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Message from Dean Gibb

It has been a very busy time at Talcott this past two weeks! This morning was no exception as we watched Mallory Kievman ring the bell at the New York Stock Exchange in NYC! We have had many different visitors and events going on, as you will see by the photos in our newsletter. Thank you to the parents who helped out at our Open House on Saturday, where we had nine prospective families tour.

We also have a lot of events coming up. The students have been working on their Science Fair experiments and Invention Convention entries. This Wednesday is the last afternoon to work on projects at school. Students should be doing final edits on their paper and finishing their tri-fold boards. The TMA Science Fair is February 8th. Judging of Suites III, IV and V will be in the morning and parents are invited to view all projects in the afternoon.

On February 4th our Mathcounts team will be headed for the University of Hartford for their competition. Families may attend the talk by Dr. Frank Morgan on the geometry of bubbles at 1pm and then watch the countdown round that immediately follows. We wish them all the best of luck!

Last Tuesday Mr. Runk and Suite V put on an outstanding Civil War Reenactment Day. They took on the persona of some people from America's past and brought them to life for our other students. They answered questions and explained the views of the person and dressed the part as well. They did a great job!

Thank you to the student council for putting on a fun-filled evening at "Fun Squared" in Newington last Thursday. Everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves with bowling, arcade games and laser tag. I particularly liked the arcade race car J.

The week ended on a rather wet note so Ski Sundown was cancelled, but everyone was able to have fun at Farmington Farms. We will make up the missed day of Skiing on Feb. 17th.

Have a great week!

Dean Gibb



Captain Michael Domashinski, (also a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Air Force) a pilot for Jet Blue Airlines, came to show the students how weather affects flying by giving a demonstration in the Hyperspherium on January 24th.



Mallory Kievman, was at the New York Stock Exchange on Jan. 30. She was among those who rang the starting bell to commemorate the first anniversary of Startup America.

TMA Behind the Scenes Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Teacher In-Service

While our students had a day off to enjoy time with their families, our hard working teachers had a day filled with all types of activities to help them prepare some new and exciting lesson plans to use with our students...



Starting out in the Hyperspherium with a guided tour of "starwalk"



Next stop, a teleconference with Dr. Donald La Salle



On to squid dissections. Sushi anyone?

Upcoming Events In

January

28 - TMA Open House 10am-11:30am

February

4 - Mathcounts Competition (U of H)

7 - PSG Meeting 6:30pm

8 - TMA Science Fair

14 - Valentines Day

Does your family celebrate a certain holiday every year? Let us know!



Upcoming Birthdays

JANUARY

22 - Varun Aggarwall

30 - Sam Levine

FEBRUARY

1 - Mrs. Dornfeld

4 - Mr. Meredith

18 - Mr. Casey

25 - Isabel Pavlonnis

28 - Mackenzie Kievman

28 - Carter Pavlonnis

The TMA Science Fair is
almost here!!!

February 8th
SAVE THE DATE!!






**Learning with Miss Paterson -
Discovering Fossils with Mr. Craig**

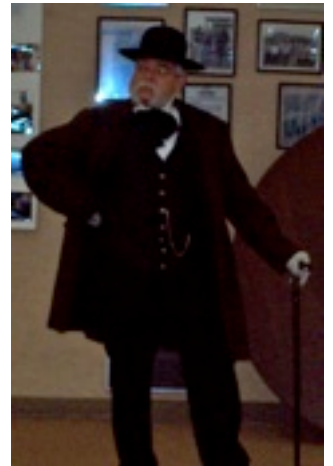


Ms. Paterson's class went to visit the Director, Mr. Craig in his office twice this week to see some of the wonderful fossils he has collected and to discuss dinosaurs. Thank you for sharing, Mr. Craig!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
22 Happy Birthday Varun Aggarwall!	23  Chinese New Year	24	25 MathCounts 3:15 - 4:15pm	26	27 Off Site P.E. Ski/Snowboard or Swim/Tennis	28 TMA Open House 10am - 11:30am
29	30 Happy Birthday Sam Levine!	31	February 1 MathCounts 3:15-4:15pm Happy Birthday Mrs. Dornfeld!	2 Ground Hog Day! 	3 Off Site P.E. Ski/Snowboard or Swim/Tennis	4 Mathcounts Competition Happy Birthday Mr. Meredith!
5	6	7 PSG Meeting 6:30pm	8 TMA SCIENCE FAIR	9	10 LAST WEEK!! Off Site P.E. Ski/Snowboard or Swim/Tennis	11
12	13	14  Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18 Happy Birthday Mr. Casey!

Bringing History to Life in Social Studies with Mr. Runk through
Civil War Reenactment Day with
Suite V



Student Council Game Night at "Fun Squared"





Learning about bones in Mrs. Kievman's class with their special guest, Dr. Mariam Hakim-Zagar (Aresh's Mom).



Mrs. Basmajian's Class working on Chemistry with Dean Gibb



Mrs. Kievman's Class located various parts of the body that have a "ball joint". Very cool!



Box Tops For Education Is Back!

Win great prizes!

Start collecting and bringing in those boxtops! Make sure to put your name on them and bring them to the office. The winners will be announced on May 31st! Good Luck Everyone!