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## PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE



*Dear Parents and School Community,*

It has been a terrific start to the school year at TRES. I hope everyone has enjoyed a smooth transition back to the school routine.

**Please join me in welcoming the newest members of our TRES family:**

- \* Maria Rodriguez, Principal's Secretary
- \* Katie Wells, Psychologist/Behavior Specialist

— WELCOME —  
BACK TO SCHOOL

**We also welcome the following staff members to new assignments at TRES:**

- \* Lisa Mauger, Grade 1 Teacher
- \* Amy Adams, Grade 4 Teacher
- \* Anne Marie Cymerman, Educational Assistant (1M)
- \* Jane Frame, Educational Assistant (AM.KR/3S)



**In the spirit of friendship, I am very excited to share the news that Best Buddies is coming to Thornell Road Elementary School!** Best Buddies is an international non-profit organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

This organization was founded in the late 1980s by Anthony Kennedy Shriver following the legacy of social responsibility and leadership set forth by the Kennedy family. Best Buddies in the Rochester area is sponsored by the Golisano Foundation and is dedicated to ending the social isolation of people with IDD. Pittsford Central School District now has six Best Buddies programs and Thornell Road is one of the only elementary programs in the country and one of the first in New York State. *More details will follow in the upcoming weeks.*

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During the '17-'18 school year, we will strengthen the alignment between the PCSD Next Generation Skills, our social emotional learning practices and our cornerstone of "Living the Thornell Road Way". We will also continue to strengthen our curricular, assessment and instructional alignment between grade levels and expand our use of instructional technology as we continue to engage our students in rigorous and authentic learning experiences.

**SOCIAL  
EMOTIONAL  
LEARNING**

This summer, TRES again participated in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. For the results of this challenge, please see Ms. St. James' Reading Corner.

**Thank you for all that you do to support our students, our school and our community!**

Sincerely,

Roger DeBell  
Principal



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### **Thornell Road Elementary School**



**A Learning Community Dedicated to  
Teamwork, Respect and Excellence for our Students**





# PTSA



# NEWS



## Enews sign up instructions

Please sign up to keep up to date with activities and events at TRE!

Instructions to receive TRE PTSA Enews:

- 1) Go to [www.pittsfordschools.org](http://www.pittsfordschools.org)
- 2) Quick Links - "PTSA"
- 3) Register for Enews (grey box)
- 4) Submit "Your Information"
- 5) Choose the Thornell Rd. box
- 6) Click "Sign me up" at the bottom

Parents of sixth graders at Barker →  
Instructions to receive BRMS PTSA Enews:

- 1) Go to [www.pittsfordschools.org](http://www.pittsfordschools.org)
- 2) Quick Links - "PTSA"
- 3) Register for Enews (grey box)
- 4) Submit "Your Information"
- 5) Choose the Barker Rd. box
- 6) Click "Sign me up" at the bottom

Any questions? Email Jess Izzo at  
[jcizzo247@gmail.com](mailto:jcizzo247@gmail.com)



It's time to start collecting and clipping those box tops for our bi-annual Thornell Road Box Tops Fundraiser! Our goal is to raise \$1500 in box top funds for PTSA led school programs, but we are going to need your help! Our first classroom competition begins now. Look over your groceries and other retail products to start clipping. Ask a relative or neighbor to help save tops too. Last day to submit clippings is Oct 20<sup>th</sup>!

~ Jackie Hughes



## FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

ATTENTION PARENTS: EASY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! MS. LUBBERS IS LOOKING FOR PARENTS TO HELP OUT IN YOUR CHILD'S ART CLASS. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO BE A PART OF THE CLASSROOM! THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE. YOU WOULD HELP BY BEING AN ADDITIONAL SET OF EYES, EARS AND HANDS! NO ART EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

PLEASE CONTACT CARRIE ARCHER FOR MORE INFORMATION!  
[carriearch@gmail.com](mailto:carriearch@gmail.com)





## Reading Corner

~ Miss Samantha St. James, Reading Specialist



Hello Thornell Road Families,

I am very excited to be kicking off the 2017-2018 school year with the results from our participation in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. **Congratulations to all participants** for a job well done! Here are the final results from the challenge:

- TRE students logged **495,275 minutes** towards the new Scholastic World Record
- TRE placed **58<sup>th</sup> worldwide**

### Top Readers from the 2017 Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge

Thanks to the PTSA, these top readers will each receive a Barnes & Noble gift card!!



**Noah**

(Last Year's Kindergarten)



**Jenna**



**Tessa**

(Last Year's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade)



**Matteo**



**Izabella**

(Last Year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)



**Tristan**



**Sukhmani**

Last Year's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)



**Ava**



**Jonah**

(Last Year's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)



**Jiawei**



**Curran**

(Last Year's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)



**Melissa**

### Top Logging Classrooms:

K - Mrs. Roets

1 - Mrs. Hess

2 - Mrs. Crumb

3 - Ms. Canfield

4 - Mrs. Stevens-Oliver

5 - Mr. Beldue

**Everyone should be  
very proud of our  
school 😊**

**Keep on reading!**



## Odyssey of the Mind Informational Meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from elementary school through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

Thornell Road School had 4 Teams participate in Odyssey last year and all of them proved they really know how to think "out of the box" at the Regional Competition in Webster. Two Thornell Road Teams travelled to the State Tournament in Binghamton and one of the teams advanced to the World Finals in Michigan.

Come to the Introductory Meeting for students in 4th and 5th grade to see how they can join the Thornell Road Alumni on an Odyssey of the Mind team. A parent informational meeting will be held on Monday, October 2nd from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Thornell Road School Cafeteria.

For more information about the program go to [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com) or watch <https://youtu.be/cWHP64kUhWc>.



## Service Stars in the Greenhouse

~Mrs. Doran

5<sup>th</sup> grade Thornell Road students have the opportunity to learn more about recycling by participating in our Greenhouse project during recess at school. By participating in an environmental service-learning project, students make difference in their future and the future of our planet. Service Stars will learn how to make handmade recycled paper out of material from the blue box, study worms and how they make natural compost and learn how to grow and care for herbs and flowers in our Greenhouse. They will be able to share these skills with the whole school by giving tours of the greenhouse and worm farm and at Open House with Mrs. Lubbers making paper for the whole school.

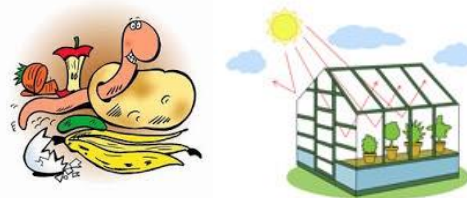
Our Service Stars have been the proud winners twice in the Fast Forward Film Festival! Watch <https://vimeo.com/117876503> and

<https://vimeopro.com/fastforwardroc/2017-official-selections-youth-program>

To learn more about our Thornell Road Service Stars and the Greenhouse go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8X8tafCFJPI>

The students will get more information about signing up from their classroom teachers.





## JOIN CUB SCOUTS!!!



We are inviting all boys and families in first through fifth grades interested in fun, adventure, achievement, leadership and character development to consider joining Cub Scouts.

No prior experience in Cub Scouts is necessary. Please contact Alex McClean at [alex\\_mcclean1@yahoo.com](mailto:alex_mcclean1@yahoo.com) or (585) 425-4363 for further information.

More information can be found on the Pack 2 website at <https://sites.google.com/site/trspack2cubscouts/>



### Upcoming Events

10/6 – Super. Conference Day (No School)  
 10/9 – Columbus Day (No School)  
 10/10 – PTSA Mtg. (Cafeteria), 9:30am  
 10/12 – School Picture Day  
 10/17 – PTSA Super Sale "Pre-Sale" for PCSD Staff. MHS. 1-7pm  
 10/18 – PTSA Super Sale. MHS. 9am-7pm  
 10/19 – PTSA Super Sale. MHS. 9am-7pm  
 10/20 – PTSA Super Sale. MHS. 9am-7pm  
 10/23 – TRE BOE Report. 7pm  
 10/31 – Halloween Parade. 1:30pm

### Nurse's Office

~ Mrs. Lattuca, School Nurse Teacher

- ➔ Please reinforce the school safety rule regarding food in the classroom and cafeteria. NO sharing food or snacks
- ➔ Please remember to hand in an updated physical/immunization form to the Health Office. ALL new students to Thornell Road, all 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students need a physical with updated immunizations this year.
- ➔ Please pack an extra pair of undies and pants in your child's backpack. It will save you a trip to school if there is an accident or muddy mess while on the playground.