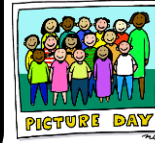


TMS Principal's Weekly News Update

March 19, 2021



School Picture Day
 School pictures through Lifetouch Photography, which were cancelled in September, have been rescheduled for **March 29th**. More information will be available in the near future. School pictures for **distance learners** will be on 3/29 from 2:15 to 3:15 in the high school auditorium foyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/26/2021** – Full Day of School
- 3/26/2021** – 3rd Quarter ends
- 3/29/2021** – School Picture Day
- 3/29/2021** – Report cards posted
- 3/30/2021** – E.R.D.
- 3/31/2021** – Remote Learning Day
- 4/02/2021** – No School (Good Friday)
(Early release days = E.R.D.)



Student Council

Student Council did a great job encouraging all of us at TMS to show our Tiger Pride throughout February! Keep your eye out for the upcoming video on why **WE LOVE TMS!!** Thank you to Mr. Polun for creating the video!

Staying Healthy Reminder!



The Thompson Middle School community has been doing all the things we need to in order to keep everyone healthy!

Remember we need to:

- Keep our masks on properly
- Cover our coughs and sneezes
- Wash our hands
- Keep proper distancing while in school and out in the community especially when we are not wearing our masks



Thank you for doing your part and keep up the great work!

Good Friday & Spring Break

Classes will not be held on Friday, April 2, 2021 to observe the Good Friday holiday. Classes will also not be held the week of April 19th through the 23rd due to spring break.

Vaccination Schedule

Employees of Thompson Public Schools must receive the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination on Tuesday, March 30th. We did not choose the date of the vaccine clinic given to us by Day Kimball Hospital. As a result, we have made changes to our school schedules to accommodate the clinic and provide teachers with time to recuperate after the second dose.

Friday, March 26, 2021 FULL DAY OF SCHOOL
 Tuesday, March 30, 2021 EARLY DISMISSAL
 Wednesday, March 31, 2021 REMOTE LEARNING DAY



Early release days (E.R.D.) for students on Friday's will continue through April 16, 2021. The BOE will decide on April 12th if the early release days are going to continue or end. (Walkers and parent pick up dismissal will be at 11:20 AM and bus dismissal will be at 11:30 AM.)

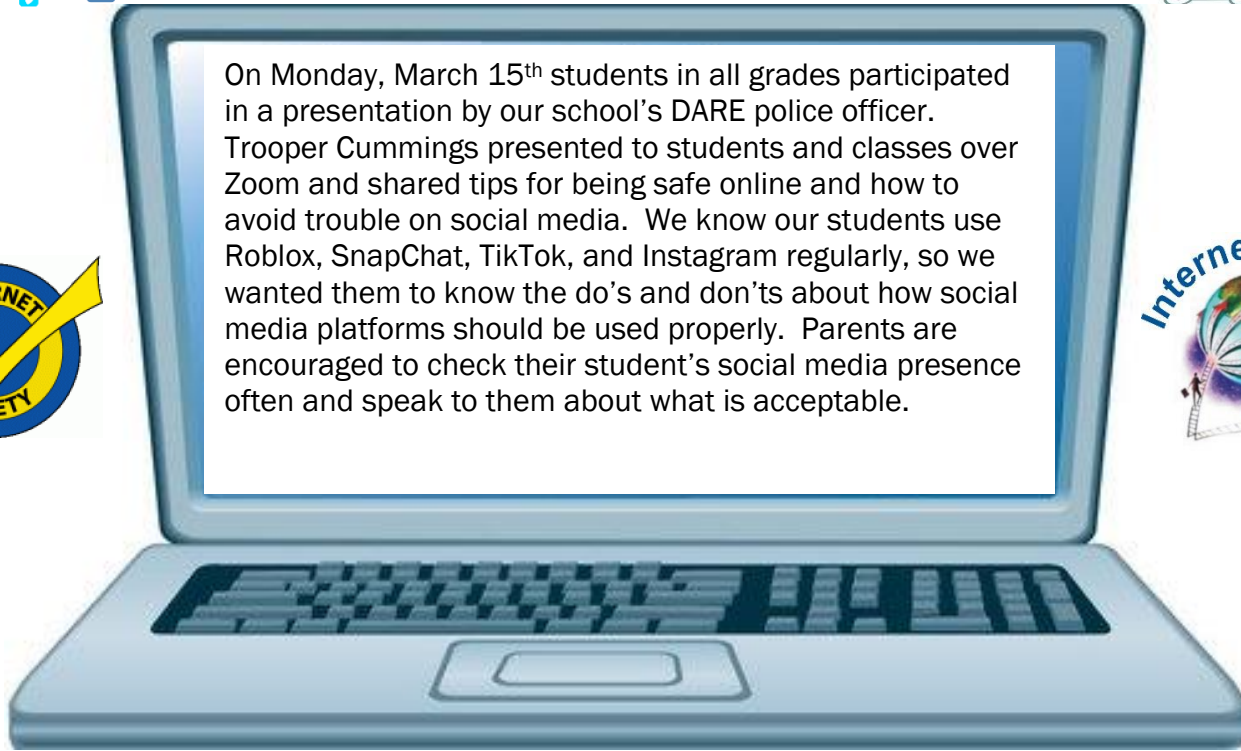
This is what is happening next week:

Monday 3/22 Day 3	Tuesday 3/23 Day 4	Wednesday 3/24 Day 5	Thursday 3/25 Day 1	Friday 3/26 Day 2 Full Day of school





ONLINE SAFETY PRESENTATION



On Monday, March 15th students in all grades participated in a presentation by our school's DARE police officer. Trooper Cummings presented to students and classes over Zoom and shared tips for being safe online and how to avoid trouble on social media. We know our students use Roblox, SnapChat, TikTok, and Instagram regularly, so we wanted them to know the do's and don'ts about how social media platforms should be used properly. Parents are encouraged to check their student's social media presence often and speak to them about what is acceptable.

On Monday, March 15th students in grade six participated in a virtual guest visit from veterinarians Dr. Drake and Dr. Uden from the Tufts Veterinary Field Service. They shared information about their experiences working with animals and the kids really seemed to enjoy it. Special thanks to Mrs. Perkins for arranging the visit and to Dr. Drake and Dr. Uden for taking the time to meet our students.



Sixth Grade Guest Visits

Grade 6 "Lift Our Spirits" Guest Speaker Series continued in March. Grade 6 welcomed local business owner, dance teacher, and Thompson Public School alumni, Amanda Bonin. Mrs. Bonin is the co-owner of Turning Pointe Dance Academy right here in Thompson, as well as parent of a sixth grader. She shared her experiences of owning and running a local business with the students. She also shared her memories of attending Thompson Public Schools. Mrs. Bonin wrapped up her visit by getting us up off our feet for a few dance moves. **Thank you Mrs. Bonin!!!**

