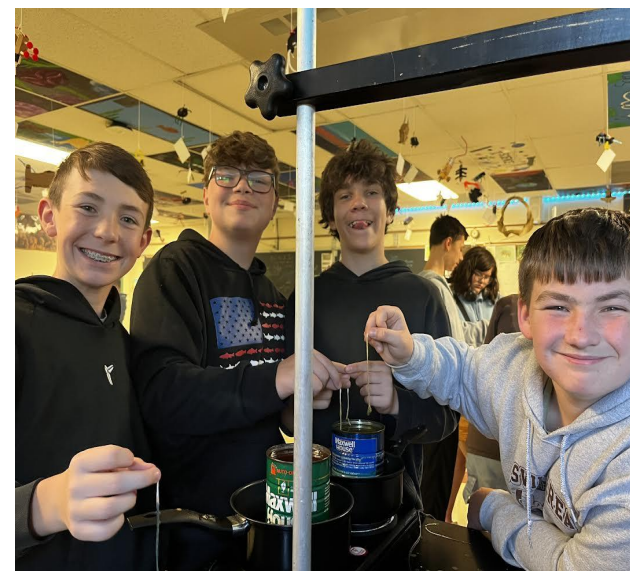
Bee Day Brings 8th Grade Science to Life

Titusville Middle School students were buzzing with excitement on Friday, October 3, as they took part in the first ever **Bee Day**, a hands-on science event dedicated to exploring the amazing world of honeybees. Throughout the day, students rotated through a variety of engaging activities designed to deepen their understanding of bees and their importance to our environment.

From **Bee Flight** experiments that explored the science of aerodynamics to a **Pollination** station where students learned how bees help plants grow and reproduce, every activity connected science with real-world applications. The **3D Bees** station gave students a chance to combine creativity with biology as they painted their own models of bees, while the **Escape Room** challenged participants to use problem-solving skills to “save the hive.”

Students also took a step back in time during **Honey History**, discovering how humans have relied on bees for centuries. The highlight for many was a visit from “The **Bee Lady**”, who shared fascinating facts about bee behavior and hive life. Students also tried their hands at **Candle Making**, using wax to craft their own take-home souvenirs.

Bee Day not only brought science lessons to life but also reminded students of the vital role bees play in keeping ecosystems thriving. It was a day filled with curiosity, collaboration, and plenty of buzzing energy!



PTG Pumpkin Decorating Contest & Fundraiser: A Spooky Success

The results are in for the highly anticipated PTG Pumpkin Decorating Contest, or "Pumpkin Wars," which took place throughout Halloween Week in the school cafeteria. This event successfully combined creativity, competition, and fundraising for a worthy cause.

The Competition and the Victor

Students voted for their favorite decorated pumpkins using a strategic "penny war" system. While many teams displayed impressive creativity, only one could claim the title.

Congratulations are in order for **Mrs. Keebler's Catalyst group**, who scored the most points and were declared the official winners of this year's competition. Their efforts earned them a celebratory sundae party as a reward for their strategic fundraising skills and victory.

Fundraising Success

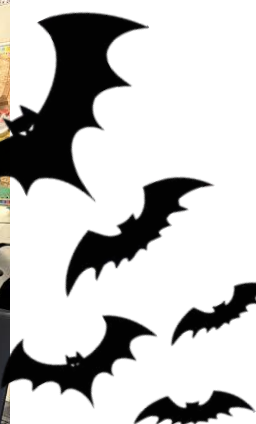
The primary goal of the "Penny War" was to raise funds for the Parent-Teacher Group (PTG). The participation from all students and staff was exceptional, resulting in a grand total of **\$264 raised**.

These funds will be directed toward supporting future school activities and upcoming student mission trips, directly benefiting the student body and school initiatives.

We extend our sincere thanks to all who participated, decorated, and donated. The event was a significant success thanks to our engaged and supportive school community.



Halloween at TMS



Rocket Block Students Master Random Word Poetry

Creativity reached new heights in Mrs. Shepherd's Rocket Block during a recent poetry assignment that fostered writing and flexibility.

Students were provided with a unique list of seven randomly selected words and tasked with integrating them into an original poem. This exercise required students to use the vocabulary words and create poetry from seemingly unrelated terms.



"Stream" by: Brynn Ammons

As soon as the ache	A whispering stone
of the river	inside your home,
crumbles,	crackling bone,
frosted silver	on the floor.
gleam.	Pulsing, tapping
Wandering,	clicking
what a wondrous	dome,
stream.	of the
Miracle, mystical,	STREAM
beautiful dream.	you roam.
What a wondrous	Silence,
stream.	magic of the home
Palpable, culpable,	of which the shadow
what a fiend.	will not comb.
Unraveling bloom.	The rise of the tether
It all went silent	hits your
when the thread snapped.	mind,
Dusk in the mirror,	fragile, echoing
all before the	gondola beam.
vanishing scream!	The spirit of the
What a wondrous	wondrous,
STREAM.	STREAM
In a storm	
no escape,	
it's a veil	
on your face.	
The memory	
FADES.	

"Christmas" by: Kelvin Thomas

You wake up to the glimmer
of the snow
And the whisper of the wind
You wake up all your
siblings
You guys dart to your
parents' room to wake them
from their slumber
They are full of sorrow as
they wake up wishing they
were still asleep
You drift down the stairs
Trying to fill the hollow void
in yourself with the
Christmas spirit
You unravel the presents,
then you get the feeling in
your heart of a flame
It feels like the only time
you're happy
Christmas

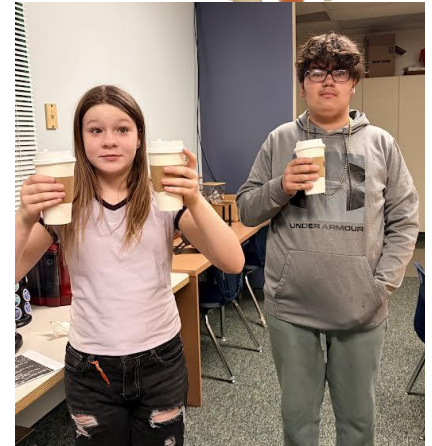




The Charging Port



Students in Mrs. Ledebur's class have opened a coffee shop called "The Charging Port," which began operations on October 30th. The shop offers coffee, hot chocolate, and hot tea, with future plans for expansion, and operates from 8:30 a.m. through the end of 6th block, excluding Catalyst time. To place an order, customers should call extension 2605; payment (cash only) should be given directly to Mrs. Ledebur.

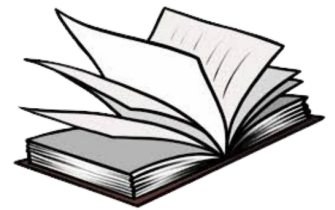


Titusville Middle School Reading Team Secures Third Place at IU6 Competition

The Titusville Middle School (TMS) Reading Team achieved an impressive milestone on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, by capturing third place at the annual Reading Competition. The event, held in Clarion, Pennsylvania, was sponsored by the Riverview Intermediate Unit 6 (IU6) Gifted Consortium.

The TMS team competed against numerous schools from the region in a display of literary knowledge and teamwork. Under the guidance of coach **Mrs. Hollie Tainton**, their dedicated preparation paid off, earning them a well-deserved spot among the top finishers.

Congratulations to the entire team and their coach on this outstanding achievement!



Back Row (Left to Right): Colten Wright, Noah Smith, Colin Steinbuhler, Lukas Miller, Maddie Huth, Mya Wencil, and Della Kirkland.

Front Row (Left to Right): Adrian English, Bailey Schmude, Taylor Emick, Beatrice Popescu, and Gabby Bentley.

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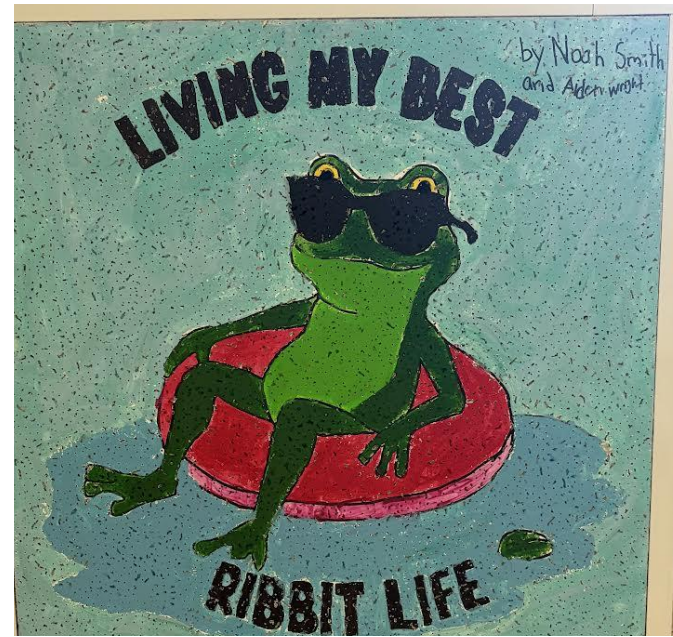
Eighth Grade Artists Transform Ceilings into Canvases

It's time to look up! Our eighth-grade art classes, led by art teacher Mrs. Keebler, have completed an exciting project that is adding student creativity to our school hallways.

Students moved past traditional art supplies, using plain ceiling tiles as their unique canvases. They designed and painted original artworks tailored to the square tiles, showing off their artistic talents.

These vibrant, student-made creations are now being installed by teachers in various classrooms throughout the building.

Next time you are in a classroom, take a moment to look up. You just might spot one of these student masterpieces bringing color and creativity to our school day!



TMS Students Scale New Heights in PE Class



TMS students are literally climbing the walls in physical education class, all under the guidance of PE teacher Mrs. Evans. The school's rock wall has become a popular feature, challenging students to new levels of fitness.

The rock wall unit pushes students to test their strength, balance, and problem-solving skills in a fun and engaging way. Under the watchful eye of Mrs. Evans, students learn proper climbing technique and safety, all while encouraging each other as they make their way across the wall.

This activity is more than just a workout. It helps build confidence and resilience. Many students discover a love for climbing, which is a great, lifelong fitness habit.

Great job to all the students for their hard work and effort on the rock wall!



Seventh Graders Explored Venango Technology Center



Titusville Middle School's seventh-grade class took an educational field trip this week, visiting the Venango Technology Center on Tuesday, November 4th.

Students departed TMS at 8:15 AM and returned around 11:30 AM after a morning exploring the facilities. The trip offered students a valuable opportunity to see potential career pathways and technical education options available in the region.



Seventh Graders Code Robot Mini Golf



Ms. Perman's seventh-grade classes are swinging into action with a unique, high-tech project. Students are designing and building mini golf courses, but with a twist: they will program robots to play the holes.

This project combines hands-on construction with coding, pushing students to solve problems like engineers.

