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January 2017 Newsletter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 NO SCHOOL NEW YEAR'S DAY CELEBRATED!	3 G Classes Resume! Concept of the Week: <i>Trustworthiness</i>	4 S Voyages 8:15 AM	5 V	6 T Spirit day!
9 R Concept of the Week: Imagination	10 I	11 G Voyages 8:15 AM	12 S	13 V Spirit day!
16 NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY!	17 T Concept of the Week: <i>Generosity</i>	18 R Voyages 8:15 AM	19 I	20 G PTSO Meet 8:10 AM FUN FRIDAY! Spirit day!
23 S 2ND SEMESTER begins! Concept of the Week: <i>Perseverance</i>	24 V Panda Express Night 4-8 PM	25 T Voyages 8:15 AM	26 R	27 I REPORT CARDS GO HOME Spirit day!
30 G Concept of the Week: Success	31 S	FEB. 1 V Voyages 8:15 AM	FEB. 2 T	FEB. 3 R Spirit day!

Principal's State of the School

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The New Year is a time to celebrate this school year's successes.

- ☞ We welcomed Triggs families for Parent Student Teacher Academic Planning Time.
- ☞ Our PTSO has sponsored a number of successful events, including the Apex Fun Run, Fall Festival, McDonald's Night, and the Elves Shelves Holiday Store. Fundraising efforts resulted in the purchase of 80 new Chromebooks and charging carts!
- ☞ Our students presented a tribute to military personnel in the annual Veterans Day program.
- ☞ Student accomplishments were highlighted during monthly recognition lunches.
- ☞ The Student Council conducted a successful holiday food drive.
- ☞ School Organizational Team (SOT) was created to include: Corie Hawks, Joanna Mendez, Rachel Wood, Melissa Herout, Nicole Schrupf, and Cathy Barbagallo.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to maintain high expectations for student achievement!

Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program

An informational brochure about the Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program will be sent home with your child this week. Administered by the Nevada State Treasurer's Office, the Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program allows parents to pay for future college tuition costs at today's prices. Learn how at NV529.ORG or call 1-888-477-2667 if you have questions about the program. Enrollment ends March 31, 2017.

Order your YEARBOOK today for \$22.00! Forms are available in the Front Office!

The Paint-A-Brick **GARDEN FUNDRAISER** CONTINUES! Now you can buy your bricks and donate to the garden through our **WEBSTORE**. You can even pay for produce on the Webstore! The link is on the Triggs Website. Have your child paint a brick to be placed in our garden.
 We will add to the bricks monthly and watch our walk and garden grow!

We are ALWAYS accepting donations of 'slightly used' clothing and new packages of underwear (all sizes) in the Health Office for student use! **ACCIDENTS HAPPEN!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



What a fantastic end to 2016 we had during our Elves Shelves Holiday Store fundraising event! Thank you to all our elves that volunteered to work as gift wrappers, hall escorts, and shopping assistants! The store was a tremendous success and we could not have done it without the hard work of our volunteers! THANK YOU! Our profits from this event will be announced in our next newsletter! We are happy to share that in December, we were able to provide the school with a check for over \$18,000 to buy 80 new Chromebooks with charging carts for our students. We would not have been able to do this without the support of generous donors like you!

Once again, we will be partnering with our local Panda Express for a Family Night Fundraising Event! Take a night off from cooking and support Triggs at our Panda Express Night! It's a win-win! We will be sending out flyers for this event soon! Keep checking those backpacks!

Important Dates in JANUARY:

- January 20 – PTSO general meeting @ 8:10 AM
Fun Friday – during lunches
- January 24 – Panda Express Night 4-8 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 24 – Movie Night
- March 31 – 80's Dance



Thank you, Triggs PTSO

Reading Fluency

Triggs Elementary Teachers in Grades K-3 are focusing on the development of fluency as part of improving students' reading skills.

Fluency is one of the building blocks of reading. When we hear the word *fluency* we often think of reading quickly with accuracy. In reality, fluency is much more. According to Dr. Tim Rasinski, fluency is not just a number. Fluent readers:

- ☞ Read text with purpose and understanding;
- ☞ Read prose and poetry orally with accuracy;
- ☞ Use appropriate rate and expression while reading; and
- ☞ Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition or understanding.

Becoming a fluent reader is important, and requires practice in school and at home. Fluency and comprehension go hand-in-hand. Not only do we want students to practice reading with accuracy, we also want students to think about the meaning of the text. Here are five ways to support fluency at home:

Repeated Reading: Choose a story or passage that will not be too difficult for your child. Read the passage aloud to your child, working together to figure out some of the trickier words. Then read the text together. After that, have your child read it to you, and listen for accuracy. Have your child read it again, and pay attention to expression. Repeat this process throughout the week using the same passage. If you are unsure of what to read, ask your child's teacher for a copy of a passage they may be using in class.

Read and Perform Poetry: Choose a poem that is not too difficult for your child, and follow the repeated reading steps above. Once your child becomes more familiar with the poem, read it in different voices, and perform the poem.

Use Music: Is there a song that you and your child love to hear? Find the lyrics and use the repeated reading strategy with the lyrics. Listen for smooth expression.

Match your Voice to the Meaning: When reading a passage, think about how the character feels, what is happening, the meaning, or the tone of the passage. Think about how you sound when you feel that way. Read the text to match the feelings or meaning.

Use Recorded Readings: As you listen to a recorded reading, whether a book, song, or poem, read along with the recording.

Heart of Education Awards

The Heart of Education Award was created with the goal of honoring, recruiting, and retaining great educators in Southern Nevada. To nominate a teacher go to: <http://theheartofeducation.org/nominate>

PLEASE put your child's name in all outerwear!