

TIGER Newsletter

Tipton Community School District 400 East Sixth Street Tipton, IA 52772

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KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP Tipton Elementary School February 21, 2018



Parents who have a child that will be five years old by September 15, 2018, and who will be enrolled in kindergarten this August, should attend

Tipton Elementary School's Kindergarten Round-Up Wednesday, February 21.

Parents planning to send their child to kindergarten next school year are asked to attend a meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. A copy of the child's birth certificate, which can be kept on file at school, should be brought to Round-Up. You will also need phone numbers for emergency contacts, doctor, and dentist to complete the registration information sheet. This meeting is for parents. Students will have an opportunity to visit before classes begin next August.

In order to do sufficient planning for the next year, it is very important that each and every beginning student be registered at this time instead of waiting until the first day of school. Appropriate plans for classes must be made before the start of school. The Gesell kindergarten readiness screening will be given to every youngster registered, prior to entrance into school.

Parents who cannot make it to Round-Up may have a friend register the child or may call the elementary office (563-886-6131) to indicate that the child will be attending in the fall.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences for K-12 will be held on Tues, March 20, from 1:15–8 & Thurs, March 22, 4–8p.m.

There will be an early dismissal on Tuesday, March 20.

Letters will be sent home to schedule conferences for Elementary students. Conferences for MS/HS will be held in the individual teacher's room.

Middle School report cards can be picked up by parents from the middle school office **before** they go to see the teachers.

Attending conferences in the classroom is a great way to see the buildings and classrooms.

Check the school website: www.tipton.k12.ia.us or call the MS/HS school offices for updated grades.

Blue Ribbon Flag Raising!

On the chilly morning of January 26, hearts were warmed with the official raising of our National Blue Ribbon School Flag! Congratulations Tipton Elementary!



**Early Outs:
Feb 7 and 21
March 7, 20, and 21**

Spring Break: March 12 - 16, 2018

A Note from Dr. Johnson...



I just wanted to take the time to say thank you for inviting me to your community to serve as the superintendent of schools. As you know, I am retiring from Iowa Public Schools at the end of June. To me, Tipton is and has been a great place to live, work, and learn and I'm glad that our lives have crossed! You have touched our lives (Bob and me) forever. Thank you! As the board moves forward to hire a new superintendent, I will assist in any way I can to help make it a smooth transition for the new leader when he/she takes the position on July 1. However, between now and July 1, there are many great things happening such as nearing the completion of the bond project, personalized and blended learning professional learning, and moving forward with building, district, and board goals that I'm excited to be involved with. These are indeed exciting times at Tipton CSD! It's a great day to

be a Tiger! Hear us Roar!

Let's talk about weather. Brrr, this January has brought in some cold days. We superintendents and other members of our administrative teams, always try to do our best to ensure the safety of our students. As a team, when weather starts to be a question, we start communicating and discussing the upcoming weather possibilities to get different viewpoints. Sometimes, we make the same decisions as other districts and other times, we make different decisions. Rest assured, we all strive to make the best decision possible for that day's weather.

Please note that if school is not cancelled or delayed and you feel that your child's safety might be in question due to the weather, just call the school and let us know that your child will not be in attendance that day. (Excused). We totally respect your decision.

I hope this Feb/March newsletter finds you all in good health and looking forward to spring.

Dr. Marlene Johnson

EVERYONE IS AN EDUCATION BOOSTER

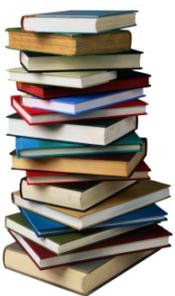
With the theme "Everyone is an education booster," Tipton Education Boosters (TEB) encourage all parents, community members and businesses to support TEB through annual memberships. TEB did a fall membership drive for the 2017-18 school year, though memberships can be sent at any time. An individual membership is \$5, a family membership is \$10, commercial is \$15, and a Big Booster membership is \$25 or more. Memberships should be sent to Tipton Education Boosters, % Tipton Community Schools, 400 East Sixth St., Tipton, IA 52772.

What your TEB membership provides

Developed in 1986, TEB continues to give support and encouragement for academic endeavors at all levels in the district. All membership funds are returned to the school district through: --providing academic pins for middle school honor roll and academic letters/pins for the high school honor roll; --maintaining the TEB Honor Roll bulletin boards showcasing academics at the middle and high schools; --supporting the National Honor Society induction ceremony; --giving a donation for field trips and academic endeavors to both the elementary and middle school; --providing birthday ribbons for every student at the elementary; --providing a free book to every third grader at the Fall Book Fair; --supporting the high school Academic Decathlon team and the FIRST Tech Challenge team; --recognizing teachers, administration, and support staff during American Education Week; --recognizing teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week with a certificate of appreciation with new teachers receiving a wooden TEB pencil with their name to display in their classrooms; and --recognizing the Tipton's school board during School Board Recognition Week. **Thank you for supporting TEB!**

Thank you Teachers!

During American Education Week, November 13 - 17, the Tipton Education Boosters expressed its appreciation to Tipton teachers by giving them cookies! This is our way of saying "Thank You!". Each of you makes a contribution to the education of our children. We can never say thank you enough.



Education Boosters Donate Books!

For the sixth year in a row, the Tipton Education Boosters provided a generous donation so that every third grader could purchase a book (up to \$5 value) from the Scholastic Book Fair. This incredible donation not only put books into the hands of 71 of our own students, but the school library benefited by also receiving that total amount in free books. Thank you to the Tipton Education Boosters for an incredible win-win-win situation for kids and books!

News from the Nurse



Illness– Within our school district we have had a couple different illnesses circulating. To help prevent the spread of illness in our school please do not send your child to school with a fever $\geq 100^{\circ}$ F. Students should be fever free for 24 hours, without the aid of fever reducing medications, before returning to

school. Students who are vomiting due to illness should be kept home for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting. If antibiotics are prescribed, they must be given for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school. For additional information on influenza please visit: www.cdc.gov/flu/.

Medication – Any medication to be given at school must be in the original container with the manufacturer’s label intact. For the safety of all the students an adult should deliver medication to the school. A signed parental permission authorization form must be completed for both prescription and over-the-counter medications. Medication consent forms are available on the Tipton Community School District website under NURSE/FORMS.



Dental Health – February is National Children’s Dental Health Month. Iowa mandates students in both Kindergarten and 9th grade complete a dental screening. These dental screenings help with the early detection of dental issues. An Iowa Department of Public Health CERTIFICATE OF DENTAL SCREENING should be completed and returned to the school nurse. Forms will be sent this



spring to students currently in 8th grade, and are also available on the Tipton Community School District website under NURSE/FORMS.

Low cost insurance – Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (HAWK-I) helps provide medical and dental coverage for uninsured children. No family pays more than \$40 per month. Some families that qualify pay nothing. For a brochure about the HAWK-I program please contact the school nurse, or visit www.hawk-i.org.

SPRING Art Show Open House K-8th Thursday, April 19, 6-8 PM

The hallways of the Elementary and Middle School buildings will be filled with a variety of projects from each grade level. Every elementary and middle school student will be represented in this showcase of artwork; most students will have two pieces of art on display. The theme this year is **Nature: Trees and Flowers**. This is a great opportunity to show support for your student's arts education! There will also be interactive and painting opportunities at the art show.



If you are unable to attend the Open House, stop by and view the work during school hours. Student work will be sent home after May 1st. Thank you for your support!
Sandy Kreinbring, Kdg.-8th Grade Art Teacher

Athletic Boosters

The Tiger Athletic Booster Club invites you to support the students of our school in their athletic endeavors. The following memberships are available: 1 Paw: \$25, 2 Paw: \$50, 3 Paw: \$100, 4 Paw: \$200, All-Star Tiger: \$500 +. Please mail your dues to Tiger Athletic Boosters, P.O. Box 204, Tipton, IA, 52772. If you have any questions, please contact Booster representatives, Kristin Hermsen at KHERMSEN88@GMAIL.COM or Carolyn Gritton at kizzmonster@hotmail.com.

Fine Arts Boosters

Tipton High School’s Fine Arts Council is a support group seeking to further the activities and growth of the fine arts, to encourage public interest in the activities in these areas, to provide funds that cannot be met by the school district for attendance and transportation for approved trips, and to finance and assist in the purchase of clothing, uniforms and equipment.

The Fine Arts Council consists of the parents of all members of the high school Art Club, Band, Choir, Dance, Drama, Speech and Thespians. Funding for the Fine Arts Council comes as parents, grandparents, extended family members, and community members become Patrons of the Arts. Various levels of donations will provide recognition of donation on all programs printed for Fine Arts events.

TigerTalk: TMS Student News



Here's the first episode of TigerTalk (TMS Student News). 10 Eighth graders put it together during their club time. Features include 5th STEM Fridays, Veteran's Day, Fall Sports, and Music Department. Check it out!

[TigerTalk: Episode 1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35Xmvq7hcew&feature=youtu.be)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35Xmvq7hcew&feature=youtu.be>

Parks/Rec Spring Schedule

Website: <http://www.tiptoniowa.org/city-of-tipton/city-departments/parks-recreation.aspx>

Director: Adam Spangler, Phone: 886-2271

Soccer (Preschool (Ages 3-5) - 6th Grade)

- Registration: February 5 – 28
- Fee: \$25 per child
- Practices start: Week of March 18
- Season: March 18 – May 1
- Coaches Mtg: Mon, Mar 5: City Hall
- Games: Monday or Tuesday evenings
- K-1 practices/games played on the field just east or west of Tipton HS
- Preschool, 2-3 & 4-6 grade practices/games played at the fields located just east of the Aquatic Center



Parent – Tot Swimming Lessons (Subject to change)

- Please Preregister. Forms are here: <http://www.tiptoniowa.org/city-of-tipton/city-departments/parks-recreation.aspx>
- Fee: \$25 per child
- Ages: 6 months and up
- Session: Class meets every Tues 6-6:30 pm or 6:30-7 pm.
- Sessions throughout the school year starting a week after the end of each session.
 - January 9 – February 13
 - Feb 20 – April 3 (No classes Spring Break week)
 - April 10 – May 15



Swimming Lessons (Preschool - 4)

- Please pre-register. Forms are here: <http://www.tiptoniowa.org/city-of-tipton/city-departments/parks-recreation.aspx>
- Fee: \$35 per child
- Session: Class meets every Wed at 6 pm or Sat at 9 am
- Sessions throughout the school year starting a week after the end of each session.
 - January 3 – February 10
 - Feb 21 – Apr 7 (No class Spring Break week)
 - April 11 – May 19

YMCA Winter Swim Club (Ages 6 – 21)

- Registration: TBD
 - Fee: TBD – YMCA fee
 - Times: Mon, Wed & Thurs from 3:45 – 5:45 pm
- Each child must perform a test to be a part of this program. Each child must swim one length of the pool **UNASSISTED** to participate in Winter Swim Club. If a child signs up and cannot perform this skill they cannot be a part of this program, no exceptions and your money will be refunded.

Baseball / Softball (Grades 3-6)

- Registration: February 19 – March 21
- Fee: \$40 per child
- Practices start: Determined at Coaches Mtg
- Season: Determined at Coaches Meeting
- Coaches Meeting: March 26 @ Aquatic Center
- 3-4 grade games will be played on Mon and Wed;
- 5-6 grade games will be played on Tues and Thurs
- Games will be played at North Cedar, West Branch, Wilton, Tipton, or West Liberty.



T-Ball (Age 4 – 2nd Grade) & 2nd grade (Girls/Boys) Traveling

- Registration: April 2 – May 2
- Fee: \$25 per child
- Practices start: May 14
- Season: May 14 – June 26
- Coaches Meeting: Tuesday, May 8 @ City Hall upstairs
- Games: To be determined at coaches meeting
- Games/practices at fields just east of Aquatic Center

Red Cross Swim (Little Swimmers – Level 6)

Info/registration will be handed out closer to the summer months.

For more info call Aquatic Center at [563-886-2271](tel:563-886-2271).

Swim Club (Ages 6 – 18)

- Registration: February 26 – June 1
- Session: June 4 – July 13
- Time: 7:45 – 9:15 am (Monday – Friday)
- Fee: \$60 per child (\$80 if you would like a cap and T-shirt)
- Fee includes swim meets

Must have passed Red Cross Swimming lessons Level 3 to be in Swim Club

Adult Basketball

- Tipton High School 1952 gym
- Every Wed & Sun through March 28
- Open Gym format
- Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

After School Alliance Program

The National Honor Society has been busy this year with a variety of projects. This past month, the National Honor Society enjoyed fundraising through a door-decorating contest to provide Christmas gifts to a family in need. One project that we have been particularly proud of is the After School Alliance. When there is a regularly scheduled early out on Wednesdays, high school students spend time mentoring middle school students in the skills of teamwork and leadership.

THS Winter Blood Drive

Tipton High School held their annual winter blood drive on



Thursday, January 11 from 10 - 3 at the Tipton High School. Due to poor weather conditions on January 11, we held another blood drive on Friday, Jan 26, to help MVRBC supply local hospitals over the next couple of months.

Donations state wide are down due to the recent cold spells so we need every pint we can get. The high school would like to thank all who donated during the blood drive.

Solo/Ensemble Music Open House

The THS music department will hold a solo and ensemble Open House beginning at **6 PM on Mon, March 26**, at the high school. At the open house, band and vocal students will present the selections they will perform at the upcoming solo/ensemble contest.



Everyone is welcome to attend these free performances. The open house offers students an opportunity to perform before being judged; and gives the community a chance to hear all of the fine HS musicians without traveling to contest. Come support our kids as they prepare for state contest.

Extended Learning Program

TCSD had a very busy first semester with our ELP program. Students in grades K-2 are continuing to be enriched in the classroom on a rotating basis as we look at developing critical thinking skills and creativity. Identified students in grades 3-4 meet weekly as we work on improving core skills and explore additional activities of the students choosing. Students in grades 5-8 participate in both skill building and personal projects through our Makerspace lab in the middle school. Identified high school students had the chance of taking our Humanities class or college level courses through Kirkwood. Current 9th grade students who are interested in being screened for the intent of taking college level courses as a sophomore need to meet with Mr. Stroup as soon as possible.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON COMPETES

Our Tipton High Academic Decathlon team will be competing in Cedar Rapids on Saturday, January 27, as we try to qualify for a return to the state competition later this year in Ft. Dodge. We will try and continue our streak of four straight Regional victories and improve on our 6th overall finish at state. We have qualified for the state tournament nine of the last ten years and are looking to continue the run. Our decathletes have been flexing their mental muscles this summer, fall, and winter as we have been studying the history, economics, art, music, and literature of Africa with an emphasis on the colonization of Nigeria. We would like to thank all of our sponsors, especially the Athenium and the Tipton Education Boosters who have financially helped our team throughout the years. Our team consists of seniors Kayla Behrle, Izzy Valet, and Treavor Johnson; juniors Emma Pratt and Katie Nelson; sophomores, Steven Scheuerman, Chloe Grovsenor, Joey Butler, Emma Thompson, and Craig Shaffer; and freshmen Keira Scott and Autumn Puffer.

Tipton ISTEP Educates!



This group of dedicated youth was at the girls varsity game on Tuesday, January 30!

ISTEP stands for Iowa Students for Tobacco Education and Prevention. Their goal is to educate the community about the risks of using tobacco. They spread their message with games and contests. Some of these games and prizes included sack races, Concession Stand Gift Certificates, Prizes, Freezer Pops and Information That Could Save Your Life!



Life Skills Tie Blankets!



The Life Skills students spent a morning in November making tie-blankets. The kids picked out their own fabric, cut the strips and tied the knots. Great looking blankets!

Food Service News!

The Tipton School Food Service Department would like to invite you to School Breakfast. Breakfast service times start at 7:45 in all buildings. The cost of a Breakfast meal is \$1.80. Any student who has been approved for Free meals will receive a breakfast meal at no charge. Students approved for Reduced priced meals can purchase a breakfast meal for \$.30. Every day we offer Yogurt, WG items, and each meal includes fruit, fruit Juice, and milk. Should your student not want to purchase a full meal, he / she can purchase single menu items at a-la-carte pricing.

New Breakfast Options for the HS!

High School students now have access to breakfast snack items between first and second block on A and B days only. The breakfast cart is located on the second floor outside the Auditorium west entrance. Students may purchase items using exact change only, as we are trying to prevent students from being late to class. All items offered for sale meet the Smart Snack Standards, as well as being favorites that students choose at breakfast and lunch.

We have introduced some new items in our Elementary building: Sack Lunches and Tiger Bowls! 4th graders have access to additional items meeting the Smart Snacks guidelines for purchase with cash only.

A reminder that if you have not set up an account at www.schoolcafe.com to view your student's purchases and balance, this would be a great time to do that. Low account balance notifications can be generated from this website. If you would like to know the balance of your student's account at any time, you can view it at schoolcafe.com, or you can contact our office at the phone number or e-mail listed below.

If you feel you may qualify for a Free or Reduced Price meal program, you can access an application at www.tipton.k12.ia.us/dining-service. We can assist you with completing the application should you have questions, or we can send a packet home with your student or in the mail. We are not accepting online applications at this time.

For more info or assistance with any forms, contact: Shelly Mohr, Food Service Director
Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM
Office phone: 563-886-9701

e-mail: shelly.mohr@tipton.k12.ia.us

Menus are on the District's website under

"Lunch": <http://www.tipton.k12.ia.us/dining-service>

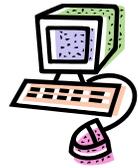
- Shelly Mohr and Food Service Staff

The Tipton School Libraries and its Many Resources!

Access Library Collections from Home!

The Tipton K-8 and high school library collections can be viewed from your home computer!

Go to the district website www.tipton.k12.ia.us and click the "Media" button. Here there are many useful links for students and parents.



Access the Tipton School Library

From the "Media Center" page, click on the "Alexandria" icon on the left and the Alexandria search window will appear. No login is necessary. Select which Media Center you want, HSMC or K8MC. To search for a book or author, choose either Scout or Researcher and begin your search.

Other Library Resources

The Media Center page also provides helpful Search Tools which include not only the Alexandria Catalog, but also a link to the Iowa AEA Online databases, the Grant Wood Online Resources, Abdo Digital (ebooks), a link to netTrekker d.i., Lexile.com-how to find a Lexile score for a book, a link to KidsClick, which is a directory of websites for kids, and a link to the Tipton Public Library. For some of these links, you will need to contact the school librarian for a passcode.

And don't forget to check out Ms. Courter's blog! She gives fantastic reviews of books that might interest your kids. Check out all of the resources available and maintained for you and your student.

Iowa AEA Online

Iowa AEA Online provides Iowa's K-12 students free access at school and at home [Internet access required] 24 hours a day, seven days a week to the following: Magazines, Newspapers, Encyclopedia, Videos-Photos- ClipArt, Software



Training, plus literary writings, dictionaries, maps, almanacs, biographies, web links, government documents, historical documents, information on weather, health, careers, business and more. This site is designed for the age-interests of students and is free from objectionable content.

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Two valuable resources provided for MS-HS include the **SIRS Researcher** and the **World Book Research Libraries**. **SIRS Researcher** features thousands of relevant full-text articles and analysis on today's social, scientific, health, historic, economic, political and global issues. **World Book Research Libraries** were specially developed to provide students with broad access to primary source materials through an extensive collection of documents in history, politics and government, philosophy, religion, science and social sciences and a Literature Library.

To access these resources, log on to the Grant Wood AEA web site at: www.iowaaeaonline.org. Students can get a username and password for home access from Mr. Crawford, Mrs. Anderson or Mrs. Courter in the school library media center. Besides the resources mentioned above, there are many great things to be discovered on the Iowa AEA website. Check it out!

Spanish 3 Makes Piñatas!



Senora Sauerbrei's Spanish 3 made star-shaped piñatas to celebrate the Mexican tradition of Las Posadas. In Mexico they celebrate 12 days before Christmas to represent the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. They fill these piñatas with candy and break them at these celebrations, similar to how we do them for birthday parties. The students enjoyed learning about the holiday and creating their own piñatas! Students include: John Crowley, Chris Carrion, Luke Becker, Katie Binns, Erica Wehde, Laken Hermisten, Jacob Tischuk, Danielle Kilburg, Emma Pratt, Emily Hermsen, Blake Ehler, Mackenzie Griffin, and Emma Thompsen.

Tigers for Toddlers



The "Tigers for Toddlers" is a group of high school students who collect toys and money for the U of I Children's Hospital. We did this project to bring toys and joy to these children during this holiday season as well as alleviate some expenses for the parents with large hospital bills. We collected 170 toys and purchased more with money we received through donations. It was a wonderful experience for all involved. Students pictured: Back Row (left to right): Austin Hubler, Seven Von Thun, Dennis Gingerich, Richlin Harmel, Alex Hoffman, Keeli Claussen, Natalie Heinrich. Middle Row (L to R): Nate Dierickx, Ashlynn Downs, Caitlin Andrews, Madelyn Bramlett, Tony Cecena. Front Row (L to R): Slater Griebat, Holly Gallagher, Sydney Jargo, Clay Kelly, John Stroup, Jill Northup, Mackenzie Heims, Sophie Fisher, and Kay-Lei Johnson.

FCCLA Study Depression



FCCLA students learned about depression and are sharing their knowledge on how to cope with depression. Pictured: Slater Griebat, Tony Cecena, Caitlyn Andrews, Sydney Jargo, Clay Kelly, Seven Von Thun, Ashlynn Downs, Sophie Fisher, and Alex Hoffman.

Hoops for a Cure

On January 20, the basketball programs held our Hoops for a Cure night. Raffles, auctions, games, basketball signs and apparel were all organized to help in the fight against Cancer. The community came together to raise **\$2,749.43** for the Hope Lodge in Iowa City. The following families won the raffle - the Jaurons, the Meyers, the Rezacs, the Wilkins and the Schuetts. Congratulations!

Thank you to the entire community for all of your help and your generous giving. It was truly a great event for a great cause.

Tigerette Dance Team

The Tipton Tigerette Dance Team has had a very successful beginning to their season. The squad is busy working on a variety of routines for the rest of its performance season, as well as the upcoming Spring Show to be held on February 23 at 7 p.m.



December Student of the Month



The Rotary Club of Tipton is teaming up with the teaching staff at Tipton High School to increase recognition of student achievement. The Rotary Student of the Month Award is presented each month to a student who is nominated by a teacher and selected by a vote of the faculty. The criteria for the award is that the student has shown academic achievement or demonstrated positive attitudes or other behavior that goes beyond expectations for that particular student.

The award for December 2017 went to Grace Bunge, daughter of Melissa and Chris Bunge of Tipton. Tipton High School industrial technology teacher, Mike Wehde, nominated Grace with the following statement; "I nominated Grace for student of the month because of the dedication

she has to learning. She has been in my classroom before school numerous times and spend several AST's finishing not only work in my class but in her other courses as well. She is always looking to do her best and learn the material not just "get the answers".

Grace will receive a certificate and have lunch with the Tipton Rotary Club at a weekly meeting. Congratulations to Grace!

College for Kids (C4K)

College for Kids Enrichment Program materials will be sent home to students in grades 6-8 who scored at the 90th percentile or higher on the NWEA test or IA Assessment in early February.

Classes will be posted on the College for Kids website www.gwaea.org/collegeforkids. Registration will take place on the website (click on Student Opportunities) beginning March 1 through mid-May (or until classes are filled). This past year classes filled VERY QUICKLY and you should register as close to March 1st as possible. College for Kids is a summer program offering advanced level academics and fine arts in the college setting at Coe College in Cedar Rapids. It is offered to students in grades 6-8 who meet eligibility criteria established by Grant Wood AEA. Students are offered advanced specialized curricula along with fine arts courses giving an opportunity to further explore a hobby or a topic of interest not typically available in middle school general education.

GRANT WOOD AEA
COLLEGE FOR KIDS

The 2018 summer dates are June 18-29 and July 9-20 from 8:30 a.m.-11:50a.m M-F. Students may register one or both terms. Tuition per term for last year was \$215 and is expected to be similar this year. Tuition must be received by April 30 and includes 3 daily classes, materials, and t-shirt. Students in need of financial assistance may apply for College for Kids scholarship posted to the Grant Wood website by April 15th. For additional information contact: Andy Stroup at andy.stroup@tipton.k12.ia.us or the program director Susie Green, sgreen@gwaea.org or 319.399.6775.

Transportation might be available from the Mt. Vernon school district for a fee. More information will be known at a later date.

YOU CAN DO IT!! WE CAN HELP!!



Tipton School Foundation

The Tipton School Foundation is a non-profit organization that works to raise funds on behalf of the Tipton School District and endeavors to support academics, fine arts and the physical facilities through fundraising efforts.

Past projects have included the auditorium seat project; acoustical shells for K-12 music performances; music technology center for high school music; a portable sound system, amps and spotlights for the fine arts department; Orff melody instruments for K-6 music; Data Projection Systems for classrooms; refurbishing the high school library; Aquatic Center timing system; bleachers in the gym; tuxedos and dresses for high school concert band; choir robes; highway directional signs to school facilities and donated funds toward new bottle filler drinking fountains at all three buildings. Most recently the Foundation donated funds toward a new public address system in the competition gym.

Any donation in support of Tipton School District and its students can be given through the Foundation's non-profit status. Donations should be made payable to Tipton School Foundation and send to Tipton School Foundation, 400 East 6th Street, Tipton, IA 52772. **Your support is appreciated!**

Vote for Tipton Elementary

Please vote for Tipton Elementary School, 601 Lemon Street, to win a FREE VISIT from children's author and illustrator Jan Brett! It's a simple QUICK form to fill out, just your name, email address, school and school address. Voting ends April 2. You can you vote ONCE per email address...so...feel free to share with your children (over age 12 is the rule....), spouses, friends, family, etc!

Go to the website and vote:

http://www.janbrett.com/contest_2018/2018_free_school_or_library_visit.htm



Buy Your 2017-18 THS Tiger Eye Yearbook, "Picture This"

There are still many THS students who have NOT YET bought a Yearbook. If you are interested, you can still order the FULL COLOR 'Tiger Eye' yearbook. The cost is \$50 per book. Orders can be placed via the Internet, just click on the "2018 THS Tiger Eye Yearbook" Graphic tab on the Tipton Community School District website: www.tipton.k12.ia.us. Payment can be made directly to Josten's Yearbook, Inc. by credit card. You can also bring money to the High School office, with checks being made payable to "Tipton Yearbook". Yearbooks will be available to pick up in the Fall. If you have questions, contact Yearbook sponsor, Tyler Roos at [563-886-6027](tel:563-886-6027) or by email: tyler.roos@tipton.k12.ia.us.

Order your
2018 THS Tiger Eye
YEARBOOK
by  9-30 **\$35**
early bird

10-1 to 12-31 **\$45**
early Winter

1-1 to 5-25 **\$50**
early Spring

The earlier you order, the more you'll save! **CLICK HERE**

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Anyone who would like to purchase an ad should contact Adviser Tyler Roos at tyler.roos@tipton.k12.ia.us.

SENIOR PICTURES NEEDED!

Seniors will need to turn in 2 senior pictures that will be used for the yearbook, for the newspaper, and for the senior composite. We prefer one digital and one hard copy picture. Guidelines for pictures are: color photos only, head and shoulder shots only [no full body or props], photos must be vertical. **Portraits are to be given to Sheila Koch in the HS office by March 1st.**

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS FOR THS YEARBOOK

Parents, are you looking for a unique way to tell a favorite senior, "I'm proud of you" or "I love you?" What better way than placing a Senior Recognition Ad in the yearbook? In the future, seeing your message will bring a smile as they remember all the love and support they received during high school.

Creating an ad is easy: send a picture when they were younger or a current one. Determine what you would like to tell your senior and indicate on the form how the ad should be set up. Recognition ads cost \$10 and will be in full color. Send the following to the high school office by **MAY 1**:

- Specify your message by filling out the form below
- Cash or a check for \$10 payable to THS Yearbook
- A picture of the senior (your choice of either a senior picture or a childhood picture)



Tank,
Dad and I are so proud of the responsible young Tiger you've become. We wish you the best of luck with college next year as you major in Animal Science at Auburn.
We love you bunches!
Mommy

-----Detach and return to THS office-----

Yearbook Recognition Ad – Return to Tyler Roos at the High School

Your Name:

Name of graduating senior:

Your message (please print):

District IHSSA Individual Speech Contest at TIPTON

This year is the 23rd consecutive year for Tipton High School to host an Iowa High School Speech Association District Individual Speech Contest. The contest will be Saturday, February 24 at the Tipton Middle School. Over 600 students from 34 schools will perform continually from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.



Students perform in the areas of acting, after-dinner speaking, expository address, improvisational acting, poetry, prose, literary program, original oratory, public address, radio news announcing, review, spontaneous speaking, solo musical theatre, and storytelling.

All IHSSA contests are open to the public. A 'goodwill' donation of \$3 is requested. The performance schedule will be posted in the MS Commons area. Contest manager Jo Treadwell and speech coaches McKenna Beck, Shanon Hillyer, and Kim Baker are developing the performance schedule for the schools assigned to the Tipton site.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Community volunteers are needed either half a day or all day at the District Speech Contest on Saturday, February 25, to help as room chairs and timers.

Individuals who can help should contact contest manager Jo Treadwell by email at jo.treadwell@tipton.k12.ia.us. Shanon Hillyer will be helping schedule volunteers.

No experience is necessary – information sheets explain all responsibilities. This is a great opportunity to see and hear some top performances by area speech teams.

Tipton Fine Arts Council will be providing concessions at the contest. Parents of all Fine Arts students – art, band, choir, dance, drama, and speech – will be asked to help in the food area.

A Project "For the Birds"

The writers of *Our Iowa* magazine recently asked 'Where Have All the Bluebirds Gone?' and encouraged their readers to build bird houses to provide nesting opportunities for Bluebirds. The Tipton Industrial Technology department will answer the call and build Bluebird houses this spring as a class project. If you would like the students to build you a Bluebird house or two, let us know and we will do so. All you need do is cover the material cost which will be \$5 for pine and \$18 for rough cedar. Contact Mike Wehde at the Tipton High School, mike.wehde@tipton.k12.ia.us or [563-886-6067](tel:563-886-6067) if you are interested or have questions.



Athletic Dept Appreciation

We'd like to thank our numerous volunteers and workers who have stepped up and helped at Athletic Events throughout the fall. There is so much that goes into providing a great game day environment for the fans and our great student athletes.



Football: Hardees, Tipton Country Club, VFW and American Legion (Denny Snow), Tom Miller, Dick Hall, Bob Holets, Chris Cook, Tory Koch, Chuck Lashmit, Randy Bormann, Gaby Lashmit, Jacob Lashmit, Brian Eichelberger, Jim Reeve, Darren Lenz, Tom Doermann, Chris Pruess, Henry Harden, Scott Kepford, Chad Ihrig, Bob Rickard, Chris Steffen, Allen Hermsen, Lyle Hermiston, THS Junior Class (Whitney Gehrs & Kim Andersen), Cedar County Pork Producers, Darren Miller, Ryan Stonebraker, Middle School Parents for Chains & Press Box, THS Band (Andy Owen), THS Color Guard (Julie Thomas), THS Cheerleaders (Dawn Seich), Team Parents for Meals.

Cross Country: Team Parents for Concessions/ State Snacks, THS Choir (Julie Thomas), Tipton Park & Rec Dept (Adam Spangler), Denise Goetz, Mike Wehde, Chad Rezac, Shawn Engels, Gene Schroeder, Jake Reinhardt, Dustin Osier, Dick Grimoskas, Jim Becker.

Volleyball: Jaci Harden, Becci McCleary, Jayne Erickson, Jen Hertert, Michele Allison, Nicole Mai, Tim & Katie Ryan for Beat Cancer Night, Mackensie Sauerbrei, Steven Sattz, Team Parents for Meals, THS Choir (Julie Thomas).

Swimming: Denise Goetz, Laurie Proctor, Brad Goetz, Dick Grimoskas, Gene Schroeder, Adam Spangler & Kennedy Family Aquatic Center Staff, Parent Lane Timers, Swim Parents for Meet Meals, THS Choir (Julie Thomas), Melinda Stonebraker.

Cheerleading: Emilie Rouse

Entire Fall Season: Loren Mohr and Tipton Custodial Staff, Progressive Rehabilitation, Tiger Nation Student Section, Michele Gipson, Sheila Koch, Nancy Pruess, Alesha Marchik, Tipton Athletic Booster Club, Tipton Transportation & Bus Drivers.

Scoreboard: An extra thanks goes to the Athletic Boosters, Athletic Programs and School Board for their financial support of a brand new scoreboard for the football field/ track. It was a great addition to our gameday experience with a well-run video board.

Jim Reeve and Bob Holets: A special thanks goes out to Jim Reeve and Bob Holets for their numerous years volunteering with Tipton Tiger Football. They both retired from their positions after last season. Bob was recognized by the IHSADA by winning the award for Outstanding Volunteer Service after volunteering on the chains for 50 years for our Tigers. Thank you Jim and Bob!

- Matt Fouch, High School Athletic Director

FCCLA News

Teacher: Michelle Allison

Food and Nutrition Gingerbread Creation Bake Off Winners.



Tour of Lights (Christmas Trees): Kaylea Claussen, Alyssa Sloan, Sommer Daniels, Maddie Baker, Haylee Ham



Santa's Sleigh: Ashlyn Curry, Madison Conrad, Addy Duwe, Nate Dierickx, Mitchell McMurrin



Food and Nutrition students prepare pastas and step out of their comfort zone to try new flavors and vegetables. Students served their peers and even some faculty. Pictured are: Kaleb Mesick, Gabbi Lashmit, Madelyn Goodale, Ashlyn Curry, and Jesse Leisure.



Students in Personal Development and Wellness practice teamwork, leadership, and community involvement with a Service Learning Project. Students are learning to deal with communication conflicts, project/team/time management, and learning skills to be a productive member of their community. FCCLA members Grace Bunge, Kylie Kordick, Abbi Eicher, and Ellie Donohoe attended our local Bunches



Retreat in Cantril, Iowa, with 5 other schools. Members spent the weekend building leadership skills, learning about FCCLA, and making new friends.



Culinary Arts students toured the high school kitchens thanks to Shelly Mohr. Students received an in-depth tour of how our meals are brought in, prepared, served, and how the nutrition staff keeps our food safe.

FFA NEWS

Upcoming FFA Events:

2/8/18	FFA Meeting
2/8/18	Officer Meeting
2/19/18	Sub-District Contest
2/19 - 2/24/18	FFA Week
2/19/18	Cowboy Day
2/20/18	Camo Day/Bags Tournament
2/21/18	Ag School Apparel/ Scavenger Hunt
2/22/18	Hat Day/Teacher Breakfast/ AG Olympics
2/23/18	Blue and Gold Day/ Drive your tractor to school day
3/8/18	Officer Meeting
3/8/18	FFA Meeting
3/8/18	IJBBA Cattle Show Set-Up
3/9/18	IJBBA Cattle Show Check-In
3/10/18	District FFA Contest
3/10/18	IJBBA Cattle Show
3/11/18	IJBBA Cattle Show
3/31/18	2000 point Activity



Chili Cook-Off

We had 6 different Chili's entered to get the title of best chili. And the winner is... you have to come to

banquet on May 1st to find out!



Christmas Tree Pick-Up

We had 4 FFA members and 3 Alumni members work hard to go around Tipton and collect Christmas trees the second weekend in January. This year we managed to gather 78 trees in total. Thank you everyone for your help!

1000 Point Trip



This go around we had 18 students in all that qualified for the 1000 point reward trip because of their participation in FFA events this year. Overall, we had six members take advantage of the trip to go to SkyZone in Cedar Rapids as a reward for their hard work.

FFA Legislative Symposium



We had 3 FFA members make the journey to join FFA chapter all over the state at the annual FFA Legislative Symposium in Des Moines. Members toured the capital and even got to

meet with Representative Kauffman from Cedar County while there.

Greenhand Conference



In the fall, a group of 12 greenhands heading down to Mid-Prarie High School for the SE

district Greenhand Fire-Up. Here the kids learned what it meant to be an FFA member and get excited for their future years with the organization.

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Board meets in HS Building at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of the month.

Tipton Website: www.tipton.k12.ia.us

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Tipton Joins AEA Mentoring Consortium

The Tipton/Grant Wood mentoring program provides intensive support to our newest educators through the use of a consortium of experienced teachers to mentor area teachers that are new to the profession for a minimum of 2 years.

Consortium mentors are carefully selected from the best teachers, and are rigorously trained using NTC's research-based curriculum and methodology for reinforcing beginning teachers' strengths and bolstering skills and abilities known to have most impact on student learning. New Tipton teachers meet with the consortium mentors at weekly one-on-one meetings.

This partnership is a pivotal opportunity to focus on accelerating teacher effectiveness through new teacher mentoring and coaching. The mentoring program promotes excellence in teaching, enhances student achievement, builds a supportive environment within our school district, increases the retention of promising beginning teachers, and promotes the personal and professional well being of classroom teachers.

Help Your School

BoxTops for Education is a project undertaken by the Middle School Life Skills class and Karen Royer's 4th. grade classroom. BoxTop\$ are collected, cut, sorted, and counted. The money raised is used for the elementary fund. The money goes towards class trips and other elementary fun things!



Our Labels for Learning is a project sponsored through Family Foods. Our Family barcodes (all labels/packages that say Our Family including dairy/egg cartons) are collected and counted to be used for the Life Skills classroom.



Please send all of your **Our Family** barcodes and **BoxTops**, to the school, or drop them off at Family Foods.

Late Notice Alerts from the Library

If you would like to receive EMAIL notices if your child(ren) have a late library book (and/or a fine from returning something late)— please add to your contacts list: julie.courter@tipton.k12.ia.us.

These notices go out automatically at 12:01 a.m. the day after the book is due. Presently, many are bouncing back because some services think they are spam.