



Tenafly
MIDDLE SCHOOL

TMS HSA NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY 2017

TMS EVENTS / INFORMATION:

Greeting Parents and hello to... February! February means we are now in the third marking period and halfway through the school year! Whoa - time is flying. We hope you have all had a great first half of the year and we look forward to a fun, productive, and collaborative second half. We always need your support and value your input, even down to the last day of school, even in the summer! So please don't forget to keep in touch and reach out with any ideas, questions, or concerns. tmshsa@aol.com. And don't forget your TMS website with its many valuable links and information: <http://ms.tenafly.k12.nj.us/>
Have a great February!

PLEASE HELP OUR HSA!

HSA DUES DRIVE

Dear Parents,

We NEED your help!

We are currently significantly underfunded. At the half-way mark though the school year, we still have many more school activities and events to support. The suggested \$35.00 annual HSA dues is used to sponsor many TMS programs and activities:

- Cultural Arts and curriculum-based assemblies,
 - New clubs,
 - the Mobile Directory,
- Scholarships for school-sponsored trips and events,
- Social events (such as the Holiday Social and the 8th Grade Yearbook parties), and the 8th Grade Promotion receptions

We are also having our first-ever TMS production of "Charlotte's Web." It is a performing arts program that we hope to continue year after year. Furthermore, the annual dues and additional fundraising enable us to provide TMS teachers with stipends to enhance their classrooms.

If you have yet to pay your HSA dues, please do so today! We will also accept and welcome any donation amount. Kindly mail your check, payable to "Tenafly Middle School H.S.A.", to:

Tenafly Middle School
Att: HSA
10 Sunset Lane
Tenafly, NJ 07670

Alternatively, the check may be dropped off at the TMS school office or be given to your child's homeroom teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,
Debra Gordon, Andrea Orlando, and Karin Erdtmann

HOOPS FOR HEART!

Join us in our efforts to support Hoops For Heart - organized by the TMS P.E./Family Life Department!

TMS is joining millions of others to help save lives with the American Heart Association!

At our school, we are educating our students on how they can help make a difference by raising lifesaving donations to help kids with heart disease. Students are also learning about their own heart, and how to keep it healthy. We are excited about raising money for other kids - kids with hearts that don't exactly work right and to help fund new medicines and treatments to be discovered.

Parents are welcome to attend the Hoops for Hearts assemblies on February 16th which includes a student/faculty basketball game and "Hot Shot" competition. Parents and Guardians who would like to visit must sign in at main office, then you will be directed to the gymnasium. Here is the schedule of the grade level assemblies:

Grade 7: 8:30 - 9:30am

Grade 8: 9:30 - 10:30am

Grade 6: 10:40 - 11:40am

Please help us make a difference!

Click [HERE](#) for donations.

Deadline for donations is Valentine's Day - Feb. 14.

PROJECT CICERO BOOK COLLECTION

TMS will once again be participating in Project Cicero, an annual book drive to support classroom libraries in the New York City school system.

Beginning Monday, February 13th, through Wednesday, March 1st, donation boxes will be located outside the main office and cafeteria. In addition to our collection, TMS will also be bringing a "Van of Volunteers" to the Dwight-Englewood School on East Palisade Avenue in Englewood on Friday, March 3rd. A bus will depart TMS at 3:30pm and return at 6:15pm. We will be working with other local volunteers to help sort the combined community collection of books. Interested students should complete and return the [permission slip](#) to Ms. d'Adolf by February 24th. All student volunteers will receive a Certificate of Community Service.

Click here for more information about [PROJECT CICERO](#).

TENAFLY MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING TRACK AND FIELD

TMS Spring Track and Field is preparing for another terrific season.

The team is open to all boys and girls in grades 6-8.

Track and field events include shot put, discus, hurdles, long jump, high jump, triple jump, sprints, and distance running.

If your child is interested in participating, please mark your calendars and have your child attend the interest meeting **Wednesday, February 15th**.

Forms are due March 14, 2017 and practice begins March 28, 2017.

For detailed information on the NEW registration process please visit www.TenaflyTigers.org and click on the link "REGISTER: FamilyID (THS/TMS)" found on the top grey bar.

UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES!

7TH GRADE CAREER DAY

Parents are needed for the annual Career Fair Day scheduled for Friday, March 17, 2017!

This event is for 7th grade students only, but all parents are welcome to participate. During the school day, students will meet with several career representatives to hear presentations and ask questions about a wide variety of career fields. Most students love to have a family member come to school on that day to "share their career story." If you are interested in being a representative, please email Miss Rusek at crusek@tenafly.k12.nj.us.

TMS HSA SKATE NIGHT AT MACKAY RINK!

Friday March 17, 7:00pm-8:30pm

All TMS grades invited, though limited to the first 200 skaters to sign up due to rink capacity. Price: \$15.00 per skater, including skate rental! Come join your friends and support your school with a super-fun evening on ice!

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions or concerns please contact any of the H.S.A. Council members;

Jasmine Elson, (201) 757-5856, jasmineelson@gmail.com

Debra Gordon, (201) 310-2816, dkglitter@aol.com

Andrea Orlando, (201) 315-6429, andreaorlando@aol.com

Karin Erdtmann, (201)575-6126, kertmann6126@gmail.com

[Ice Skating Waiver & Info](#)

S.O. DODGE BALL NIGHT - MARCH 24th

Please encourage your students to participate in this exciting TMS tradition! Students teams compete in double elimination tournament and the finalist play against the teachers' team. It is great fun!

Students who would like to compete should contact Mr. Wien or Mr. Calabrese. It's \$5.00 to join a team and students must be a members of the S.O. to play. Students who are not S.O. members, should contact Mrs. Zerling to purchase their S.O. card.

Other activities include a student baking contest. Students interested in participating should contact Mrs. Zerling for entry details.

Admission to S.O. Dodge Ball night is free for parents and S.O. members. Non-members pay \$7.00 at the door."

TMS SPRING PLAY - CHARLOTTE'S WEB

We are pleased to announce that the H.S.A. is organizing a student production of the play Charlotte's Web, based on E.B. White's most famous novel. The performances are scheduled March 31st and April 1st.

TMS YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Time to order your child's yearbook! The yearbook is not just for 8th graders. 6th and 7th grades are also represented and the yearbook is a great keepsake of your student's middle school years. Please see attached flyer for more information.

All orders are placed directly with the publisher through their website:

www.jostens.com

Please do not contact the school regarding yearbook sales - they are handled entirely by Jostens. Deadline for yearbook orders: March 31, 2017

You can make your child's yearbook extra special with a personalized cover. Deadline for personalization: February 24, 2017

The yearbooks will be delivered to the Middle School in June. 6th and 7th graders will receive their yearbook during homeroom and the 8th graders receive theirs at the yearbook signing party.

FEBRUARY 2017

- 1 PASET Meeting, 9 a.m., Tenafly Diner
- 1 SEPAC Meeting, 10 a.m., 500 Tenafly Road
- 1 HSA Open Advisory Meeting, 7 p.m., TMS Cafeteria
- 8 TEF Meeting, 8:30 p.m., TMS Library
- 10-14 S.O Valentine's Day Sale - Afterschool at the S.O. Store
- 13 CAP Meeting, 7:30 p.m., THS Library/Media Center
- 14 Deadline for Hoops for Heart donations. Click [HERE](#) to donate.
- 15 Spring Track and Field Interest Meeting for Students, 3 p.m., TMS New Gym
- 16 Early Dismissal - 12:20 p.m, Winter Recess
- 17-21 School Closed - Winter Break
- 22 School Reopens

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH 2017

- 1 PASET Meeting, 9 a.m., Tenafly Diner
- 1 SEPAC Meeting, 10 a.m., 500 Tenafly Rd.
- 2 I-Search Presentations, Scheduled During School Hours
- 3 Project Cicero Van of Volunteers 3:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
- 6 HSA Open Advisory Meeting, 9 a.m., TMS Cafeteria
- 8 TEF Meeting, 8:30 p.m., TMS Library
- 13 Early Dismissal - 12:20 p.m., Professional Development Day
- 13 CAP Meeting, 7:30 p.m. THS Library/Media Center
- 15 Parent/Teacher Conferences Grade 7 & 8
Student Lead Portfolio Review Grade 6
- 17 7th Grade Career Day
- 17 TMS HSA Skate Night - Mackay Rink - 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.
- 24 S.O. Dodgeball Night, 6-9 p.m., TMS Gym
- 31-April 1 TMS School Play, Charlotte's Web

We hope you found this email alert helpful, and encourage everyone to get involved in the H.S.A. We can't make a difference without you! If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please send us an email at TMSHSA@aol.com.

Debra Gordon, Andrea Orlando & Karin Erdtmann - TMS H.S.A. Co-Presidents

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