

Treynor Community School

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NEWSLETTER

November, 2015

"District Details" ... a few notes from Superintendent Elwood

District Enrollment Takes Another Leap...Now Serving Over 800 Students!

Enrollment in the Treynor Community School District **increased by 35 students** for the 2015-16 school year. Treynor CSD continues to flourish each year, but this is our biggest increase in enrollment in the last 10 years. The Certified Enrollment report was compiled and submitted to the Iowa Department of Education during the month of October. For the current school year we will serve 809 students in grades K - 12.



Treynor has experienced an enrollment growth trend for many years. During a span of the last 19 years we have been fortunate to report an increase in enrollment 17 of those years. We continue to have a large number of students elect to open enroll into Treynor to participate in the outstanding academic and extracurricular programs that we offer. This year, 277 students, about 34% of the district's enrollment, have elected to attend school at Treynor through the open enrollment option.

Growth trend continues at Treynor—an increase of 35 students for this school year!

We were excited to welcome our kindergarten students this fall as they are officially the largest grade level in school history. To accommodate this group, we expanded our kindergarten from 3 sections to 4 sections... another first for Treynor CSD.

Our enrollment breakdown by grade level is:

K= 76 1= 61 2= 55 3= 58 4= 67 5= 72
6= 65 7= 68 8= 57
9= 64 10= 50 11= 66 12= 50

K-5 = 389
6-8 = 190
9-12 = 230
K-12 = 809

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Treynor will serve 809 students in grades K-12 this school year.
- ✓ Treynor's enrollment increased by 35 students.
- ✓ Get your tickets for "Princess Whatsername", Nov. 6 & 7th.
- ✓ Be prepared for inclement weather!
- ✓ Students participated in many activities for Red Ribbon Week!
- ✓ Plan to attend the Veterans Day Program.

As always, THANK YOU for supporting the Treynor students and staff! Go Cardinals!

Mr. Elwood
Superintendent

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MUSICAL—NOVEMBER 6 & 7



Treynor High School will present "Princess Whatsername" on November 6 at 7:30 p.m. and November 7 at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reserve your tickets beginning October 29th by calling Natalie at the elementary office, 712-487-3422. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, except for the Sat. matinee where all seats are \$5.00.

CASH FOR STUDENTS



The "Cash for Students" program has begun. Hy-Vee cash register receipts dated from September 1 through December 31, 2015 will be collected in the Elementary, Middle School and High School offices. Hy-Vee gives back \$1.00 for every \$200 spent in any of the fourteen Omaha and Council Bluffs locations up to a maximum of \$2,000. Over 403,000 in much needed funds has been donated to area schools as a result of this program.

All of our proceeds go to the Athletic Booster Club. Remember to save your receipts and turn them in to any of the school offices!

CAUTION: Changes in weather arriving soon...

As the weather begins to change, school cancellations and early dismissals can occur at anytime. If severe weather causes school to be cancelled prior to the start of the day, we will try to have information to the media by 6:30 a.m. In addition to our school website, the media outlets that will carry our announcements this year are: **KMA, WOWT, KMTV and KETV.**



If weather or unforeseen circumstances (loss of power or water) should occur during the day and school is dismissed early, **PLEASE HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE WITH YOUR CHILD.** When early dismissals occur during the day, we usually have limited time to get information out and many parents aren't aware that an early out has taken place. Also, we have over 750 students in the district and only a couple of phone lines in each building. Don't assume that your child will be able to call you if a decision is made to dismiss school during the regular day. Have a plan in place! The elementary has forms for each parent to keep updated outlining your family's specific plan to deal with this type of situation. Parents of middle school and high school students need to discuss with their child what plan of action they will take in the event of an early dismissal during the school day. Proper planning now will provide assurance to you and your child that all will be okay should we ever have an unforeseen early dismissal.

Our student information database, JMC, will be used for all school notifications (voice, email, text). Please check your contact information to ensure it is up-to-date so you will receive these messages for school closings, late starts or early dismissals. Use the JMC Parent Access portal to check your contact information and make any additions or corrections as needed and to indicate how you want to receive notifications.

VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY



All community members are invited and encouraged to join the middle and high school students for a Veteran's Day assembly on Wednesday, November 11 in the high school (west) gymnasium at 10:30 a.m.

FROM THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S DESK



It's hard to believe that we have already completed a quarter of the school year and are already into November! Your children continue to do such a terrific job and come to school well prepared thanks to your outstanding guidance. Our students experienced many noteworthy educational experiences this past month that included Rockin' Prevention for the entire school, 2nd Grade to Arbor Farms, Kindergarten Doughnuts for Dads, Fall Harvest Party, Mrs. Elwood's Class of the Month Pizza Party, and Red Ribbon Week.

November will bring many additional opportunities besides the ones mentioned above that include the 5th Grade Veteran's Day Music Concert, Accelerated Reader Cardinal Cart, Scholastic Book Fair and Parent-Teacher Conferences. Don't forget that on November 6th there will be no school, November 11th we will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. for teacher professional development, and we will break for Thanksgiving from November 25th through the 27th.

Finally, as we approach parent-teacher conferences next week, we look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings; expecting to achieve **100% face-to-face conferences**. Please help us meet our goal. This participation and the level of communication we have established, allows us to stay well-informed and give our students the best possible chance at success. Thanks for staying involved with your children's education, for your contribution of time volunteering in the building and for keeping your expectations high!

Please feel free to stop in and say hello or share your concerns anytime. You may also call or email those thoughts. [712-487-3422 or jkay@treynorcardinals.org]

Jill Kay
Treyner Elementary School

UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS

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| November 2 & 3 | 2:00 Early Dismissal
Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00—8:00 p.m. |
| November 6 | No School |
| November 10 | 5th Grade Music Program @ 7:00 in Auditorium |
| November 11 | 1:00 Early Dismissal—Teacher Development Day |
| November 25-27 | No School—Thanksgiving Vacation |



NOTES FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MRS. BERENS



Nov. 2
Nov. 2 & 3

Begin 2nd Quarter
Parent-Teacher Conferences
4:00—8:00 p.m.
Early Dismissal @ 2:00 p.m.



Nov. 6
Nov. 11

No School
Veteran’s Day Assembly, 10:30
Early Dismissal @ 1:00 for
Teacher Inservice

October—
National Anti-
Drug Awareness
Month!

Nov. 25-29 Thanksgiving Vacation

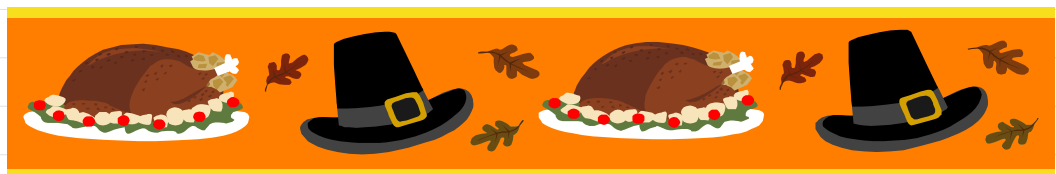
This year is off to a very fast start. I can’t believe that we are finishing up the first quarter and that November is just around the corner. Our students have not only been very busy academically, but they have also spent time participating in various other valuable activities.

As you may or may not know, October is National Anti-Drug Awareness Month. In conjunction with anti-drug awareness, each year our student council members organize for “Red Ribbon Week,” which this year is from October 27 – October 31. During this week, our students are asked to dress up in various ways to bring more attention to the fight against drugs. The various days dress attire consists of the following; **Monday** - “I Have the Power to be Drug Free” Super Hero, **Tuesday** – “I’m too Bright to do Drugs” Bright Colors, **Wednesday** - “Don’t Let Drugs Mix You Up” Mismatch, **Thursday** - “Team Up Against Drugs” Jersey, **Friday** – “Red-y to Live a Drug Free Life” Red.

I also wanted to let parents know that we started two new hexes this school year. We now have a reading hex and a math hex. It is our belief that students who struggle in reading and/or math would benefit from additional support and now can get this through our hex time. All parents would be notified ahead of time if your child is going to need this extra support. Likewise, we know that the growth of every child will differ, so it is possible that some students may need more support than the duration of one hex. If additional help is needed, the parent would be notified about this as well. We are very excited about the time for these extra supports and look forward to helping our students to continue to grow in their abilities.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or stop by my office. Thanks for all of your support!

Mrs. Berens
Middle School Principal



THOUGHTS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.....

MR. McNEAL

It's hard to believe that we just completed the 1st 9 weeks of the school year. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our fall extracurricular activities. The Marching Band had a great fall placing 1st in the Class 2A marching and field divisions at the Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree in Clarinda. The following week at the Loess Hills Festival in Glenwood, they placed 1st in both events again. They finished their season with the State Marching Band competition at Glenwood on October 17th where they received a Superior rating (I), which is their 25th consecutive superior rating. Congratulations to all involved for a very successful fall.



We recently hosted the 1A State Qualifying Cross Country meet. The meet was very well organized and was completed very efficiently. Our girls' team placed 2nd and advanced to the State Meet and Jerry Jorgenson placed 4th and also qualified for the State Meet as an individual. Good luck to all state qualifiers when they compete at the State Meet at the Lakeside Municipal Golf Course in Fort Dodge on Saturday – October 31.

The football team just completed their season with a winning record. They competed very well and have “turned the corner” on building the program back to being a playoff contender. I have enjoyed watching the “never give up” attitude shown this season. Congratulations to Coach Casey and his staff and to a large group of seniors for their positive leadership.

As I write this article the volleyball season isn't complete. The volleyball team is entering tournament play and has had a very good season. I'm amazed watching these ladies grow as volleyball players and get better every match. Congratulations to Coach Huisman and her staff and to the seniors for their leadership on and off the court. Please support the girls as they begin their journey to a possible state tournament berth.

We would like to thank TS Bank for sponsoring our recent assembly “Painting Hope.” Eric Samuel Timm sent a motivating message to our Middle School and High School students and staff. He used a mixture of humor, art and stories with messages concerning integrity, bullying, respect and responsibility.

We just finished Red Ribbon Week with dress up days and additional activities during Card Pride.

Monday: “I Have the Power to Be Drug Free” (Dress like a super hero)
 Tuesday: “I'm Too Bright for Drugs” (Wear bright colors)
 Wednesday: “Don't Let Drugs Mix You Up” (Wear mismatch clothes)
 Thursday: “Team Up Against Drugs” (Wear your favorite team jersey)
 Friday: “Red-y to Live a Drug Free Life” (Wear red)

In closing I would like to invite everyone to the Musical “Princess Whatersname” and to the Veteran's Day Program. The Musical performances are at 7:30 on Friday – November 6 and at 3:30 and 7:30 on Saturday – November 7 in the auditorium. The Veteran's Day Program will be at 10:30 on Wednesday – November 11 in the West gym.

Upcoming Events

Nov 2 – 3 Parent-Teacher Conferences (4:00 – 8:00 in the Teacher's classroom)
 Nov 6 No School
 Nov 6 – 7 Musical “Princess Whatersname”
 Nov 11 1:00 Early Dismissal (Teacher In-service)
 Nov 11 Veteran's Day Program 10:30 (West Gym)
 Nov 25 – 29 Thanksgiving Vacation

Gary McNeal
 High School Principal



TREYNOR HIGH SCHOOL

Proudly Presents



It begins in the Misty Forest, where a girl is sleeping all alone. But when she wakes, nothing looks familiar to her. She can't remember anything — not where she's from, how she got here or even her own name! She embarks on a journey to discover her identity and meets several fairy-tale characters along the way — Hansel and Gretel, Rumpelstiltskin, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Cinderella and Rapunzel to name a few. Some are helpful, some are dangerous and some are just plain weird, but all have information to help our young girl eventually realize her true identity as a princess. As with any good fairy tale, there's also a prince! He's desperate to find the princess, but he's always one step behind and inadvertently rescues and wins the hearts of all the wrong princesses! A rocking musical score adds even more fun to new takes on the stories everyone loves. Come see this bright story, "Princess Whatsername", November 6 at 7:30 PM or November 7 at 3:30 PM or 7:30 PM.

Come enjoy a fun, humorous production at Treynor High School on Friday, November 6th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 7th at 3:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.!

We prefer you reserve your tickets, but occasionally there are tickets available at the door. To reserve tickets, beginning October 29th call Natalie between 9-11:00 a.m. or 1-3:00 p.m. at the elementary school, 712-487-3422. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students, except for the Saturday matinee when all tickets are \$5.00. Preschool children who require a seat will pay the student price. Preschool children who sit on a lap are free. The ticket office opens at 6:45, 45 minutes prior to the show time. Seating begins at 7:00, 30 minutes before the opening curtain. The best seats in the house will be available on Saturday afternoon if your schedule permits.

FINANCIAL LITERACY UPDATE



Determine Your Net Worth



For many families and individuals, creating a retirement savings plan is difficult. According to a survey completed in February during America Saves Week, only about one-third of Americans say they're making "good" or "excellent" progress in saving for their future. The problem for many is they don't know where they currently stand financially, so it is difficult to envision what they will need for the long-term.

Getting started on a long-term plan is much easier when you have a place to start, like knowing your net worth.

Determining your net worth isn't as difficult as it might sound

Your net worth is simply the difference between your assets (what you own) and your liabilities (what you owe). With a little addition and subtraction, you can determine where you stand right now.

Start by making a list of both categories. Your assets include things such as guaranteed income, the money you have in your personal bank accounts, the value of your retirement savings accounts, the equity in your home and other real estate, any vehicles or other personal items and any other investments you

own.

If you're not sure of the current value of your home, check with a real estate agent or an online resource, such as Realestate.com or Zillow.com. Be sure to get an appraisal of items like antiques, jewelry and artwork to make sure you have the correct value attached; both for the sake of your net worth estimation and in the event you would ever need to know their replacement value in case they are damaged or stolen.

Next, write down all your liabilities. These are things like your mortgage, any outstanding loans, credit card debts and personal financial obligations. Once you total both columns and subtract your liabilities from your assets, you will have a snapshot picture of your net worth.

Assessing your balance sheet

Armed with this information, you can better determine how much of a cushion you have against unexpected financial situations and you should be able to identify any weaknesses in your saving or investment strategy, especially if you are nearing retirement age. Plus, you can decide how you might use some of the assets which make up your net worth to help carry you through retirement. Do you need to reduce or eliminate some of your liabilities? Do you need to earn more money to help pay off your debt faster?

Keep in mind that these figures are fluid

It is important to remember that your net worth can fluctuate over your lifetime depending on market and real estate conditions, changes in your employment and whether you increase or decrease your debt. In order to keep a realistic perspective of your net worth, you should recalculate it periodically. This way, if it looks like your nest egg is dipping below a level that feels comfortable to you, you can make any necessary changes in your spending, saving and investing patterns.

JUNIOR TREYNOR WOMEN SPONSOR EVENT



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JUNIOR TREYNOR WOMEN

Treynor Community Christmas

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH 4:30-7PM
★ AT THE TREYNOR COMMUNITY CENTER

DINNER BY THE PANCAKE MAN
FREE WILL DONATION

FREE SANTA VISIT FOR KIDS

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:
COOKIE DECORATING, CRAFTS & GAMES

\$5 BOXES OF CHRISTMAS COOKIES

CARDINAL TREE FOR HELPING FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS

Help Us Light the Town!
PLEASE TURN ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THIS NIGHT
TO HELP SHARE THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT ALL OVER TOWN!

November 2015



Happy Thanksgiving!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 2:00 EARLY DISMISSAL P-T CONF 4:00—8:00 JH B BB @ Kirn 4:15; FB Playoff 2nd Q. Begins	3 2:00 EARLY DISMISSAL PARENT-TEACHER CONF. 4:00—8:00	4 Regional Volleyball @ 7:00	5	6 NO SCHOOL Musical 7:30 pm Foot-Ball Playoff 	7 Musical 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm
8	9 Girls BB Practice Begins JH Boys BB @ Mo Valley 4:15 School Board Meeting 6:30	10 5th Grade Vocal Concert 7:00 8th B BB @ Glenwood 4:15 7th B BB Glenwood Here 4:15 State Volleyball	11 Veterans Day Program 10:30 TEACHER INSERVICE 1:00 EARLY DISMISSAL State VBall	12 Elem Field Trip to Oropheum 10:30 JH B BB Lo-Ma Here 4:15 State Volleyball	13 SWIBA JH Festival @ Lewis Central State Volleyball	14 Quiz Bowl @ Lo-Ma 8:30 Football Playoff
15	16 Boys BB & Wrestling Practices Begin JH B BB @ IKM-M 4:15	17 Bluffs Jazz Festival @ AL WIC Speech Workshop @ Underwood 3:30; Fin. Aid Mtg. 7:00	18	19 All State Festival in Ames JH B BB @ Underwood 4:15; G BB Jamboree @ Audubon 6:00	20 All State Festival in Ames State Football	21 All State Festival in Ames
22	23 JH B BB Tri-Center Here 4:15	24	25 No School Thanksgiving Vacation	26 	27 No School Thanksgiving Vacation	28
29	30 JH B BB @ Riverside 4:15 BB @ ISD 6:00 9th & Varsity Girls 7:15 9th Boys					

December 2015



Merry Christmas!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 JH B BB @ Shen 4:00 Wrestling @ Woodbine 5:00; G & B JV/V BB @ T-C 6/7:30	2 1:00 P.M. EARLY DISMISSAL TEACHER INSERVICE	3 Elem. Field Trip to Orpheum 1:00 JH B BB Griswold Here 4:15	4 G & B JV/Var BB @ AHSTW 6:00/7:30	5 Treynor Wrestling Tourney 10:00
6 Youth Wrestling Tourney in West Gym	7 JH Boys BB @ AHSTW 4:15 5/6 Band & 6th Grade Vocal Concert @ 7:00 in Auditorium	8 BB Here 9th B @ 6:00 G & B JV/Varsity 6:00/7:30	9	10 JH Boys BB Audubon Here 4:15 4th Grade Concert @ 7:00 in Auditorium	11 G & B JV/Var BB Lo-Ma Here 6:00/7:30	12 Wrestling @ Bedford SWIBA HS Honor Band @ Atlantic
13	14 JH Christmas Concert 6:30 HS Christmas Concert 8:00 Both in Auditorium Board Mtg. 6:30	15 Wrestling @ Lo-Ma 6:00 G & B JV/Var BB @ Mo Valley 6:00/7:30	16 1:00 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL TEACHER INSERVICE	17 G & B JV/Var BB Audubon Here 6:00/7:30	18 Wrestling WIC Tournament Here 5:00	19 Wrestling WIC Tournament Here 10:00
20	21	22 1:00 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL	23 Christmas Vacation	24 Christmas Vacation	25 	26
27	28 Christmas Vacation	29 Christmas Vacation	30 Christmas Vacation	31 Christmas Vacation		



TREYNOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL

November, 2015 Breakfast & Lunch Menus



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Juice or Fruit (1/2 c. required) Choice of Cereal Breakfast Bar	3 Juice or Fruit WG Pancake w/syrup	4 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Granola Bar	5 Juice or Fruit Omelet WG Bagel K-5 WG Toast 6-12	6 NO SCHOOL
Chicken Wrap Savory Rice (6-12) Carrots Pears (6-12 Salad Bar)	Hamburger on Bun French Fries Lettuce/Tomato Peaches Pudding (4-12 Salad Bar)	Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese Peas Applesauce (4-12 Salad Bar)	Hot Ham & Cheese Triangle Potatoes Green Beans Pineapple (4-12 Salad Bar)	NO SCHOOL
9 Juice or Fruit (1/2 c. required) Choice of Cereal WG Poptart	10 Juice or Fruit WG French Toast Sticks w/ syrup	11 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal WG NutriGrain Bar	12 Juice or Fruit Eggs WG Bagel (K-5) WG Toast (6-12)	13 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Long John
BBQ Pork 6-12 Pork Fritter K-5 Potato Rounds Fresh Veggies Applesauce (6-12 Salad Bar)	Chicken Drumsticks Seasoned Broccoli WG Roll w/Honey Pineapple/Oranges (4-12 Salad Bar)	Italian Pasta Bake Green Beans Toss Salad Pears (4-12 Salad Bar)	Beefy Taco Lettuce/Tomato Refried Beans Corn Orange Smiles (4-12 Salad Bar)	Chicken Strips Potato Wedges Celery/Carrots Peaches (No 2nd Choice)
16 Juice or Fruit (1/2 c. required) Choice of Cereal Granola Bar	17 Juice or Fruit WG Pancake w/Syrup Sausage Links	18 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal WG Breakfast Bar	19 Juice or Fruit WG Breakfast Pizza	20 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal WG Toast
Pizza (6-12) Pizza Sticks (K-5) Pizza Sauce (K-5) Fresh Garden Salad Peaches (6-12 Salad Bar)	Hamburger on Bun French Fries Applesauce Cookie (NO Salad Bar)	Grilled Chicken on Bun Corn Fresh Veggies Pears (4-12 Salad Bar)	Turkey & Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll Pumpkin Dessert (No Salad Bar)	Hot Dog Baked Beans WG Chips Apple Wedges (No 2nd Choice)
23 Juice or Fruit (1/2 c. required) Choice of Cereal Breakfast Bar	24 Juice or Fruit WG Pancake on Stick w/Syrup	25 NO SCHOOL	26	27 NO SCHOOL
Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Pineapple (No Salad Bar)	Mr. Ribb Fresh Salad (6-12) Mixed Veggies Cookie Pears (No Salad Bar)	NO SCHOOL		NO SCHOOL
30 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal NutriGrain Bar				
Corn Dog Macaroni & Cheese Peas Peaches (6-12 Salad Bar)				(We reserve the right to make changes or substitu- tions as necessary.)

Elementary: \$1.25 Breakfast—\$2.00 Lunch; Extra Milk \$0.50

MS-HS: \$1.25 Breakfast—\$2.15 Lunch; Extra Milk \$0.50

Breakfast includes 100% juice or fruit (1/2 cup required) and a milk choice. All lunches include a fruit choice available each day, whole grain bread and buns are served along with a daily milk choice. It is the policy of Treynor Community School not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or religion in its' programs, activities or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code Section 216.7 and 216.9. If you have questions or grievances related to compliance with this policy by Treynor Community School, please contact the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, IA 50319-1004; phone number 515-281-4121, 800-457-4416; website; <http://www.state.ia.us/government/crc/index.html>.



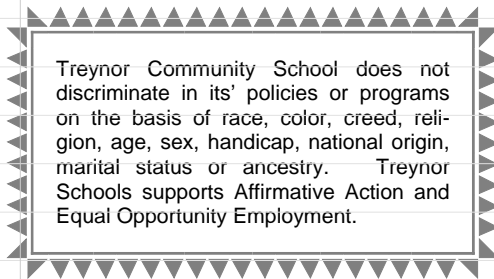
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SCHOOL'S OUT—HOLIDAY VACATION DAYS



There will be no school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,
November 25, 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving.

School will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday,
December 22 for Christmas vacation.

School will resume again after the holidays on Monday,
January 4, 2016.

