

Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

It is so hard to believe that November is coming to an end and when we come back from break there are only 3 weeks until Christmas! The school year is flying by and we still have so much to learn and do!

Parent-Teacher conferences were well attended at the beginning of the month. Please don't forget that if you ever have a question about your child's performance in any class all you need to do is contact the teacher. One helpful site for your child (in grades 3-5) is IXL, which is a program to reinforce concepts from class, provide remediation for students who require it, and provide enrichment for those who need more. In addition to using this as a tool in our classrooms, it is available for students to use at home. Simply login at <https://www.ixl.com/signin/trinityasd>. Also new is our district website! Log on to trinitypride.org and click on the schools tab to find Trinity West.

Please also remember that we still go outside to play as long as the weather cooperates and it's not below freezing - please make sure your child wears a coat to school for those chillier days ahead!

December is a month packed with activities at school. Please refer to the calendar so that you will not miss out on any of the holiday fun. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Mrs. Ostrosky



West News

Building Improvements

This year, Trinity West Elementary is seeing lots of improvements! Last summer, the HVAC system was upgraded, leading to better temperature control—to the relief of many of us. Other little changes are afoot: from the new sign out front, to the blue decorative wrap on the front doors, the “Home of the Hillers” above the cafeteria stage, and the sensory walk extending down the hall in front of the library—the building is looking a bit brighter, month by month!

Ask your child what's new this month!

SANTA SHOP: December 9-13

We need VOLUNTEERS (with clearances and training) to help run the shop.

The Santa Shop offers a variety of trinkets students may purchase for friends and family. Students always find this a lot of fun! With enough volunteers, we can help students wrap their presents before taking them home.

Questions? Contact Amy Bowman
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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.

We make every effort to include all students throughout the school year. **If for any reason, you DO NOT want your child included in future editions**, please send a note to the school office ASAP and/or email us at: twsgazette@gmail.com

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PTA News

Bottle Cap Art in the Fourth Grade

Our new art teacher, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, has a fascinating project underway—the fourth graders are designing and creating a bottle cap mural!

Want to pitch in? Please send any and all clean plastic bottle caps to school with your child! Thank you!

The Energized Guyz visit Trinity West

On Thursday, November 14, Trinity West students enjoyed a “25 minute interactive comedy” about energy conservation, courtesy of West Penn Power and The National Theatre for Children.



Second Grade Meets JUDY MOODY!

On Monday, November 18, second grade students and teachers saw a fun, musical play version of Megan McDonald's books. “Judy Moody and Stink” brought to life the adventures of Judy and her brother, Stink (with his smelly shoes), at the Byham Theater in Pittsburgh.

Thank you to parents, Gabby Market, and Hillhouse Pizza for generous donations that made this field trip possible. We're grateful to the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, which provided transportation through their bus subsidy fund.



MAKE UP PICTURE DAY



December 3rd is the day for Picture Day make-up and retakes. Send all printed photos back to school with your child, to return to the photographer.

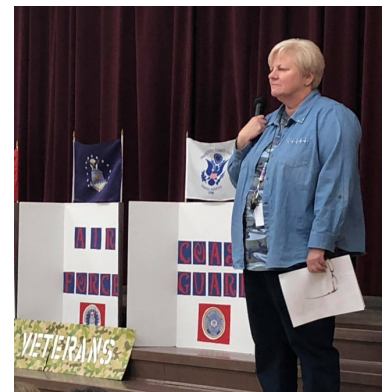
For more information: mylifetouch.com

VETERANS' DAY ASSEMBLY



On November 8th, Trinity West held a Veteran's Day assembly, complete with veteran guests of honor and informational posters about the different branches of military service.

Students met Officer Ben (a USMC veteran) & his service dog, Hiller. A few students even got to try on part of a ghillie suit and a helmet! Several members of our local VFW chapter attended, too. Our own Mrs. Chopp, a veteran JAG herself, also participated.



November's TEAM BUILDERS

Karis Ingram

"Karis is a model student. Her smile lights up the room. She always has a positive attitude, works hard, and completes her work on time. She is a fantastic friend to everyone. Karis includes everyone in her activities in the classroom, at specials, lunch, and at recess. Karis is a truly a team builder and is always in the house." –Mrs. Grimm

KARIS'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West:
Learning

Class: Math

Book: *Harry Potter*

Activity: Softball

Food: Pizza

Role Model: Mom

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



Justus Severns

"He is helpful in class & hardworking."
–Ms. Wickstrom

JUSTUS'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West:
Recess

Class: Gym

Book: *All About Dirtbikes*

Activity: Baseball

Food: Mac-n-cheese

Role Model: Daddy

When I grow up I'd like to be a...
dirt bike rider



Gwyneth Ola

GWYNETH'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West: the teachers

Class: Art

Book: *The Forgotten Girl*

Activity: Dance

Food: Chicken

Role Model: Mom

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



Mason Greek

"Mason has shown great progress this school year and has demonstration and resilience in his learning. Mason has also been such a Helping Harper assisting the office, participating in green team, and helping other teachers in the building. I am so excited to see what great things mason will continue to learn and accomplish this year" –Ms. Kubatka

MASON'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West: Working in the
office

Class: Art

Book: *Farm Animals*

Activity: Playing
Catch

Food: Cookies

Role Model: Dad

When I grow up I'd like to... work
in the office



Barry Lee Klages III

Barry is always willing to help me or another student. He is demonstrating positive changes like Paco making good choices, demonstrating self-discipline, and self control! –Mrs. Gasmire

BARRY'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West: my friends

Class: Daily Five

Book: *Spiderman Comics & PJ Masks*

Activity: Football & Baseball

Food: Mac-n-cheese,
pineapple upside down cake

Role Model: Mom & Dad

When I grow up I'd like to be a... police officer



Noah Hazen

"Noah is caring and always lending a helping hand to other students. He is kind and has a positive attitude like Paco. His optimism shines a bright light in our 5th grade classroom. Keep up the good work Noah." ~ Mrs. Junko

NOAH'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West: Being with my friends

Class: Reading

Book: *Brindle*

Activity: Baseball

Food: Spicy Wings

Role Model: My Parents

When I grow up I'd like to be a...
MLB player



Heidi Bittner

"Heidi is always willing to help me and other students." ~ Mr. Barnhart

HEIDI'S FAVORITES:

At Trinity West: My friends

Class: Reading

Book: *Eragon*

Activity: Boxing

Food: Mashed Potatoes

Role Model: My Mom

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



SCHOOL STORE

Friday, December 6

Friday, January 10

Items cost from \$0.10-4.00

Proceeds support Project Team at Trinity West.

Holiday Pencil Grams



Students & Staff can send holiday pencil-grams to each other for \$0.25!

Pencil grams will be delivered on Thursday, December 19.

Sale Dates:

<u>During lunch:</u>	Tuesday 12/3
	Wednesday 12/4
	Thursday 12/5
<u>During School Store:</u>	Friday 12/6

Proceeds Support Project Team!



SHINING A LIGHT ON AUTISM: FACTS

Some children & adults on the spectrum are extremely sensitive to not only flavor, but also color, smell, and texture of foods. So don't be surprised if an autistic child/adult wants something as simple as chicken nuggets for their Thanksgiving dinner. Happy Thanksgiving!



Come to West and bring your friends for an evening of

Christmas Magic!

SANTA SHOP

will be open (most items \$1.00-5.00)

SANTA PHOTOS

\$5 each (benefiting Trinity's K-9 Officer Hiller)

FUN FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Anyone may attend—this event is not limited to Trinity West families, so spread the word!



FIRE SAFETY WEEK...

...was a big hit here at West! We were visited by North Franklin Volunteer Fire Department, and each class got a chance to meet the firefighters and see various rescue vehicles. Thank you, NFVFD!!



Eat Pizza, Raise Funds



Each month, TWES will have
a Pizza Hut fundraiser

- FIRST FRIDAY of each month
- Only at Pizza Hut: 105 Murtland Ave (724)225-5520
- Mention Trinity West when ordering
- Includes dine in, carry out, and delivery sales
- Funds raised support PTA funded events

Kids eat free, December 6th!

(Dine in only, includes personal pan pizza
and order of breadsticks)

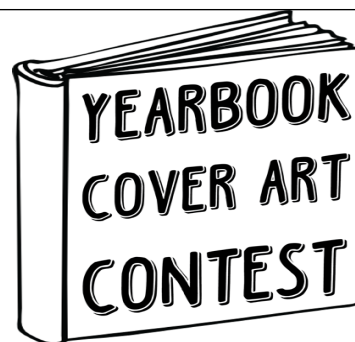
Giving Tree



Each grade will collect themed donations for
children and families at the Women's Shelter.

We gladly accept all necessities, ornaments, &
anything else that brings joy to families in need.

Pre-K/K	Boys/Girls toys: action figures/crafting items
1 st Grade	Adult slippers/socks—mens & womens
2 nd Grade	Food storage containers
3 rd Grade	Boys/Girls toys: action figures/crafting items
4 th Grade	Kitchen Utensils & Oven Mitts/Pot holders
5 th Grade	Wash Cloths & Kitchen Towels



Rules:

- Art done by FIFTH GRADE students currently at West
- Use plain WHITE paper, 8½" x 11"
- Draw pictures vertically ("portrait" not "landscape")
- Any drawing tools allowed, but no computer-generated art
- Individual or group entries are allowed
- Write name(s) on back in pencil
- Picture must include school name and "2019-2020"
- Bright colors are encouraged
- Winning covers must be approved by Principal Ostrosky
- Deadline: Tuesday, December 17
- Selection by student vote, December 18
- Winner(s) receive free yearbook

Classroom Holiday Parties

All holiday volunteers have been contacted via email. It is our goal to give every parent volunteer the opportunity to participate in at least one of their child's/ childrens' classroom parties.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate in a party, but have met all of the District's requirements, please contact our TWES PTA Party Coordinator:

Rachel Heather
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(TWES Party Coordinator)