



THE TIGER FAMILY CONNECTION

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Families in Action Event

Monday, September 12 @ 6:00pm

This event will begin with an overview of the Georgia Performance Standards used in our classrooms, information on SmartWeb and our ever popular Reading Counts Program.

Next on our agenda: Math...the universal language...then why all the confusion??

Our Math Teachers will unlock the translation secrets for you. You will be empowered to play a key role in your child's Math success.



~ Looking ahead...

Our first PARENT INVOLVEMENT/ACTION TEAM FOR PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE meeting is **Tuesday, September 13 at 3:15pm.**

This committee brings together parents, teachers, administrators and community leaders to develop family engagement opportunities as required by Title I. By participating on the Action Team, you will provide much needed input on many of the processes and procedures that take place at Thomson Middle.

This is an opportunity to play a vital role in writing the next chapter of our student's academic success in this school year and the foundation for lifelong learners.

Volunteers Needed

~We are always in need of Parents/Grand Parent workers for the front office crew. Whether you can volunteer once a week or once a month, any and all help is greatly needed and appreciated!!

Find Your Place and Join Today!!

Prayer Club	Wednesday's	7:00am rm 222
FCCLA	2 nd Thursday	3:00pm rm 516
TSA	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	3:00pm rm 522
FBLA	last Wednesday of month	3:00pm rm 521
FCA	Friday's	7:00am rm 529

For more information contact the School for Club Sponsors.

New Tardy Policy

Since the printing and delivery of your child's student handbook, there has been a change in the attendance/tardy procedures that we must bring to your attention. In your child's handbook, it states "**three (3) unexcused tardies will constitute one full day's absence.**" After researching this procedure, the course of action for managing unexcused tardies has changed.

All unexcused tardies will now be addressed as discipline matters. Consequences for this infraction may result in: after school detention or ISS (In-School-Suspension). The Houston County School System believes that students should arrive at school on time and be prompt in their attendance to class each day. We value every instructional minute that is available, and try to maximize those minutes to insure the academic success of our students. We encourage you to help us protect this time in eliminating missed instruction time due to tardies.

Parent Information Station

~This Bright Blue Newsletter will always come home with Progress Reports or Report Cards. The grade level newsletters come home at the beginning of each nine weeks. If you should misplace either, just check out the TMS web-site and click the Parent Involvement Star.

~Come check out our newly stocked Parent Resource Center, located in the School Office, for homework tips, insightful articles and much more.

Let's get ready to read!

Thomson's Media Center would LOVE your help! Parents and students are encouraged to come and work in the library. From shelving books to laminating, there's always something to do!

In addition to the day to day activities, there's also our infamous reading program, Reading Counts. There's always a test to be found and a book to be marked! Volunteers can help with test data, ordering prizes and manning our movie/popcorn events.

If any of these activities sound interesting to you and you'd like to assist, please call Ms. Hawkins, TMS' Media Specialist, @ 478-953-0489 Ext. 43492 or e-mail her @ lynn.hawkins@hcbe.net.

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"I'm a Believer...I know it starts with Me"

Please contact Alesia Chadwick, Parent Involvement Coordinator for volunteer opportunities or For more information on this newsletter contact. alesia.chadwick@hcbe.net or (478)953-0489 ext. 43483

TMS Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 01	OPEN HOUSE and Book Fair Kick Off 6:00pm
Thursday, September 01	Progress Reports go home
Friday, September 02	Softball --- TMS vs HMS @ HMS
Tuesday, September 06	Softball --- TMS vs NMS @ TMS
Tuesday, September 6 – Friday, September 10	Media Center's BOOK FAIR
Thursday, September 08	Football game --- TMS vs PMS @ NMS
Friday, September 09	Softball game --- TMS vs WRMS @ TMS
Monday, September 12	Families in Action Event 6:00pm
Topics to be covered:	Georgia Performance Standards~SmartWeb~Reading Counts~Math
Tuesday, September 13	TMS SCHOOL COUNCIL --- 7:00 am
Tuesday, September 13	Softball game --- TMS vs HMS @ TMS
Tuesday, September 13	Parent Involvement/Action Team for Partnership Committee Meeting 3:15pm
September 12 – 16	TMS Spirit Week ~ Show Your Tiger Pride!!
Thursday, September 15	Football game --- TMS vs NMS @ NMS
Friday, September 16	Softball game --- TMS vs NMS @ NMS
Tuesday, September 20	Softball --- TMS vs WRMS @ WRHMS
Wednesday, September 21	Yearbook Picture Re-Takes
Thursday, September 22	Football game --- TMS vs WRMS @ NMS
Friday, September 23	Softball Semi-Finals
Friday, September 23	Miss Northside Pageant – Ray Horn Theatre, NHS
Saturday, September 24	Middle School Cheerleading Exhibition @ VHS
Tuesday, September 26	Softball Playoffs
Wednesday, September 27	Softball Championship
Friday, September 30	Northside/Warner Robins Football Game @ McConnell-Talbert Stadium
Monday, October 03 – 07	Fall Break (10/03/11 in-service)
Monday, October 10	Columbus Day - School Holiday
Thursday, October 13	1 st nine weeks Report Cards
Thursday, October 13	Football game --- TMS vs HMS @ BMS
Wednesday, October 19	Football Semi-Finals
Wednesday, October 26	Football Playoffs
Thursday, October 27	Football Playoffs
Wednesday, November 02	Football Championship

Please contact Alesia Chadwick for questions or additional information on any of the above listings.

The Houston County School System will offer adult computer classes *free of charge* again this school year. Seven sessions of three classes each will be offered at seven different schools. Classes meet 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. To sign up for the free training, please call

Susan Ponegalek in the Teaching and Learning Department at 478-218-7523, ext. 10523.

For questions related to these classes other than registration, contact the Director of Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, Barbara Wall, at 478-988-6222, extension 10226.

Adult Computer Class

Monday, September 12th, 19th & 26th 5:30 – 8:00pm at Northside High School