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AIR QUALITY IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

BY: JORGE AND CARLOS

Did you know that the Central Valley is the richest agricultural region in the world? Air Quality in the Central Valley has been terrible, ever since the wildfires in Southern California. The outdoor air quality may be affecting your health. Many people have gotten air alerts because of the terrible air quality. An air alert is a notification that the San Joaquin Valley is experiencing bad air and is unhealthy based on ozone standards.

What is an ozone? An ozone layer is a colorless gas that can be good or bad. There are two types of ozone layers. The first ozone gas is called stratospheres. Stratospheres are good because they shield the earth from the sun's ultraviolet rays. The second ozone gas is called ground level and they affect us humans because we breathe the air. Some things you can do to help the air are: riding your bike or walking to your destination and only having fires

occasionally. Some actions you can take to have better living quarters and switching to electric yard-care equipment and using solar panels. Remember that making just one change in our daily lives can help clean the air! Also don't forget to check the flag at Tipton Elementary School so you'll know what kind of air day it will be.

These are what the color of the flags mean:

Flag Colors:	Air Quality:	What it Means:
Green	Healthy	Great Day to be Active
Yellow	Moderate	Good Day to be Active
Orange	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Bad for People with Asthma, People with Lung Disease, etc.
Red	Unhealthy	Okay to be Outside but Unsafe
Purple	Very Unhealthy	Bad to be Outside
Maroon	Hazardous	Avoid all Outdoor Activities

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Upcoming Dates:

Thanksgiving Break - No School November 25th -27th

Christmas Break—No School December 21- January 8

FUTURE ARCHITECTS

BY: BRITNEY & JIMENA



Do you know about Mr. Starling's elective class? Well, Mr. Starling's elective class is about building and creating items on Minecraft. For the students and teachers who don't know about Minecraft, Minecraft is a game where you use your creativity to build anything you can imagine with cubed shaped items. There are about 20 students that are in this elective. Mr. Starling says that he thinks most of his students are fast learners.

We asked three students what they thought about this elective. Alexis responded by saying, "I think it is fun and I like it in general." Benjamin and a seventh grader think it is a very fun and easy elective. We also asked Alexis what she has

learned so far in her elective. She learned that you can build anything if you set your mind to it.

The idea of a Minecraft elective was chosen when Mr. Starling and Mr. Marroquin were talking about Minecraft and thought it was a great idea for it to be an elective. To be in this elective you need to know how to follow directions and be a good listener. Did you know that the students that are in this elective are building Tipton Elementary School? Well, the reason that they are building this is to give the students the ability to be creative with their buildings. This elective will benefit the students in the future if they want to have a job that has to do with building and constructing. Would you like to be in this elective?



The front of the school as built by the Minecraft elective

MASCOT FACTS:

A group of tigers is called an 'ambush' or 'streak'!



Foggy Day Schedule

PLAN A

*School classes will begin at 11:00am

*All busses will run approximately 3 hours late

PLAN B

SCHOOL IS CANCELLED causes could be due to fog, snow, power or water outage, etc.

School begins at 11:00am and classes end at:

2:45 (Kindergarten)

3:25 (1-3 grade)

3:30 (4-8 grade)

MS. SANCHEZ

BY: SALMA

Let me introduce you to the fifth grade teacher. Her name is Ms. Sanchez. The reason she wanted to become a teacher is because she was inspired by one of her teachers when she was a student. To add to that, she has been teaching for two years. She went to college at Fresno State University. Ms. Sanchez said that she hopes she will still have this job next year. Her second year here has been good but it's a challenge because she's coming from kindergarten to fifth grade. It's a new concept because she has never taught fifth grade before.

Her hobbies include reading and playing sports. She likes playing sports since she grew up with all brothers and her favorite sports team is the San Francisco 49ers. Ms. Sanchez's opinion is that the 49ers are the best team ever. In her spare time she likes to rest, watch movies, and go out with her friends. Now you know more about the fifth grade teacher.

MRS. ROCHA

BY ANGELICA

Do you know Tipton's new 5th grade teacher? If you don't know her name it's Mrs. Rocha. She went to Fresno Pacific College. Mrs. Rocha is married and has two daughters. The youngest daughter, Megan, is a senior at Tulare The oldest daughter, Lauren graduated from Fresno State, and she is 22 years old. Mrs. Rocha is now working here as our new 5th grade teacher. She says, "I love working here at Tipton, my classroom is awesome and great," she said. Her favorite subject is writing and history. Mrs. Rocha is new, but she has grown up with some teachers here. She grew up with Mrs. Nuckols, Mrs. Gilbert, and Ms. Manfredi. Mrs. Rocha has worked in other schools, not just Tipton. She worked in Lindsay as a 7th teacher. She wants to be a 5th grade teacher at Tipton, for the rest of her career. This year her goals are to learn the tiger way here in Tipton.

What's with 5th grade?



COWBOY POETRY

BY: SALMA AND AMY

Hey teachers and students of Tipton, did you know that on October 9, 2015 the fifth graders went on a field trip? Well if you were wondering where they went, they went to Ritchie Barn in Visalia. They went because each fifth grader wrote a cowboy poem. There were three winners. In Mrs. Rocha's class the winner was Damaris Gomez. Hannah Velasco was the winner from Ms. Sanchez's class. The winner from Mrs. Gilbert's class was Itxel Toledo.

When they first arrived at the barn there was a cowboy that described their lifestyle and what they do as a cowboy. After that they went and ate peach cobbler from a Dutch oven. While still tasting the peach cobbler in their mouth they went and listened to the cowboys sing and tell poems while they sang along. With butterflies in their stomach our school along with other schools recited their poems. Every winner at the barn was a Tipton student. All the winners received a bandanna. After feeling excited but really hungry, they went to a nearby park and had a picnic. After they filled their little tummies and said good-bye to the barn they came back to school and continued their day.

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST

BY: ANDREA

Welcome Mrs. Mendes! She is our new Educational Specialist. However she didn't start out as a specialist, her first job after graduating Westmont College in 1999 was being a regular school teacher. She was a teacher for six years and now she has been an Education Specialist for four years. The reason she switched careers was because she wanted to make an impact on people's lives. Her first day here at Tipton School was really good. "Everyone was very kind and welcoming", she said describing her first day. She loves her job but it can get tiring and at the end of the day, she is all worn out. However, she'll continue working at Tipton because she loves her profession and feels as if she's changing other's lives. In conclusion, welcome Mrs. Mendes to the school and wish her good luck!



KINDERGARTEN

BY: KINSEY AND CLARISSA

Who knows about Kindergarten? Well, it is time we talk about them. We are wearing colors to help Kindergarten learn their colors. Recently, we've worn orange, black, and white. Every week the kindergarteners have learned a color and a number. They are learning how to read, color, about letters, math, and grammar. They use iPads and computers to do these things. The kindergarteners do little activities to learn their colors and numbers. The teachers of Kindergarten are Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Medina, Mrs. Diaz, and Mrs. Kelly. The teachers try their best to teach and help the kids learn new things before they go to first grade.



MRS. ALVAREZ

BY: MARTIN

Did you know that Mrs. Alvarez was born in Mazatlán Sinaloa, Mexico? She is also a citizen of the U.S. and has lived in America since she was just 5 years old. After living in Los Angeles for most of her life, she then moved to Earlimart when she was seventeen. Ms. Alvarez graduated from COS and started working as a Mini Core Migrant Student Tutor. She later moved to work at Tipton Elementary School and has been working here for fourteen years! She loves her work here because she enjoys working with students and pushing them forward so they can accomplish their goals. Now, Mrs. Alvarez lives in Pixley, accompanied by her four dogs and two turtles. Sparky

and Brutes, the two turtles, live inside with two of the dogs. However, the other two dogs get to sleep outside and protect Ms. Alvarez from the "bad people." Another interesting topic about Ms. Alvarez is that she became an Ordained Minister this year and has participated in the church for the past ten years. Now, you know more details about Ms. Alvarez's life.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

BY: CARLA AND TANIA

Did you know that breast cancer can happen at any age, breast cancer can also happen to men, women, and dogs.

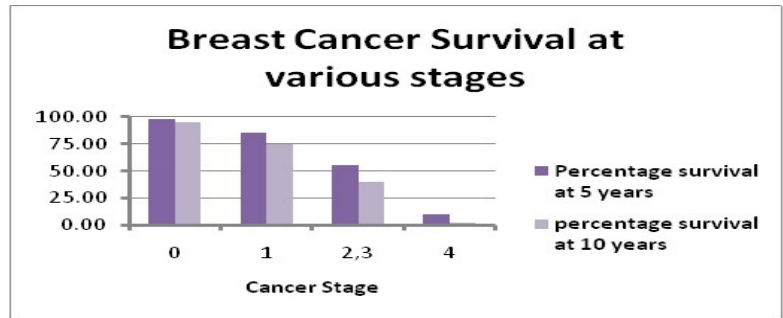
The type of cancer that dogs get is more aggressive than the one people get. The treatments that people get is not successful on dogs like it is for people. Many dogs die each year because of breast cancer.

The cancer men get in their breast is not that different than the one women get. Both men and women get the same treatments also a combination of surgeries, radiations, and chemotherapy. Breast cancer is rare among men.

Did you know 1 out of 8 women get breast cancer in their lifetime. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of death among women, (The first

leading cause is heart attacks.) To prevent breast cancer you need to have healthy habits such as limited alcohol and staying physicaly active.

Stanford is helping to develop anti-angiogenesis drugs. They block the formation of new blood vessels that feed tumors and help them grow. This will help others in the future. Right now, stage 1 has a 85% survivor rate and in stage 2-3 there are 55% survivors and in stage 4 only 10% survive. This is why Tania and I started the Cancer fund raiser to help these people. We were able to raise \$350.00 to send to Stanford University to help stop breast cancer.



SUPER SPECTACULAR TIPTON TEENS

Carla Parra was recognized in the Tulare Advanced register as a student on character for her help in starting the breast cancer fundraiser. She was featured with a picture and was awarded for caring. Her teacher Ms. Manfredi was quoted as saying, "Carla coordinated the breast cancer article for the journalism class. While researching, her passion to fundraise for cancer was ignited."



Her and Tania were both recognized by the Tulare County Office of Education for their passion and enthusiasm to help stop breast cancer. Representative for the county office came to see them on October 21st and even helped by donating to their cause.

Nicole Nunez was recognized on October 27th for the Character Counts pillar fairness. She was featured in the Visalia Times Delta and went to Visalia to receive her award. She received a t-shirt and a \$75.00 scholarship.



Tipton staff wore pink after we reached our goal of raising \$350 for breast cancer research.



Tulare Office of Education Representatives, came by to interview Tania and Carla.



RED RIBBON WEEK

Craziness and fun on October 26th -30th. Red Ribbon week is when students dress up as a character and wear a certain color to represent a person or thing. Monday we were able to wear pajamas, Tuesday-Sports, Wednesday-Flashback, Thursday-Country Western, and Friday-a Halloween costume or a orange and black T-shirt. The reason we have this tradition is because it represents a Drug Free School Zone. It's fun and a really great time celebrating being Drug Free and doing all sorts of (pretty cool) activities. During those activities there are people playing and if they are the winners then they get a prize such as candy, water bottles, bracelets, or headphones. After the students are done playing it is the teacher's turn. The students have a great time cheering on the teachers and their class to win.

By, Angelica and Jeannette

