



PLANNING AHEAD

Oct 24, 2017

Nature's Classroom (grade 5)

Pictures: Absentee 10/24

Oct 25, 2017

Nature's Classroom (grade 5)

Oct 26, 2017

Nature's Classroom (grade 5)

Half Day: Professional

Development

K-2 conferences

Oct 27, 2017

Nature's Classroom (grade 5)

Oct 31, 2017 10:00 AM

October fest parade for grades

K-3

Nov 09, 2017

School Closed: Professional

Development

Nov 10, 2017

School Closed Veterans' Day

Nov 15, 2017 6:30 PM

PTA Meeting

Nov 22, 2017

School Closed: Thanksgiving

Recess 11/22-11//24

Nov 23, 2017

School Closed: Thanksgiving

Recess 11/22-11//24

Nov 24, 2017

School Closed: Thanksgiving

Recess 11/22-11//24

Dec 07, 2017 4:00 PM

Barnes and Noble Fundraiser

(Leominster)

A Message from Ms. Boyle

- This week the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released student performance results on the 2017 Spring MCAS. Prior to the release, the Commissioner cautioned educators about the data because it is a new assessment and this is baseline data. I am honored to share that despite the change in the assessment, and the Commissioner's warning about a statewide data dip, the Thomas Prince School students still rose above the state and performed spectacularly on this assessment. We know that the MCAS is just one assessment tool, but it does help us evaluate what our students are learning: what they know and what they can do within their grade level curriculum. Way to go TPS WARRIORS!! You are always making us proud.

The link below graphs how each of our data sets compare to the state:

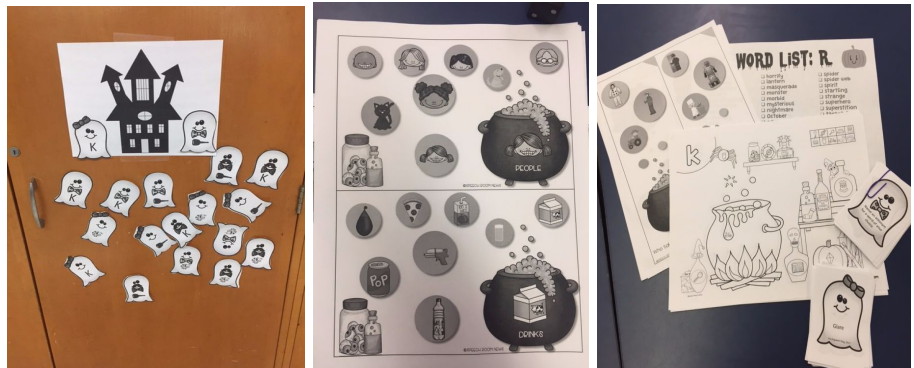
http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/mcas/achievement_level.aspx?linkid=32&orgcode=07750045&orgtypecode=6&

- On Wednesday, our junior trail guides visited the vernal pool with Clair Degutis . The Thomas Prince Nature Trails were the brainchild of teacher Joann Blum in the early 1990's. Mrs. Blum became aware of the wonderful teaching opportunities in our "own backyard" here at TPS. The trails were designed and cut by TPS students, giving them a strong sense of ownership. With the help of the local Audubon, students and teachers were educated to use the trails for studies of nature, wildlife protections, history, ecology, physics and environmental science. Many former TPS teachers, including Clair Degutis, contributed to this student learning. Today, we maintain this long-standing tradition. This week, Ms. Degutis came back to TPS to train new guides! Below there are photos of our students learning to be naturalists!





- In Speech, Ms.Budness continues to help students reach their goals teaching interactive lessons around a fun theme.



- Many TPS music students are practicing playing what they read on boomwhackers this week. It takes a lot of coordination and focus! This is Ms. Dolat's third grade.



- The PTA will have Boxtop collection drive next week Monday October 23- Friday October 27th. Please send in those Boxtops!
- Mrs. Prunier, in her new role as consultant, has been busy in the STEAM lab! She has requested the following items!

The TPS Consumable Pantry

We need:

- Resealable Storage Bags of all sizes- (heavy duty is preferred)
- Sticky notes
- Toothpicks
- Tongue depressors
- Vinegar

Please drop off at the main office! Thank you!

- **A message from Jenn Oswitt , Amy Holwell, and Tancy Kellysawyer:**

Hello TPS Families,

The 8th grade class has been hard at work to bring you a fantastic Halloween Howler on Saturday, October 28th! While this is not a school-sponsored event, you won't be disappointed by their games, spooky walk, raffles, costume parade, concession/snack/bake sale, and more!

There is still room for more vehicles to participate in Trunk-or-Treat at the Howler. The more vehicles participating, the more fun there will be for all! Remember that all families who decorate their vehicle for Trunk-or-Treat will receive FREE ADMISSION to the Howler, regularly \$20 per car. Trunks can be simple... dollar store decorations work fine if you don't have any. Or go all out to compete for a prize – awarded to Best Decorated, Most Creative, and Most Interactive! Please register to participate by emailing Jenn Oswitt at oswittj@gmail.com, Amy Holwell at amy.holwell@gmail.com, or Tancy Kellysawyer at tancyandtim@gmail.com if you would be willing to decorate your car.

See you there... Happy Howling!!

Please check out this link if you are interested in learning more about MCAS:

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/parents/>

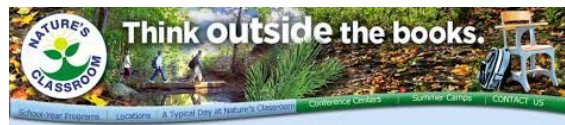


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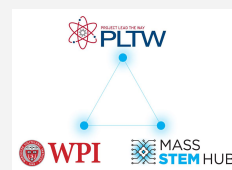
Coming up next week!

Grade Five will be going to Nature's Classroom from October 24th-27th. Check out their website.

<http://www.naturesclassroom.org/Oceanwood.htm>



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**Learn more on November
15th at 6:30 pm!**

YOUR QUESTIONS **ANSWERED**

Are there any updates on the Spanish position?

A panel of teachers, parents, and administrators will be interviewing another round of applicants next week.



WARRIOR(s) OF THE WEEK

ALL of our paraprofessionals! They work in partnership with our teachers to meet the needs of all students in our classrooms. They are an invaluable resource!

PBIS Info https://www.pbis.org/	Thomas Prince School http://www.wrsd.net/thomasprince	Wachusett Regional School District http://www.wrsd.net/
Every Student Succeeds Act http://www.ed.gov/essa	MCAS Information http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/	<i>There are many forms of communication out there in the world today; Please know that TPS uses it website http://www.wrsd.net/thomasprince/, school messenger messages and email to communicate to families.</i>