



# TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

### WELCOME BACK, TIS!!!

CONGRATULATIONS FOR DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB TEACHING AND PRACTICING ARMOR! THE PTSO AND A FEW 6TH GRADE HELPERS POPPED POPCORN FOR STUDENTS AS A SPECIAL TREAT!



THIS YEAR AT TIS OUR SCHOOL THEME IS: CAMP KINDNESS.

EACH GRADE LEVEL HAS CHOSEN THEIR OWN U.S. NATIONAL PARK. WE ARE STILL DEVELOPING MORE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS THAT SURROUND THESE THEMES.

- 3RD-DENALI NATIONAL PARK
- 4TH-ROCKY MT. NATIONAL PARK
- 5TH-GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
- 6TH- YELLOW STONE NATIONAL PARK
- SPECIALS- ACADIA



9/20  
EARLY DISMISSAL

9/29  
PICTURE DAY

10/4  
5:30 PTSO MEETING

10/9  
ACT 80/NO SCHOOL

10/11  
COOKIE FUNDRAISER  
KICKOFF



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to the new staff to TIS! We are happy you are here!

**MR. KULAGO**  
TIS PRINCIPAL

"I was born and raised in the Coryland area of Troy School District. I attended Troy as a student and truly believe that we have something special here. I have always loved the outdoors. My family and I love to be in the woods or fishing, riding bikes, or gardening with my family. We enjoy our little "farm." We try to explore all of the amazing things that are available here in our part of the world and beyond. I am so proud of our school and our community and I take great pride in getting to be a part of it."



**Mrs. Labs 5th grade 1:1 Paraprofessional**  
"I moved to the area a year and a half ago from Bucks County. I reside in Gillett with my wonderful husband and three amazing children, 3, 5 and 8. When not at school, you're guaranteed to find us doing all sorts of activities outdoors! I am super excited to join such an amazing group of people and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you! Give me smile and wave in the hall!"



**Ms. Farrell**  
5th Grade ELA

"I've subbed off and on since 2012, had my daughter, Madison, in 2014, went back to college to be a physical therapy assistant and graduated in 2017, and I am now lucky enough to be working in both professions that I love. I enjoy spending time outside gardening in my flower and vegetable gardens, reading, going to the beach, and spending time with our dogs and cat.

I am from Sullivan County so being able to work in Troy feels similar to "home," I am so thankful to be here!"



**MS. WYATT**  
4TH GRADE MATH

"This is my fifth year teaching. I graduated from Arizona State University and taught 5th grade in Arizona for two years. Then moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to my sister and niece. Once I moved to Pa I then taught 5th grade reading at TIS, 2nd grade at SRU and now I'm back at TIS teaching 4th grade math. This is also my second year coaching junior high volleyball at Towanda. If I'm not teaching or coaching I enjoy being outside as much as possible. I like to camp, hike, snowboard, and travel as much as possible."



DEAR TROY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS,

WELCOME TO THE START OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR AND A NEW YEAR OF PTSO. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE WORKING PARTNERSHIP THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH OUR AMAZING TEACHERS AND INVALUABLE STAFF TO PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR CHILDREN. WE HOPE TO ANSWER SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS BELOW BUT ALWAYS FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO US WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

#### WHO IS THE PTSO BOARD/CHAIR?

ADRIENNE PINGITORE, PRESIDENT JESSICA MCWHORTER, VP  
ELIZABETH WOOLF, TREASURER ELYSE MORGAN, FUNDRAISING CHAIR  
AMELIA MORGAN, SECRETARY SARAH HAFLETT, TEACHER APPRECIATION CHAIR

#### WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE PTSO?

AS A PARENT WITH A CHILD AT TROY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY A MEMBER OF THE PTSO. THE TROY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PTSO WORKS COLLABORATIVELY TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL THROUGH MANY EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. WE ARE ALL PARENTS TRYING TO GIVE OUR KIDS THE BEST EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE. THIS COULD NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT THE DONATION OF TIME AND RESOURCES FROM ALL OF YOU. YOUR PARTICIPATION MIGHT BE THAT OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER, VOLUNTEER, OR AS AN ATTENDEE. WHATEVER LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION YOU SELECT, YOUR TIME AND INVOLVEMENT WILL CERTAINLY BE APPRECIATED.

#### WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN PTSO ACTIVITIES?

WE ENCOURAGE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU TO BECOME A PART OF OUR TEAM. THE NUMBER ONE REASON TO JOIN THE PTSO IS TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN.

IN DOING SO, YOU ALSO HELP US. BUT THERE ARE MANY MORE ADVANTAGES:

- \* BY BECOMING A PTSO MEMBER, YOU'LL BE DEMONSTRATING TO YOUR CHILD THE IMPORTANCE YOU PLACE ON EDUCATION.
- \* BY VOLUNTEERING WITH YOUR PTSO, YOU GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCES AND PERSONAL CONFIDENCE. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR SKILLS AND HOBBIES TO GOOD USE, FOR A GOOD CAUSE.
- \* BY GETTING INVOLVED, YOU'LL BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, HELPING TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGE.
- \* PTSO FUNCTIONS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET OTHER PARENTS AND TEACHERS.
- \* THE PTSO IS A FORUM FOR EXCHANGING IDEAS, ATTEND THE PTSO MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS, AND PROVIDE YOUR INPUT. YES! YOU CAN HAVE A SAY IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT!

#### HOW CAN I BECOME A VOLUNTEER

YOU DO NOT NEED CLEARANCES TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS. BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME IN TO THE SCHOOL TO VOLUNTEER IN ANY CAPACITY OR CHAPERONE ANY FUNCTIONS, YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE CLEARANCE PAPERWORK. HERE IS THE LINK

[HTTPS://WWW.TROYAREASD.ORG/DOWNLOADS/VOLUNTEER%20MANUAL%20-TASD%20-UPDATED%20JAN%202023.PDF](https://www.troyareasd.org/downloads/volunteer%20manual%20-tasd%20-updated%20jan%202023.pdf) AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT LIZ WOOLF.

#### HOW WILL THE PTSO SHARE INFORMATION WITH YOU?

REGULAR AND CLEAR COMMUNICATION IS A PRIORITY.

THE FOLLOWING AVENUES OF COMMUNICATION ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU:

📧 SIGN UP TO BE ON OUR EMAIL LIST. TO SIGN UP, GO TO:

[HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/230103857436049](https://form.jotform.com/230103857436049)

📖 READ THE "CLASS DOJO THAT IS SENT OUT REGULARLY BY YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL!

📰 LOOK OUT FOR OUR SCHOOL'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER IN EMAIL, DOJO AND FACEBOOK!

👁️ KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR POSTERS/FLYERS POSTED ON CLASSROOM DOORS AND IN HALLWAYS AND IN YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK.

🌐 VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://WWW.TROYAREASD.ORG/TISPTSO.ASPX](https://www.troyareasd.org/tisptso.aspx)

👍 LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: TIS PTSO

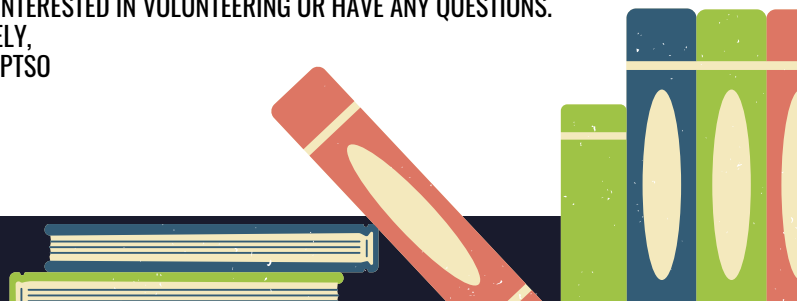
👉 JOIN US! MONTHLY MEET AND GREETINGS ARE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 5:30 IN THE TIS LIBRARY, CHILDREN WELCOME AND WE HAVE A ZOOM OPTION.

#### HOW DOES THE PTSO RAISE FUNDS?

OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$22,500 THIS YEAR! DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED AND APPRECIATED! THE PTSO RUNS 2 MAJOR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS DURING THE YEAR TO PAY FOR FIELD TRIPS, ASSEMBLIES, FIELD DAY, DANCES, FAMILY EVENTS AND MORE. THESE FUNDRAISERS ARE (1) COOKIE SALES IN THE FALL AND (2) DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER STARTING IN MARCH. WE ALSO WILL HAVE BAKE SALES, APPAREL SALES AND OTHER SMALL EVENTS TO HELP MEET OUR GOAL. EACH STUDENT WILL BE ALLOTTED \$30 TOWARD THEIR FIELD TRIP EXPERIENCE THIS YEAR. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT YOUR STUDENT'S CLASS MAY CHOOSE A MORE EXPENSIVE FIELD TRIP AND IN THAT CASE YOUR STUDENT MAY HAVE TO DO ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING OR PAY A DIFFERENCE. THIS IS DECIDED BY THE HOMEROOM TEACHER WHO WILL CONTACT PARENTS IN THAT CASE AND DOES NOT INVOLVE THE PTSO.

WE HAVE AMAZING SUPPORTIVE FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES WHO HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL IN MANY WAYS. IT TAKES A VILLAGE! THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR TIS TROJANS AND THE TIS PTSO! WE LOOK FORWARD TO A YEAR OF GROWTH AND EXCITEMENT IN LEARNING AS WE WORK TOGETHER! FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SINCERELY,  
YOUR TIS PTSO

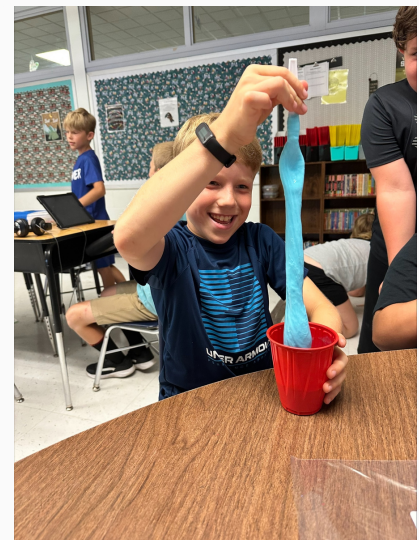


## 3rd grade

Third grade students have adjusted well to a new building and grade!! They are really liking their lockers and the TIS playground! We are also completing the beginning of the year assessments. Most students know their lunch number and this makes going through the cafeteria line go more quickly. Third graders are also earning punches for following directions, being helpful and polite, being a good friend and completing assigned tasks! We are gearing up for our first field trip to the farm this Thursday, September 14th! The third grade team is so excited to work with this new group of amazing students!!



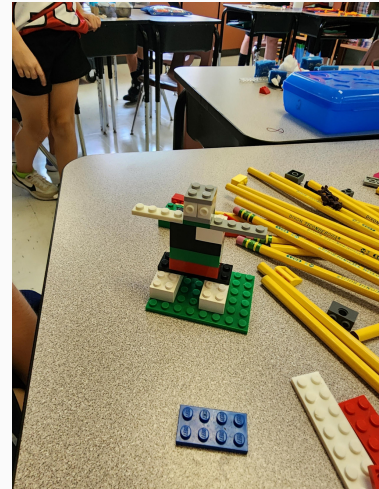
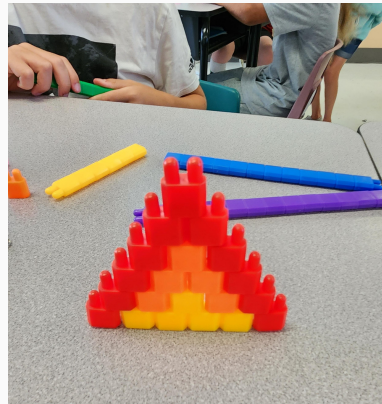
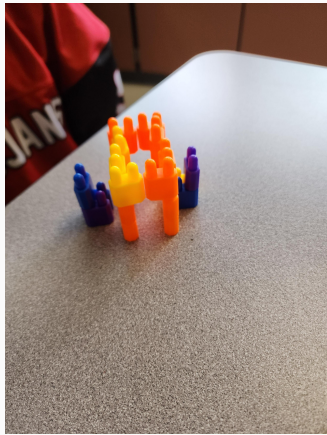
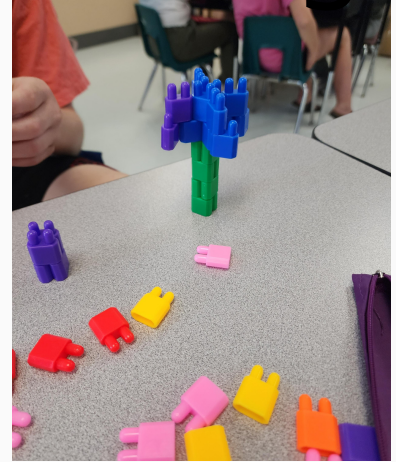
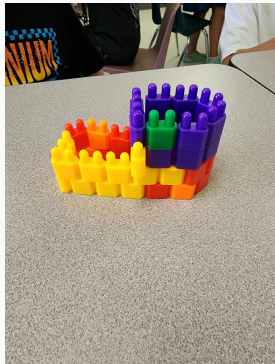
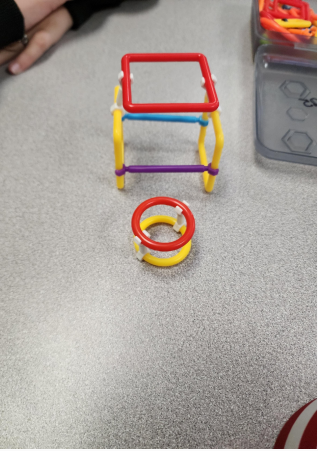
## 4th grade



4th grade students in Mr. E and Mrs. Kinat's classes had the chance to make some slime at the beginning of the year as a reward for showing their armor daily.

5th grade

# STEM Camping Challenge



6th grade



# News Around TIS

**HELP WANTED**

**WE NEED 2-4 VOLUNTEERS FOR PICTURE DAY ON 9/29**

Email [tisptso@troyareasd.org](mailto:tisptso@troyareasd.org) if you're interested in learning more info or click on the link below!

[Sign Up Genius](#)

**SIGN UP TODAY FOR YOUTH BOWLING AT TERRACE LANES. FALL SESSION STARTS SEPTEMBER 16TH AND 17TH FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TERRACE LANES AT 570-297-3249**

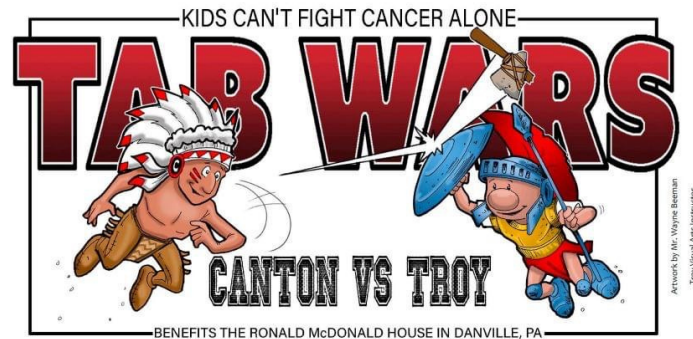


## Artists of the week

**KABE RENZO, GRADE 6**  
**ALYVIA DIEFFENBACH, GRADE 6**

**ARTIST OF THE WEEK OVER THE SUMMER:**

**ELLIE WATSON, GRADE 6**  
**RAELYNN PAGE, GRADE 6**  
**MADelyn PHILLIPS, GRADE 5**  
**ADDIE WHITE, GRADE 5**  
**ADELINe HALL, GRADE 6**



It's time for our annual Tab Wars!

Tabs will be collected and weighed throughout the month of October at all Canton Area and Troy Area schools. The district that has the most weight in tabs on **Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** will be declared the winner! The weights and winner will be announced at half-time of the Old Shoe game that night.

Representatives from Kids Can't Fight Cancer Alone will collect the tabs and deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House in Danville where they will recycle them for cash. Last year, we collected a combined total of 1,125.8 pounds of tabs!

Let's work together as a community for this friendly competition and collect those tabs!

Be sure to collect those Tabs!



### Cancer Awareness Week

September 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

Join the **Troy Area School District** and Kids Can't Fight Cancer Alone! Wear the colors listed for each day to show your support for those affected by cancer.

**Monday**  
Red/White



**Tuesday**  
Green/Blue



**Wednesday**  
Yellow/Orange



**Thursday**  
Pink



**Friday**  
Purple/Lavender



KCFA is an organization that supports children and families affected by childhood cancer in Bradford, Tioga, and Sullivan counties. For more information, check them out on Facebook!

# Sending Thanks!



**PTSO GAVE ALL STAFF AT TIS A DUNKIN' CARD TO WELCOME THEM BACK!**

## THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES WHO CHALKED UP THE SIDEWALKS AT TIS!

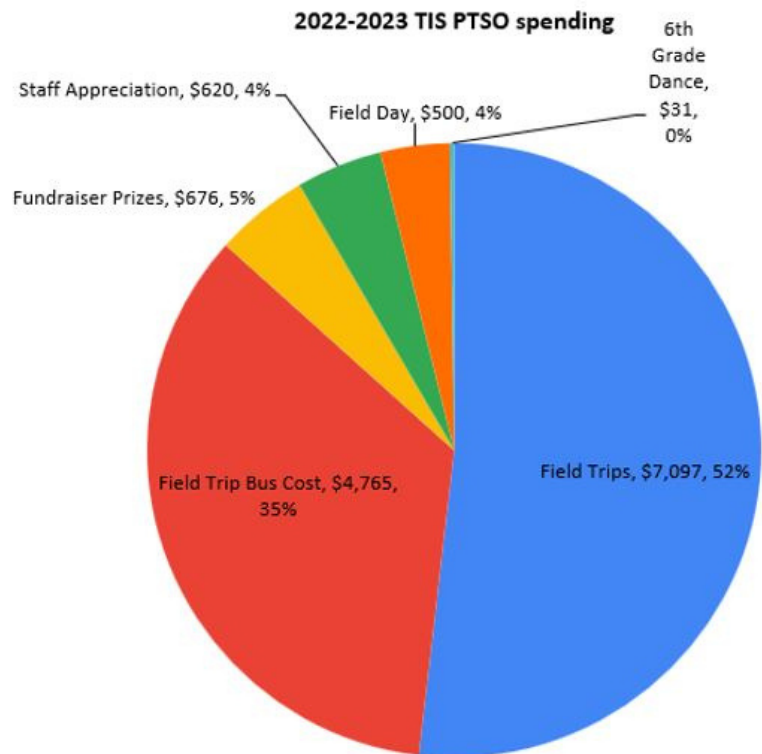


THE PTSO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A BIG SHOUT OUT TO THOSE WHO DONATED COOKIE TRAYS FOR THE OPEN HOUSE! KENARRI REAL ESTATE, JERIKAH G., JESSICA M., JUSTINE W. AS WELL AS A FEW OTHERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



The TIS PBIS program started the year strong by learning all the ways they should use their Trojan ARMOR at school, on the bus, and at the campground. Thanks to Ranger Kulago, all of the staff and students know the best way to have a good Attitude, Respect, Make Safe Choices, consider Others' Feelings, and have Responsibility.

2022-2023 TIS PTSO spending



# Upcoming Fundraiser Information...and more!

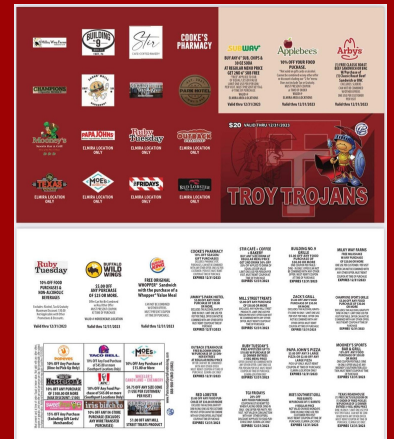
The PTSO can not run without Fundraisers! We would like to raise \$22,500 to send our students on awesome field trips, have great family events, and many other exciting events we would like to plan throughout the year. That is where we need your help! Please stay up to date on Fundraisers and exciting volunteer opportunities on our Facebook Page and the District Website, <https://www.troyareasd.org/Fundraisers.aspx>



Our Cookie Dough Sale Kick Off will be on Monday, October 9th. The sales will be for two weeks, with order pick up on November 9th just in time for Holiday Baking! Stay tuned for more information!

The PTSO will be selling baked goods at all Home Football Games. If you would be interested in donating baked goods, or volunteering, please contact [tisptso@troyareasd.org](mailto:tisptso@troyareasd.org)

Home Games are as follows:  
September 15  
September 29  
October 13



Stay tuned for updates on the Discount Card Fundraiser

Thank you for your continued support!



# CALLING ALL TIS PARENTS!!!

*JOIN*

**TROY INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL PTSO FOR  
2023-24' SCHOOL  
YEAR**

**SIGN UP  
HERE  
OR  
HERE**



**BE THE  
FIRST TO  
KNOW**

ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, EVENTS,  
NEWSLETTERS, MEETINGS AND MORE BY  
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