



Vincent L. Triggs Elementary School

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February 2017 Newsletter

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| G JANUARY 30 Concept of the Week: Success | S JANUARY 31 | V 1 VOYAGES 8:15 AM | T 2 | R 3 SPIRIT DAY! |
| I 6 Concept of the Week: Empathy | G 7 | S 8 LAST DAY 1 ST SEMESTER VOYAGES 8:15 AM | V 9 SEMESTER AWARDS 9:45 GR. K-2 1:45 GR. 3-5 | T 10 |
| R 13 PROGRESS REPORTS Concept of the Week: Organization | I 14 SOT Meeting 3:40 pm | G 15 FIRST DAY 2 ND SEMESTER VOYAGES 8:15 AM | S 16 U-Swirl Night 3-8 PM | V 17 PTSO GEN MEETING 8:10 AM LIBRARY SPIRIT DAY! FUN FRIDAY! |
| NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS DAY! 20 | T 21 Concept of the Week: Honesty | R 22 VOYAGES 8:15 am | I 23 SPRING PICTURE DAY! | G 24 MOVIE NIGHT! Time TBD SPIRIT DAY! |
| S 27 NEVADA READING WEEK Concept of the Week: Grit | V 28 NEVADA READING WEEK | T MARCH 1 NEVADA READING WEEK | R MARCH 2 NEVADA READING WEEK | I MARCH 3 NEVADA READING WEEK |

PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Expect your child to succeed and his/her chances for success improve greatly. Expect him/her to come up short, and the odds are they will.

Children are usually keenly aware of how their parents view them, and they often tailor their actions to those views. So, it's very important to have high expectations – and communicate them to your child.

To set effective expectations:

- ☞ Make sure what you expect is within your child's abilities. If you set expectations that are either too high or too low, your child may do poorly.
- ☞ Let your child know what you expect of them. Make a detailed list of your expectations. Be sure to include places and situations – home, school, and homework.
- ☞ Be consistent. Don't lower your expectations because you feel guilty for being away from home. And don't raise them because you've had a rough day.
- ☞ Give your child the ways and means to meet your expectations. For example, provide a well-lit study space, school supplies, AND encouragement!

LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Vincent L. Triggs ES will now host Leadership Luncheons! We plan to host the luncheons on the last day of each month. Selected students will join our Principal, Mrs. Cooper and the Assistant Principal, Mr. McGuire, in the conference room for lunch. Each student will receive a certificate and engage in discussions or activities centered around leadership. Each grade level will select two students per month to be recognized. A few staff members will be selected for their leadership as well. We are looking forward to this new student recognition program promoting leadership!

HAS YOUR STUDENT LOST READING GLASSES?

Please come and see our vast selection in the Front Office.

PTSO News!

Thank you:

The PSTO would like to thank everyone for such a fantastic first semester. We completed the APEX Fun Run, had a blast at the Fall Festival and our Elves Shelves Store was a huge success. Our fundraising efforts have purchased two Chromebook Carts with 40 Chromebooks each, supplies for our classrooms and field trips. We look forward to making the second half of the year as successful as the first.

Family Night:

This Month's Family night is at U-Swirl on Feb. 16th from 3pm – 8pm. Head over for a treat after school.

Movie Night:

Join us for Triggs Annual Family Movie night on February 24th at 5:30 pm. This year we will be showing Monster's Inc. Admission to the movie is free, concessions will be sold. Hope to see you all there.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spelling Bee is coming! Dates TBD
February 24th – Movie Night
March 31st – 80's Dance

Mark your Calendars!

- ✓ 16th – U-Swirl Night 3-8pm
- ✓ 17th – PTSO Meeting 8:10 am in the Library
- ✓ 17th – Fun Friday
- ✓ 24th – Movie Night

*Thank you,
Your Triggs PTSO*

TRIGGS ES, SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONAL TEAM MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 3:31p

Members Present: Nicole Schrupf, Melissa Herout, Cathy Barbagallo, Joanna Mendez, Corie Hawks, Rachel Wood

Also in Attendance: Sheila Cooper, Bailey McGuire

Members Absent: None

Old Agenda Items: -n/a as this is the first meeting

New Agenda Items:

Functions of the team--Ms. Cooper shared the functions including the development of the school plan of operation (School Performance Plan, Strategic Budget), providing assistance and advice to the principal on carrying out the plan of operation, and assisting with the hiring of a principal in the event of an opening.

Selection of Offices--nominations

Chair--Cathy Barbagallo, 2nd and carried

Vice Chair--Melissa Herout, 2nd and carried

Discussion was held on inclusion of a community member on the team. The team voted to not include a community member.

Person responsible for keeping the Minutes--Bailey McGuire

Person responsible for Agendas--Corie Hawks

Person responsible for posting Announcements and Agendas--Nicole Schrupf

General Discussion:

Team Norms--bring food to the meeting, silencing of cell phones, show of hands for voting, meetings will be 3:40-4:40, respectful discussion, be on time.

Meeting Procedures--show of hands for voting

Agenda Planning:

Went over general information for budget--66K after salaries, 31 total teachers (2 of which are discretionary) plus Music, PE, Art, Library, Counselor, and Humanities. Special Education and Support Staff come from a different budget. The Learning Strategist position was funded by the state last year, we may need to absorb her into the staff this year. Ms. Cooper will email out some data to people to review prior to the next meeting. Ms. Herout and Ms. Schrupf want to gather staff input on discretionary positions so that they can represent the staff on the SOT team.

Information:

Next Meeting--Tuesday, February 14th 3:40p

Topics for next meeting--Review and finalize the strategic budget

Public Comment:

No comments on the selection of members for duties. No comments on team norms.

Paige Karetny shared the challenges of teaching computers, and has seen in other schools where it doesn't get taught without a dedicated computer teacher.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35p

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