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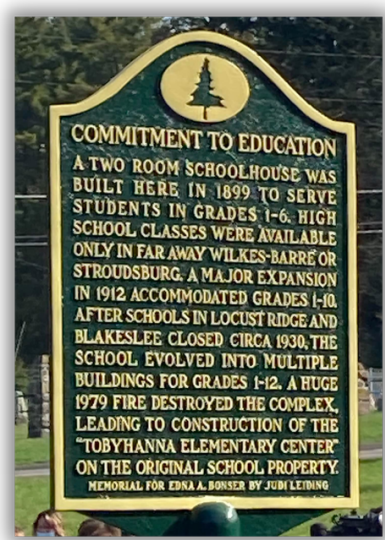
PANTHER PRESS

News & Updates from Tobyhanna Elementary Center



Tobyhanna Elementary Center Unveils Historical Marker

On Thursday, October 7th 2021, Tobyhanna Elementary Center students and staff gathered together to watch as Tobyhanna Township unveiled a new historical marker. The school was given the marker for its commitment to education and it was all done in honor of Judi Leiding's mother Edna Bonzer. Edna was a teacher at TEC for many years and served as a volunteer until the age of 88! There is a code on the roadside marker and if you scan it with a smartphone you can trace the history of various schools that were once located on the property.

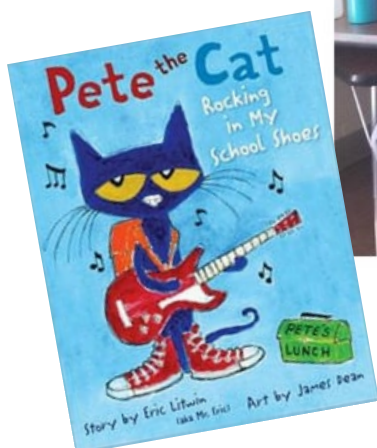


“I believe the historic nature of our landmark is that we've had a school on this property since 1899 for over 100 years, which makes the school very special.” TEC Principal, Anastasia D'Angelo

Grade K

Kindergarteners Learn About TEC

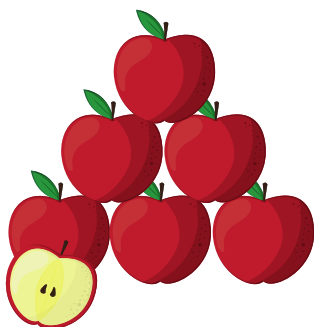
Our Kindergarten Classes spent the first week of school learning all about the rules and routines of our school. One of their favorite activities was learning about the different people and places that they will be encountering throughout their years here. They read the story Pete the Cat Rocking in My School Shoes and then set out on a search to find Pete. They followed various clues which lead them to the different locations throughout the building. The children had a great time rocking in their school shoes while learning about their new school environment. When they returned to class they even had a special Pete the Cat surprise pencil left for them by Pete the Cat!!





Apples in Kindergarten

The kindergarten classes celebrated their first PRIDE reward day by welcoming the Autumn season with a study of one of their favorite fruits-- APPLES. Over several days, they read fiction and nonfiction stories about apples, sang songs, completed math, writing and art activities, and of course talked about the famous Johnny Appleseed. On Reward Day they ventured out to the TEC Outdoor Classroom for some more apple fun. They did a Fizzing apple experiment, tasted various apples to see which they liked best and even tried their own homemade applesauce along with some apple cider. Here are a few pictures of their apple adventure.



1st Grade

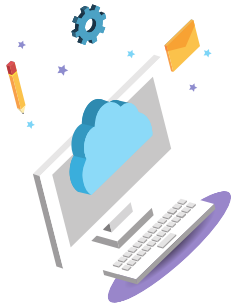


IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, FIRST GRADERS ARE LEARNING ABOUT FRIENDSHIPS, PETS, SHORT VOWELS, ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION. OUR DAYS ARE VERY BUSY SO WE REMEMBER TO STOP AND TAKE BREAKS TO WALK ON "NATURE'S SIDEWALK" IN THE BACK OF OUR SCHOOL. WE EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS TO TAKE MASK BREAKS AND SEE ALL THOSE SMILES.

WELCOME BACK TO TEC!



FIRST GRADERS AT TEC ARE GLAD TO BE BACK IN SCHOOL!



Future teachers of America come in to help first graders stay organized. They help organize our PRIDE program keeping us prepared, responsible, involved, dependable and empathetic. We would like to thank these responsible fifth and sixth graders for all their help.

Mrs. Wagner- Savannah Woda and Hannah Brinkofski

Mrs. Fiorani- Adrianna Kakas, Jeffrey Moore, Donyeh White, and [Carly Hindson](#)

Mrs. Mitchell- Kolby Kaulfers and John Straukas

Radenhausen/Summa- Nylah Gordon and [Isabella Azzarelli](#)

First Graders at TEC are learning so many new things with the help of their friends and teachers.



We are learning how to log in using Clever so students can easily access the many programs they can use throughout the year.

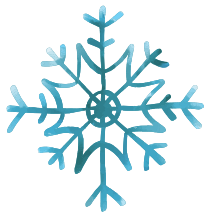
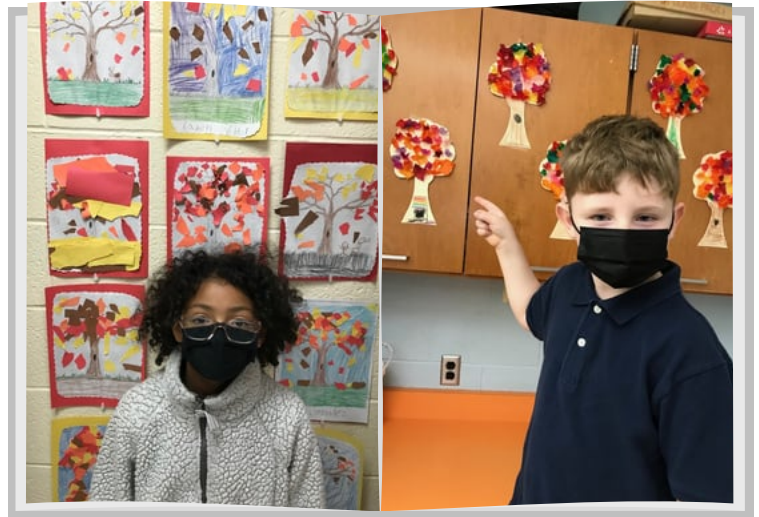




2ND GRADE

CELEBRATES AUTUMN

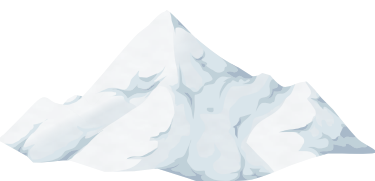
Second graders had fun making fall colored trees. They glued tissue paper or crumbled construction paper onto the tree branches to make beautiful artwork. Their projects are on display in the second grade pod and in several second grade classrooms. Be sure to check out this perfect for the season display!



HAVE YOU HEARD?

Passes are \$189 for ages 6-18 and include Camelback & Blue Mountain!

Email tecpto1@gmail.com for more details. Flyers being sent home soon!



Register here:

<https://secure.skicamelback.com/clubmgr/GrpLogin2.aspx>

TEC SNOW CLUB

NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS

CLUB NAME (USERNAME): SGP-DP8332

MEMBER PASSWORD: SKICLUB123



WHY IS THE STATUE OF LIBERTY GREEN?

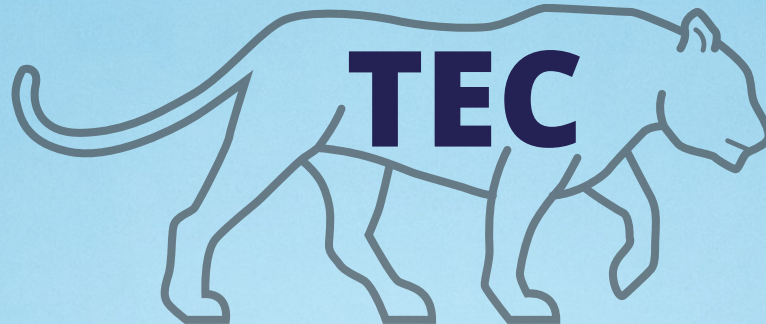
3RD GRADE

Students learned about important United States symbols. While learning we wanted to know why the Statue of Liberty is green. Great scientists always ask questions. We collected pennies, vinegar, salt, and water. We watched a chemical process occur over several days as we dipped pennies into our mixture. We recorded what we saw. Oxidation took place! This is why the Statue of Liberty is green. She also stands up to lots of weathering! Ask the third graders about copper and green pennies! They can explain the process to you!



Ask third grade students about scientific tools and what they learned on the nature trail.





Third grade kicked off the year learning about Panther Pride! We did lessons on being prepared, respectful, involved, dependable, and empathetic. When you are at school, you will see our PRIDE shine through in all our posters hanging around the school. If you come to parent-teacher conferences you will have the opportunity to view them.



West PRIDE

Prepared

Respectful

Involved

Dependable

Empathetic



4TH GRADE

AUTUMN IS IN THE AIR

The 4th graders at TEC celebrated the season in science class by watching a Mystery Doug video about “Why Leaves Change Colors?” Then the students found various leaves from local trees. They had SOOOO much fun creating colorful leaf rubbings and gluing them on a paper tree branch.

After the leaf rubbings were completed, the students named their leaf type by using a leaf identification chart of local trees such as maple, elm, and oak. Great fun and learning had by all.



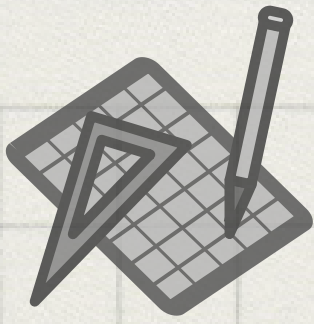
The ESL Corner



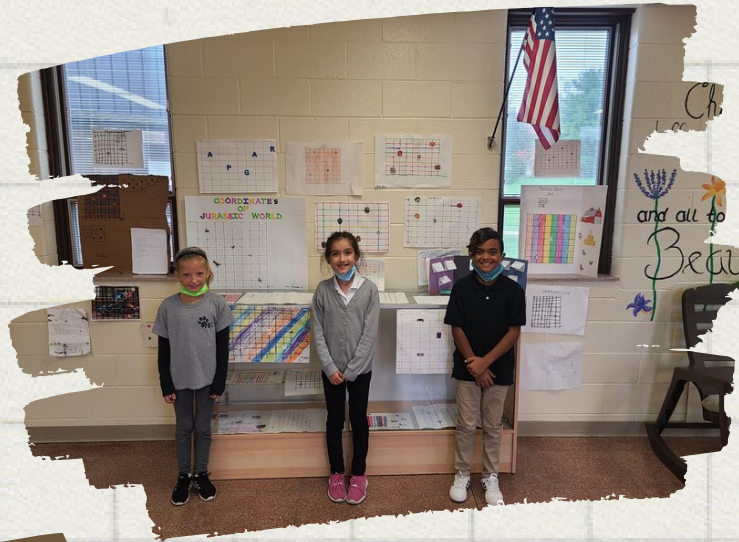
TEC's English Language Learner population is growing! This year we have added another ESL teacher to our faculty. Mrs. Murphy joins Ms. Yarashas in instructing our English learners whose families come from dozens of different countries and speak 12 languages! Between the two teachers, they bring 40 years of teaching experience to our building! In addition to Mrs. Murphy being new, we have a new ESL class pet! Cookie, the guinea pig, joined Kaytee, also a guinea pig, in Ms. Yarashas' classroom. Students now have TWO class pets! Cookie and Kaytee are teaching the students about being responsible and taking care of animals. They are loved by everyone!

ESL students started the year with LAS LINKS testing. LAS LINKS is an assessment that helps us see the students' progress in the areas of Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing in English. Students take the test on computers a few times a year to show what they know. The students then took a break from their beginning of the year benchmark testing to work on a fun project with Ms. Yarashas and Mrs. Murphy. Language learners in grades K through 6 shared information about themselves including their families, friends, likes and dislikes. It's great getting to know each other!

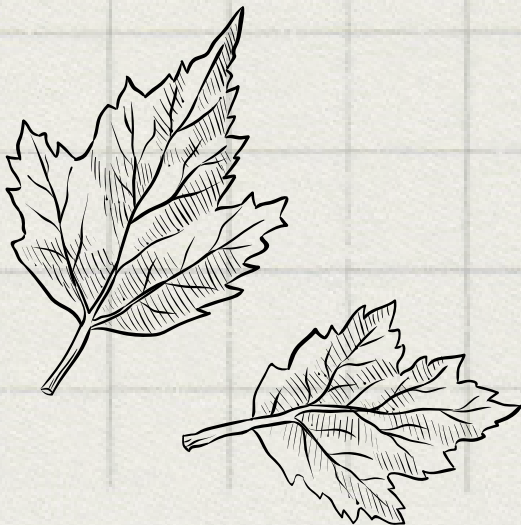




5TH GRADE



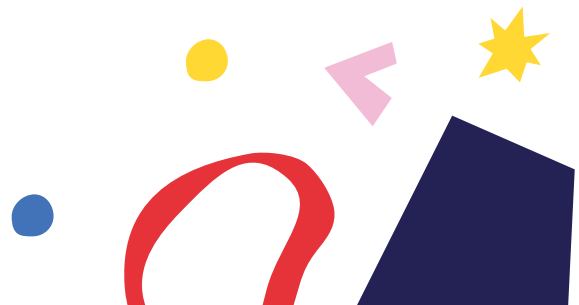
The 5th grade students at TEC have been busy making real world connections to their math units. From oversized, personalized coordinate grids, to place value ice cream sundaes, and even fall math-related scenes, one thing's for sure—their math skills are adding up when put to the test!



6TH GRADE



The sixth grade class enjoyed some afternoon fun in the sun on Friday, Oct 8, 2021. Students were rewarded with outside fun time after successfully participating in the school wide PRIDE program. Students played on the playground, went on the swings, played 4 ball square game and in general enjoyed getting out in the beautiful, fall sun. This was our second time out for an afternoon of fun in the sun this school year. 6th Grade students can look forward to reward days every two weeks for successful completion of the school wide PRIDE program.



Polish Heritage Month



October was Polish Heritage Month! Did you know that 9.5 MILLION Americans are of Polish descent? In fact, almost 670,000 Americans speak Polish in addition to English! In the Pocono Mountain School District, 113 students speak Polish! A few of them are right here in Tobyhanna Elementary Center. Chicago, IL, is home to the largest population of Polish Americans in the United States. New York, New Jersey and even Pennsylvania are known to have many families who share Polish heritage.

Areas with large Polish American communities often celebrate their culture with picnics and festivals. In Chicago, they celebrate with a festival called the “Taste of Polonia.” It is held each year on Labor Day weekend. These gatherings often include polka bands and music with singers, drums, accordions and trumpets. People participate in traditional dances like the polka, oberek, “Polish Hop” and waltzes. They also celebrate with lots of food. Traditional foods of Poland include pierogi (often a potato and cheese filled pasta pocket), kielbasa (a Polish sausage), golabki (cabbage rolls filled with meat and rice), and babka cake (a sweet bread-like cake filled with layers of chocolate or cinnamon).



Here are some great books to learn more about Polish American Heritage.

Hieronim Pięta I Jego Niezwykłe Zwierzęta/ Hieronymus Betts and His Unusual Pets by M.P. Robertson (Grades Pre K-2)

The Dragon of Krakow and Other Polish Stories by Richard Monte (Grades 3-6)

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes (Grades 3-6)

The Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Layson (Grades 4-9)

I Survived the Nazi Invasion by Lauren Tarshis (Grades 3-8)



LIBRARY NEWS



TEC is very happy to welcome Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Dana Price to the library. Mrs. Price is very excited to be at TEC. She loves books and is a Harry Potter fan! She also enjoys reading to her 6 year daughter who is a student at Swiftwater Elementary Center, and camping with her family. She is currently enrolled in classes to become an educator. Welcome Mrs. Price.



The TEC Library is excited to participate once again in the Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Award. The PA Young Reader's Choice Award is given by the students of participating Pennsylvania schools to promote reading of quality books and to honor authors whose works have been recognized by the students of Pennsylvania.



The students of TEC will have the opportunity to read or listen to 15 books on their level that have been chosen by the PYRCA committee.

In the past three years, TEC's Kindergarten through 3rd grade students have participated in this activity and have read books like ***We Don't Eat Our Classmates*** and ***Can I Be Your Dog?*** The 4th through 6th graders have read ***Saving Winslow, Because of the Rabbit,*** ***Dragons In A Bag,*** and ***The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise.***

More information will be shared in the students library google classroom. Be sure to check out the bulletin board dedicated to the PA Young Reader's Choice Award and see which stories you would like to read. Voting for your favorite book will be held in early March.



SNAPS AROUND TEC





November 2021

Save the Dates

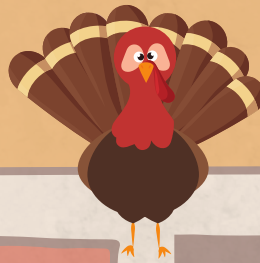
PTO MEETING:

NOV 16TH - 9:30AM

PARENT/TEACHER

CONFERENCES:

NOV 11 & 12



BOOK FAIR:

NOV 8-12

READING RALLY:

NOV 23RD

(2HR EARLY DISMISSAL)

SCHOOL CLOSED:

NOV 12TH

THANKSGIVING BREAK:

NOV 25TH-29TH

PICTURE RETAKES:

NOV 19TH

