

Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

As you may be able to tell by this newsletter, there are many exciting things happening at Trinity West. You probably already noticed the front doors but now the hallways are brighter with a fresh coat of Trinity blue and white paint. Our Virtual Lab was relocated and is up and running. We have a new Publishing Center thanks to WQED. Many changes and many new opportunities for student engagement.

This month we will be celebrating National School Counselor Week. Thank you to Mrs. Gallagher, our very own Rockstar School Counselor, who provides an invaluable service to our students. You make Trinity West a better place. Students, please be sure to participate in our celebration of School Counselors by participating in our designated theme days.

I would also like to extend a big "Thank You" to our PTA. They put in a tremendous amount of time coordinating everything from School Store, Pencil-grams, fundraisers, this awesome newsletter, and numerous special events at the school. All of your time and efforts are truly appreciated!

—Mrs. Ostrosky



West News

More Building Improvements

Trinity West is looking a bit brighter, month by month! The hallways have been repainted to a creamy white with Hiller blue accents. (Say good-bye to the cafeteria's maroon-and-evergreen color scheme!) New flooring is being phased in with blue accent squares, and new blue signs are appearing in the hallways. The faculty room has been relocated near the cafeteria to make room for more classrooms.

Student Writer Visits West

Tuesday, February 4, Bayleigh Lowe visits during the 2nd through 5th grade recess blocks. Bayleigh, now at Trinity Middle School, won the 2018 WQED Writers' Contest. Any *serious* writers can talk with her about the writing process & creative writing. She will share her winning story.



Entering the contest isn't required to attend this program. Any student who likes to write would benefit from Bayleigh's presentation.

Trinity West Gazette is produced by the Trinity West PTA, to share information and highlight school activities. We do our best to make sure all dates, times, and information are up to date and correct.

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PTA News

Thank you for the Bottle Caps!

Mrs. Kirkpatrick and the fourth grade students say THANKS!!! for all your generous donations. They have enough plastic bottle caps and have moved on to the design stage of their bottle cap mural! No further caps are needed—thank you!



A Santa Shop Thank You

Thank You to all who made the Santa Shop a success this year! The kids had a great time shopping, and we raised \$168 to benefit our K9 officer, Hiller! A special THANK YOU to all our parent volunteers who gave their time to help our students shop. We couldn't do it without you!

A very special thank you to Santa for visiting us, and to Hiller for making an appearance at our evening event.

Congratulations to Ron Junko, winner of the Bag of Christmas Toys raffle! Thank you to all who bought tickets—your donations support Hiller's care & training!!

NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

Our February PTA Meeting will be:

Monday February 10th at **4:00 PM**



February 10th is the 100th day of school!

**Wear a creative 100th day tee-shirt,
or make a 100th day cape.**

Use your creativity!

Any school cancellations will push the date back, since we really do celebrate on the actual 100th day!

Trinity West is Full of Kindness

Our school and families pulled together MANY kind-hearted donations during December. A whole van full of donations went to the veterans' home. The Giving Trees provided items for the Women's Shelter families. Funds from a daily prize raffle for teachers went to support a staff member with a seriously ill family member.

It's small wonder our students are such kind kids—they have great examples at home & school! Thank you all!

Valentines Parties

All volunteers have been contacted by email.

The parties will be held 9:30-10:30 AM on
Friday, February 14th.

CONGRATULATIONS, FUNDRAISER WINNERS!

Sarris Candy Bar Fundraiser winners

1st place-Aiden Bowman \$864

2nd place-Cameron Wall \$672

3rd Place-Olivia Hoefler \$624

Winter Fundraiser Contest Winners

1st-Emily Moore \$898.20

2nd-Antonio DiSalvo \$853.30

3rd-Brodie and LandenTarr \$553.25

Looking for News & Updates?

1. Visit the new website: www.trinitypride.org
2. Click the blue button that says **SCHOOLS**
3. Select Trinity West.
4. Check out the links at the top of the page, right under the photo!
 - calendar entries
 - announcements
 - our school newsletters, and more!

December's TEAM BUILDERS

Ashtyn Miklic

"Ashtyn works very hard each day and dows her personal best. She is always helping others and keeping our room organized, being a great friend, or solving second grade problems. Ashtyn is a great TEAMate to have around. Keep smiling Ashtyn and continue to spread your kindness around the world." —Ms. Andrews

ASHTYN'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West:
Friends &
Teachers

Class: Math

Book: *Judy Moody*

Activity: Dance/Cheer

Food: Chicken Nuggets

Role Model: Mom & Dad

When I grow up I'd like to be
a...teacher



Activity: Art

Food: Salsa & chips

Role Model: Mom

When I grow up I'd like to be a...
3rd grade teacher

Anthony Pol

"He is a leader in the classroom and always has a positive attitude, follows directions, is excited to learn and works really hard each day, and is kind to others". — Miss. Wybranowski

AJ'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West:
spending time
with my new
friends

Class: Gym & Math

Book: *Pete the Cat*

Activity: Football

Food: Pizza

Role Model: Cousin Riley

When I grow up I'd like to be a...
policeman.



to lend a helping hand to any teacher or peer when an opportunity arises. Braxton is a great role model for other students to look up to!" —Ms. Tedrow

Brody Sheppard

Brody is always Cheerful & has a positive attitude —Mrs. Jones

BRODY'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West: The
kids

Class: Daily Music

Book: *Thomas the Train*

Activity: Riding my Scooter

Food: Mac n Cheese

Role Model: Spider man

When I grow up I'd like to... work
at Lowes



Maya Day

"Mya is an excellent example of Leadership lamar. She is always respectful, responsible, self motivating. She also sets good examples by including everyone and making good choices." —Mrs. Flowers

MAYA'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West:
Mrs. Flowers

Class: Math

Book: *Owl Diaries*



Braxton Simmons

"Braxton is a kind, responsible student who does the right thing, no matter who is watching. She does not hesitate



Logan Scandale

"Logan is a role model in the class who always sets a good example for his classmates. He comes to school with a good attitude and a smile on his face. He is motivated and always gives 100% effort no matter what he is doing. He is extremely helpful just like Helping harper." —Mrs. Narens



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SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!

Class parties, activities, school
events—we want them!!!

Please send them to:
trinitywestyearbook@gmail.com



GOT CRAYONS?



**Donate your small, used, or unwanted crayons to
the collection box in the school office.**

They'll be sent to The Crayon Initiative to make NEW crayons
for The Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh!

January's TEAM BUILDERS

Bella Martin

"Bella is helpful like Harper, makes great choices like Paco, and is a peace-maker like Amelia. What I love about Bella is that she always tries to do well and looks on the bright side of everything, just like Ruby!" –Mrs. Calhoun

BELLA'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West: The Teachers

Class: Reading

Book: *Captain Underpants*

Activity: Football

Food: Grilled Cheese

Role Model: Mrs. Calhoun

When I grow up I'd like to be a...vet



Zoey Mish

"Zoey has a heart of gold! She is always more than willing to go above and beyond for those around her and does so with a smile on her face! She has made great strides in improving her responsibilities as a student and continues to grow and shine in numerous ways. It is such a pleasure to have Zoey in my room this year! Way to go Zoey!" –Mrs. Layhue

ZOEY'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West: Making Friends

Class: Math

Book: *Up North at the Cabin*

Activity: soccer

Food: Pizza

Role Model: Mom



When I grow up I'd like to be a...ballet teacher

Lily Vilga

LILY'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West: Helping my teachers

Class: Writing

Book: *The Magic Tree House*

Activity: Soccer or Crafting

Food: Roast/Potatoes/Carrots

Role Model: Mom & Dad

When I grow up I'd like to be a...violin musician



Ryleigh Thomas

"Ryleigh enters the classroom each day with a huge smile on her face: always pleasant, bubbly, & respectful in class. She's always eager to learn! She is always helpful to her friends & treats each person with kindness. Ryleigh takes pride in her work & has very high expectations for herself. She collaborates well with her peers & always keeps a positive attitude. Ryleigh continues to strive to be the best version of herself she can be!" –Miss Osborne

RYLEIGH'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West: Playing with my Friends at Recess

Class: Gym

Book: *Froggy; Babysister*

Activity: Softball

Food: Big Daddy's Pizza



Role Model: My teacher

When I grow up I'd like to be a...teacher

Noah Fritz

"Noah exemplifies Positive Change Paco. Noah has become more aware of the control he has in making decisions, and he is making great choices that support his success, as well as the success of his peers.." –Mrs. Lapp

NOAH'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West: The Brain Show

Class: Gym

Book: *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Last Olympians*

Activity: Soccer

Food: Tacos

Role Model: My Stepdad

When I grow up I'd like to be a...S.W.A.T. police officer



Westen Vranek

"Westen is a great role model in the class and a good leader. He is kind and caring and great friend to his classmates." –Mrs. Pitzer

WESTEN'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West: Learning Stuff

Class: Gym

Book: *Where's Waldo*

Activity: Lacrosse

Food: Candy

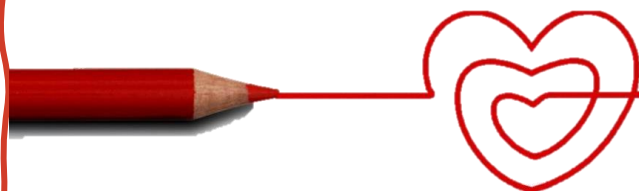
When I grow up I'd like to be a...veterinarian



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Valentine's Day Pencil-Grams



Cost: \$0.25

Lunchtime sales:	Tuesday, Feb. 4 Wednesday, Feb. 5 Thursday, Feb. 6
School Store sales:	Friday, Feb. 7
Delivery:	Thursday, Feb. 13

Proceeds Support Project Team!

Our December pencil-grams were a real hit!
We sold over 1,316 pencil grams,
and raised over \$291 for Project TEAM!



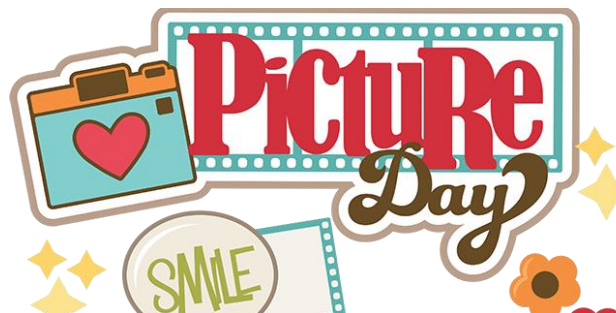
SHINING A LIGHT ON AUTISM: FACTS

The hustle and bustle of any Holiday can be especially stressful for children who have Autism. This is particularly true for children who also have sensory processing issues and may be overwhelmed by the overabundance of lights, sights, sounds and smells during the holidays. Pre-planning events/gatherings is often a big part of family life for parents with children on the spectrum.

SCHOOL STORE

Friday, February 7
Friday, February 28

Items cost from \$0.10-4.00
Proceeds support Project Team at Trinity West.



SPRING PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

WHEN: **Wednesday, February 19.**

WHAT: individual (not sibling) photos

PAYMENT: Upon delivery of photos to your home.** You can also pay online at Lifetouch.com.

There is no make-up day. These photos are just for you; the school (& yearbook) doesn't use them.

****HOW IT WORKS:** Lifetouch Photography sends home a big envelope of photos with each child for "family approval." The envelope contains a collection of printed photos and merchandise (keychains, puzzles, etc). This entire package is automatically sent home with each child. To pay or to return unwanted items, you'll use the envelope provided by Lifetouch.

If you would prefer NOT to receive spring photos (or the big envelope of merchandise), please send a note with your child on picture day stating that you DO NOT want your child's photo taken.

PLEASE NOTE: The PTA cannot take special requests to hold specific envelopes. Thank you for your help!

Save the Date for ... **HILLERPALOOZA 2020!**

- WHEN:** May 30, 2020,
- WHERE:** Trinity Middle School
- WHAT:** Campus-wide day of events open to our local community
- EVENTS:** Fun Run, Chinese auction, food trucks, carnival fun on the athletic fields, & more!
- WHO:** Anyone may attend!
- VOLUNTEERS:** We will need as many volunteers as possible to make the day a success for the kids! The event is provided by Trinity Middle School, with support from PTAs from all four Trinity elementary schools and the middle school.

Information on event costs, specific volunteer options, etc. coming soon!

To volunteer, contact Heidi Holub (724)470-5348.

Eat Pizza, Raise Funds



Each month, TWES will have
a Pizza Hut fundraiser

- FIRST FRIDAY of each month
- The **Chestnut St** Pizza Hut will honor our arrangement with the now closed franchise on Murtland
- Mention Trinity West when ordering
- Includes carry out and delivery sales
- Funds raised support PTA funded events

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES

Register for 2020 Kindergarten at Trinity
West:

Wednesday, March 11
11:30-3:00, 4:00-6:30pm

Children do not need to attend registration.

Please bring: original birth certificate,
immunization records, proof of residence

Forms and more information:
www.trinitypride.org

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE FAMILIES!



5th Grade Slide Show
Pictures Needed!

Make sure YOUR 5th grader has great
photos in the end of year slide show!

We need the following photos of your 5th grader:

- Kindergarten school photo (or other head shot)
- 5th Grade school photo (or other head shot)
- Photos of activities, friends, parties, etc. from your 5th grader's time at Trinity West Elementary.

Please send to
TrinityClassOf2027@gmail.com

Deadline: March 31