

The Spotlight

Special points of interest:

- Teacher Recruitment Days
- Boy's Indoor Track Teams are State Champions
- Earth Day is Coming



Black Horse Pike
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
*Engaging Students, Fostering
Achievement, Inspiring Excellence*

Earth Day is Coming

Since 1970, Earth Day has been a world-wide celebrated annual event, held on April 22, to raise awareness of environmental concerns that challenge our planet and take action to make positive change to preserve its future.

As we prepare for Earth Day 2014, the District is excited to celebrate the unveiling of Timber Creek's Organic Garden on Friday, April 11, 2014.

Students, staff and volunteers have begun much of the groundwork to establish the garden beds that will make up this garden on the grounds behind the school at Timber Creek. Students recycled wooden pallets from the delivery of the solar panels located on the grounds to design the beds that will grow our produce.

Teacher Recruitment Days

Recently our Office of Personnel Management participated in several teacher recruitment fairs. On February 21st, Mr. Szuchy and Mrs. Scully visited Rutgers University in New Brunswick for their annual Education and Public Service Internship fair. This fair was specifically geared for students that are enrolled in Rutgers' 5 year Masters in Education program. In March, Mrs. Scully traveled to the 29th annual Teacher Recruitment Day Consortium Fair at Millersville College.



This gave the district an opportunity to meet with over 700 qualified teacher candidates from 11 area colleges, representing over 25 certification areas. In addition on Saturday, March 22nd the BHRSD, along with 24 other local school districts, participated in a Minority Education Recruitment Fair sponsored by the Salem-Gloucester Counties Equity Committee at Rowan University. This event provided the district with an opportunity to meet and interview para-professionals, teachers, supervisors and assistant principals.

Boy's Indoor Track Teams are State Champions!

Both Timber Creek and Highland have earned something to cheer about at the State level. The District is pleased to announce and celebrate the success of not one, but two of our high school's Boy's Indoor Track Teams during the 2013-2014 Winter Sports season.

The Timber Creek Chargers captured the Group 3 title and the Highland Tartans captured the Group 2 title. Our congratulations go out to Timber Creek students Kareem Ali (11), Gregory Black (12), Jammad Muse (12), Kevin Hagamin (12), Lawrence Russell (11), Nakier Johnson (12), and to Highland students Stephen Maine (12) and Chais Hill (11).

Earning the State tile is no small feat and we applaud our students for their well earned victories.



February Spotlight Winners

Spotlight is our student and faculty of the month program. All nominations are received from faculty members and students. One student per grade and one faculty member are selected. The winners, their parents, and the nominator are invited to a breakfast on the 4th Friday of the month.

Grade 9	Katie Fisher
Grade 10	Katie Morgan
Grade 11	Briana McKenzie
Grade 12	Floriza Mangulabnan
Staffulty	Paul Sanchez

Camden County

Best of Class 2014

Community Service Award	Ahmed Mustafa
Leadership Award	Morgan Reid
Most Improved	Tiffany Leary
Best Overall	Schlyer Edwards
Most Courageous	Brett Small
Performing Arts	Juan Nicdao
School Spirit	Dan Julia

Honoring Outstanding African-American Community Leaders in Gloucester Twp.

In honor of Black History Month, the Gloucester Township Council recognized Ahmed Mustafa and Morgan Reid for their leadership qualities and their contribution to the community.

Tartan Sports Soar Again!

Highland Wrestling

Congratulations to the wrestling team for finishing the season as District 30 champions and to Mike Davidson for being chosen Coach of the Year. The hard work of our athletes again paid off with spectacular dividends, and we commend our outstanding "matmen" for their efforts.

Highland Boys' Winter Track Team

It has been an incredible season for the boys' winter track team. They have conquered the triple crown of winter track:

- State Relays
- Group Sectionals
- Group II State Title

Highland finished #1 in South Jersey and #3 in the state top 20 poll.

Congratulations to Coach Wagner on being named Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year by the South Jersey Track Coaches Association 2014.



Camden County College Engineers Week Design Competition

Two teams from Highland High School participated in the Camden County College Engineers Week Design Competition. Teams had 45 minutes to design and build a "Boomelever" device that would hold as much weight as possible with as high efficiency as possible. Congratulations to teammates Joshua Clark, Jose Figueroa, and Zach Samalonis, who placed 2nd in the competition.

Highland Artist Receives Recognition

Melissa Lovello was selected to have her artwork shown at the 3rd Street Gallery on Second Street in Philadelphia during the month of February. The show was titled Philadelphia Community Exhibit and featured the work of emerging artists from our area. Melissa will be attending University of the Arts (where she was accepted on the spot) in the fall with a \$15,000 per year scholarship, the university's prestigious Artists Scholarship. Melissa is a student of Mrs. Smith and Mr. Moustakas.



WORLD OF DIFFERENCE AND HISTORY CLUB

Before 1970, women's history was rarely the subject of serious study. Two significant factors contributed to the emergence of women's history. The women's movement of the sixties caused women to question their invisibility in traditional American history texts. Women's history was also part of a larger movement that transformed the study of history in the United States. "History" had traditionally meant political history—a chronicle of the key political events and of the leaders, primarily men, who influenced them. But by the 1970s "the new social history" began replacing the older style. Emphasis shifted to a broader spectrum of American life, including such topics as the history of urban life, public health, ethnicity, the media, and poverty.

This year, Timber Creek's History Club and World of Difference decided to showcase the Women's Suffrage Movement, some of its artwork and some of its slogans. The yellow roses symbolize the yellow roses worn in support of the Nineteenth Amendment legalizing women's right to vote. The displays on the opposite wall showcase the accomplishments of the first and second waves of feminism as women moved towards equality in the twentieth century.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In honor of Black History Month, Timber Creek's History Club President, Samuel Opawumi, and Advisor Assistant, Joshua Mott, read inspirational quotes each morning in February over the loud speaker. Quotes included:

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Each person must live their life as a model for others."
- Rosa Parks

Sam and Josh also introduced the Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble assembly on February 19th and hosted a reception for the presenters sponsored by the History Club. Timber Creek students enjoyed a magnificent and amazing performance by the dance and drum ensemble!



UNIVERSAL DANCE AND DRUM ENSEMBLE



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The Class of 2014 hosted its first *Battle of the Bands* on Friday, February 7th. Audience members listened to the amazing talent from the seven bands that competed. After each performance, the bands were given scores and feedback from the judges.

Even the audience had the chance to participate by texting in their votes. At the end of the night, *Kuzooru* took home the 1st place trophy. A good time was had by all.



INSIDE ONE'S MIND





S.T.E.M. AT TRITON

Fifteen young ladies from high level science classes attended a women in engineering STEM day to introduce young women to engineering at Drexel University. These students gave up their day off to engage in science, math, engineering and technology activities. There were only 100 young ladies invited from the Tri-State area so being there was an honor.

1000 POINT BANNER AND GYMNASIUM GRAND OPENING

Triton officially opened and presented its newly remodeled gymnasium to the community. The gymnasium boasts a brand new floor, new bleachers, fresh paint and new dividers. Mrs. Sheppard took this opportunity to hang a new 1000 point basketball banner that recognizes the more than 50 years of athletic history that has passed through our gymnasium.



TRITON CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Here at Triton, Black History Month was a full month celebration interwoven into the entire school day. The history department set up a display case featuring important black Americans and what their "tweets" would be. Every Monday, a question based on the display was posed by Mrs. Sheppard and prizes were awarded. Mr. Little sponsored a daily trivia question for the month. There were three winners for the monthly trivia question contest.

JEFF YALDEN VISITS

Triton was visited by a dynamic life coach and speaker, Mr. Jeff Yalden. His message to teens, was to take time to think. He wrote a book, Your Life Matters, which revolves around encouraging teens to take time to think and to take positive actions that can enrich their lives. Part of Mr. Yalden's program is to insist that participating schools continue to spread his message throughout the rest of the school year. We initiated a 50 student peer leadership group where each student develops an idea on how to improve school climate and promote good character.

LADY MUSTANGS TRIUMPH

The girls' varsity basketball team had a very impressive season. They made the state playoffs against Woodrow Wilson. At the start of the season, for the first time in four years, no media outlet contacted the team. The ladies took that as a challenge and responded by competing every night and making it to the state tournament. Way to go lady Mustangs. We look forward to another great season next year!

TRITON TECH CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Joe Knoerzer and Kayla Kaelin from 7th period Woodworking class. The students met the challenge to design and create a device which would transport one hockey ball a given distance, stop, and then launch the ball to score points in a shuffle board game. The students went on to represent Triton in the district wide Tech Challenge.

RENAISSANCE HONORS SPOTLIGHT MUSTANGS

The following students and faculty were nominated and chosen for embodying the characters of a true Mustang role model. They were honored with a breakfast, certificate, Triton shirt and a free meal at Texas Roadhouse.

February

9th Grade	Dominic Marianna
10th Grade	Mike Naphys
11th Grade	Chanel Jordan
12th Grade	Seyma Kirca
Teacher	Mary Jane Chambers