



Toppenish Middle School, "I Know I Can"

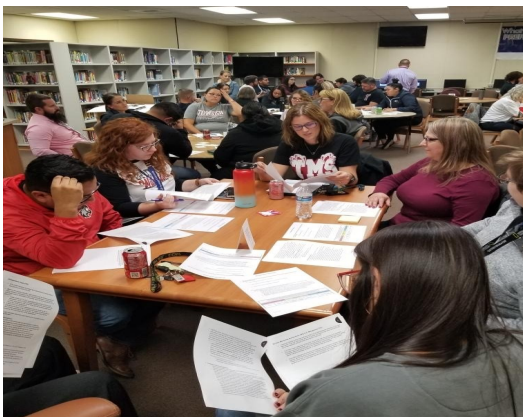
Great things are happening at Toppenish Middle School this year! Both staff and students have been hard at work for the last four months, with important teaching and learning. Our amazing staff members have been heavily involved in applying their professional development learning that includes Growth Mindset, Response to Intervention, PLC at Work, and ELL work with Joanne Billingsley. Our students continue to work hard in their classes, doing their best and asking questions.

Our Renaissance theme for this year is "I Know I Can!" Staff and students have been emphasizing the belief that we can accomplish anything we set our minds to with hard work, perseverance, and support. TMS believes in our students and in turn, we want our students to believe in themselves. Every two weeks we have a new "I Know I Can" that we emphasize and focus on to keep our important theme alive.

In addition to our Renaissance theme, we continue to implement Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), which has led to improved behaviors and motivation in students. PBIS recognizes and rewards all students for attainable expectations and creates a positive school climate. Our TMS PRIDE expectations are: Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Self-Discipline, and Excellence.

We are excited for 2020 and the remainder of the school year. Our staff and students are amazing and we look forward to continued learning and growing, as well as celebrating our successes together.

Ruben Saldivar, TMS Principal



Toppenish High School Giving Back to Our Local Food Bank



Student coordinators, Stephanie Quinones-Sanchez, Lizbeth Aguilar, and Yaradi Guadarrama were aware of many problems facing our community ranging from financial issues, housing, medical, and support. Therefore, they believed they had the potential of collecting many nonperishable food items within the high school and donate them to our local food bank. They decided to continue the Canned Food Drive competition from the previous year, but this time with a twist. The competition was held over a period of two weeks (December 13-20). Within this time period, they took counts every other day (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) of the items being donated.



In order to achieve their goal of collecting 500 canned food items, they turned the food

drive into a competition between rival school, Wapato High School. In addition, they had an advisory competition within THS. The prize for the advisory with the most donations was a pizza party. The Canned Food Drive between the rival schools was a huge success with THS students donating 694 cans while Wapato donated 460 cans. The advisory class winner, for a second year in a row, was Mr. Ayling's junior advisory with a total donation of 167 cans! After the competition ended, the students proceeded to host a Miracle Minute at one of the boy's varsity basketball home games. During the Miracle Minute, the students collected \$250 from the crowd and all the donations went to our local food bank. In the end they students achieved astonishing results that benefited our community in a positive way. **We would like to thank everyone who participated, and with excitement announce that all donations were delivered on January 15, 2020.** The donations were received with much appreciation by Cecilia Chavez who is the person in charge of our local food bank.



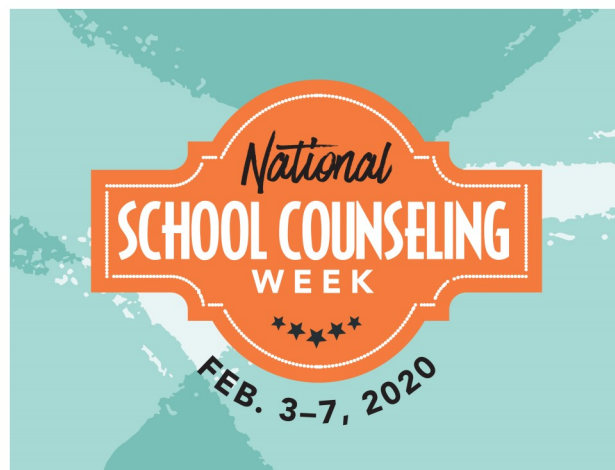
Honoring Our School Counselors National School Counseling Week February 3 - 7, 2020

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), will be celebrated from February 3–7, 2020, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and how students are different as a result of what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

The special week honoring school counselors provides recognition for school counselors who seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society.

In a proclamation, the Toppenish School Board of Directors cited school counselors for being actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents; for working in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today's world; for focusing on positive ways to enhance students' academic, post-secondary and social/emotional development; and working with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves. School counselors are certified, experienced educators with a master's degree in school counseling. The combination of their training and experience makes them an integral part of the total educational program.

Thank you Toppenish School District
Counselors for ALL you do for our students!!



Thank You!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 20	TMS PTO, 5:30PM	March 12	Garfield Social, 3PM
February 28	Preschool Renaissance Rally	March 16	No School-Parent Teacher Conferences
March 2	Lincoln Dr. Seuss Family Night, 5:30PM THS Spring Academic Awards, 6PM	March 17	No School-Parent Teacher Conferences
March 4	Lincoln Picture Day	March 18	No School for 3 year olds Migrant Parent Meeting, 6PM
March 5	Garfield Picture Day Preschool Dr. Seuss Family Night, 5:30PM	March 19	Valley View Picture Day TMS PTO, 5:30PM
March 9	TMS Grade Patrol Garfield PTO, 5:30PM	March 20	Freshmen Spring Tolo, 8PM
March 10	Garfield Math Night Kirkwood PTO, 5PM Lincoln PAC/PTO, 5PM Valley View PAC/PTO, 5:30PM Title VI Indian Ed Parent Meeting, 6PM	March 24	School Board Meeting, 7PM
March 11	Early Release No Preschool Classes JOM Parent Meeting, 6PM	March 25	No Preschool Classes Kirkwood Family Night, 5:30PM
		March 26	Garfield Spring Concert, 9AM & 1:30PM
		March 27	THS Dodgeball Tournament

Regular School Board Meeting

February 18 , 2020 @ 7:00 PM

District Office, 306 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, WA

(509) 865-4455

Board of Directors

Clara R. Jimenez, President

Richard Lommers, Vice President

Sherri Darrow, Board Director

Gonzalo Macias, Board Director

Rebecca S. Perez, Board Director

John M. Cerna, Superintendent

Students & Employees of the Month



Julia Avila
Elementary Student of the Month
Lincoln Elementary School



Jocelyn Pozos
Secondary Schools Student of
the Month
CATS Academy



Eleodoro Lolo Rodriguez
Classified Employee of the Month
Maintenance Department



Maria Renteria Rodriguez
Educator of the Month
CATS Academy

Thank You!

Special Thank You to **Dad s Restaurant** for providing meal certificates to the Students of the Month program.

Toppenish High School—DECA Competition

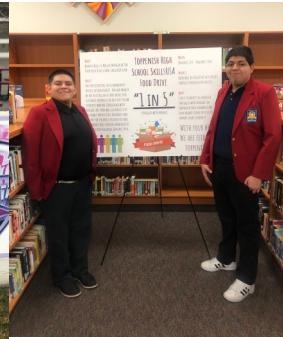
On January 8th, 13 students competed in the Area 10 DECA Conference in Yakima. The students competed in role plays, in which they were given a scenario related to their selected event and prepared their ideas to present in front of a judge. The students competed very well and we enjoyed some success along the way!

The following students placed in the top 6 in their role plays:
Alexia Villarruel and Miranda Reyes - Hospitality Services Team Decision Making
Lauren Atkins - Business Services Marketing
Skye Shirley - Business Services Marketing
Thalisa Saldivar - Hotel and Lodging Management

The following students placed in the top 6 in their test score:
Lauren Atkins - Business Services Marketing
Skye Shirley - Business Services Marketing
Thalisa Saldivar - Hotel and Lodging Management

The following students placed in the top 3 in their event and advanced to state:
Skye Shirley - Business Services Marketing
Thalisa Saldivar - Hotel and Lodging Management

The state competition will be held March 5-7 at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, WA.



OSHA Certification

A few of our high school students received OSHA flagger certificates for completing a safety training. The training involved learning about the safety procedures while working around construction and heavy mechanical equipment. They also learned what to wear and the proper hand signals.

Families marched through Toppenish January 20, 2020, to mark the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. and support his message of peace and equality. For more images visit: https://www.yakimaherald.com/socialscene/social-scene-toppenish-peace-march/collection_9d00cbbc-417a-11ea-95f1-af5f33694e56.html

