TVLA on the Way to Wrapping Up Another Great Year

Time is flying by. There are just 4 weeks left of the school year, and it is looking like it will be a great finish for students at TVLA. Not only have students been sitting for their standardized tests (see page 2), they have been diligently working to master their remaining Focus Areas for their classes. More than 10 students have successfully completed all of the assessments for the year and are now working to finish the final projects required to pass their courses. Several students have completed all work for one or more courses so they are able to put their focus where it is most needed. Hard work is paying off!

TVLA’s First Exhibition of Community Engagement

Join us on Tuesday, May 28th, from 5:30-7:00 PM at the Hispanic Cultural Center as we partner with Teach for America to offer the first TVLA Exhibition Night. Support students as they showcase the work they have done to build two of their Community Engagement projects: The Traveling Table and Snake River Mentoring.

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Students from both schools contributed to making the grounds look better.

May 16th
TVLA Parent Night 5-5:45pm

May 17th
CWI Tour

May 27th
No School Memorial Day

May 28th
TVLA Exhibition Night

June 4th & 5th
2-hour early release: 12:30

June 5th
Last Day of School

Dates To Note:

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STANDARDIZED TESTING COMPLETE FOR 2018-19

MAP Testing - 9th and 10th graders took their final Measure of Academic Performance (MAP) tests in April. We showed growth as a school, and we appreciate the effort that was put into these assessments.

ISAT
Sophomores were tasked with a week’s worth of ISATs (Idaho Standardized Academic Test) and pulled it off well. We look forward to getting results back from the state later this month. Thanks to all our staff and students for their patience and support during the tests.

REASONS WHY STUDENTS TAKE STANDARDIZED TESTS
- Gives teachers guidance on student learning and their own teaching practices.
- Gives students a picture of their progress (or lack of) over a number of years in significant areas (math, reading, writing).
- Gives parents information on how their child is performing compared to students locally, and nationally, as well as how their child’s school as a whole compares to others.
- Gives government information on the education system in order to improve areas that are lacking. www.oxfordlearning.com

We Appreciate Our Teachers! This week, in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, TVLA is extending our thanks to our teachers. The 5 of them work hard every day for our students. We hope they feel appreciated all year, but especially this week as we provide some extra kindnesses and treats.

THANK YOU, CHANDON, ERICA, JESSICA, JILL and LISA!

Community Engagement - Master Chef Project
Ready—Set—Present… Students have formed groups and are competing against others to come up with the best recipe in TVLA’s version of Master Chef. Groups have decided on recipes, prepared ingredient lists within their budgets and watched Kurt demonstrate how to present and plate food. They will be preparing their food for the competition on Friday, May 10th. We will announce the winning team in next month’s newsletter, and provide photos of this exciting event. Stay tuned!

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Going Bananas for Bananas!
Bananas are thought to have originated in Malaysia around 4,000 years ago.
Bananas are one of the most widely consumed fruits in the world. Americans consume more bananas than apples and oranges combined.
The banana plant grows 10 to 26 feet. Banana fruits grow in clusters of 50 to 150, with individual fruits grouped in bunches, known as "hands," of 10 to 25 bananas.
Bananas are grown in at least 107 countries and are ranked fourth among the world’s food crops in monetary value.

Elvis Presley’s Favorite
Peanut butter and banana sandwiches are said to have been one of Elvis’ favorites. Take 2 slices of bread, spread peanut butter on one side and slices of bananas on top of that. Put the two pieces together and enjoy.
You can prepare banana slices with honey drizzled over the top or sauté bananas in butter, brown sugar and a little vanilla for a delicious ice cream topping.

Health Benefits & Information
Bananas are rich in potassium and fiber. An increase in potassium intake along with a decrease in sodium intake can reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease.
Bananas also contain tryptophan, an amino acid that studies suggest plays a role in preserving memory and boosting your mood.
Eating bananas could help lower blood pressure and reduce the risks of cancer and asthma. ~Medical News Today

Kurt’s Kitchen - Bringing you Nutrition News
What’s all the Hype about Measles?

Isn’t Measles just a polka dotted cold? For some, maybe, but this serious respiratory disease that causes a rash and high fever can also be deadly! Measles can lead to Pneumonia, Lifelong brain damage, Deafness and Death. Up to a third of kids under 5 years old who get measles are hospitalized for complications.

Measles is spread when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes. It is so contagious that you could catch it by being in a room where a person with measles has been, up to 2 hours after that person is gone!

Almost everyone who has not had the MMR shot will get measles if they are exposed to the measles virus.

Before vaccinations, nearly every child got the measles before the age of 15. In the US, there were 3-4 million people infected every year; about 500 people died each year from measles, 48,000 were hospitalized, another 1000 suffered deafness or encephalitis - brain damage.

We are so lucky to have the safe and effective MMR vaccine that had eradicated measles in the US in 2000. Unfortunately, too many people have forgotten how serious measles can be and have chosen to forgo immunizations. We are now seeing the natural result of this choice— a surge in measles cases across the US. - By Nancy Reinke RN
Meet Josiah
Josiah joined TVLA this year as a Sophomore. He said his favorite thing about TVLA is that the teachers work with you and support you at your level. When he is not at school, you might find him riding or working on his BMX bike.

Some of Josiah’s Favorite Things
Favorite Color: Black
Favorite Band: Metallica
Favorite Food: He doesn’t have a favorite, but really likes all kinds of food.
Favorite Activity: Riding BMX bikes

Remind Me . . .
Sign-Up for Remind: Get updates on important events and activities that are coming up.
Parents AND Students
Text: @44c4d2 To: 81010
Or go to the following link to join.
www.remind.com/join/tvlat

Who is a TVLA student?
• Willing to put in effort and partner with teachers to increase learning
• Willing to follow the Four Agreements:
  – Be impeccable with your word
  – Don’t take things personally
  – Don’t make assumptions
  – Always do your best
• Willing to work on a growth mindset
• Willing to make the World a better place

Find out more about us

TVLA Student Registration
New student applications for next year are now being accepted. Please complete the application form to begin the enrollment process.

http://tvla.nsd131.org/

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY
Free Math Tutoring Available
Thursdays 3-4:30pm
Karcher Church of the Nazarene.
2515 W Karcher Rd, Nampa
For more information, call 208-467-7479

May is Mental Health Awareness month! Students will learn more about mental health, resources and supports that are available and how to access them. If you would like more information, please contact Kerry at kwilton@nsd131.org

Parent Info Night/Open House Dates
Parents, students and community members interested in hearing more about TVLA are invited to attend one of the following information sessions. These sessions, held at the school, provide the opportunity to learn more about our program, get answers to questions about who we are and what we do and provide any input you may have. We hope to see you at the meeting in May if you haven’t attended in previous months.

THURSDAY, MAY 16th -
5:00-5:45 PM- Parents of current TVLA students
6:00-7:00 PM- Parents with students interested in attending next year.

Is your student absent from school?
Please call Tena at 208-498-0568 to excuse the absence.

Information about the TVLA Summer Get-Together will be published in June’s Newsletter. Emails will be going out as well. We’re looking forward to this event.

Josiah Quinlan
We will highlight a different student each month!