

TIPTON TIGER TIMES

Special points of interest:

- **Spring Break
March 19–
April 4**
- **State Testing**
- **Friday Night
Live Lip Synch
Friday, April 8,
2016**
- **April 12: Dress
up as your Fa-
vorite Disney
Character**
- **May 10: Dress
up for Patriotic
Day**

Making Tipton Proud Again By: Brianna Alvarez & Micxi Palomera

On Saturday, January 22, 2016, Tipton Varsity girls basketball team brought home a 1st place trophy. After all the hard work put in by these girls, they took the court on Saturday and made it theirs. Even though they lost one game to Pixley with the score of 8-6, they ended up taking Pixley's place and sent them home earlier than they expected. The girls who participated in this tournament were, Brianna Alvarez, Micxi Palomera, Gianna Benedetti, Clarisa Vejar, Daisy Ortiz, Ashley Medina, Angelica Martin, Vanessa Saldaña, Emily Calderon, Susana Gonzalez, Jennifer Alvarez, Brianna Quintero, Karen Vejar, Jannet Flores, Cristal Aguilera, and Jimena Martin. Two of the girls from JV basketball, Clarisa Vejar and Karen Vejar, were brought up to go to the varsity tournament, making a huge impact on the team as they gave their time and effort in participating in the tournament. Other schools who also participated in the Sundale tournament besides Pixley were St. Aloysius, CVCMS, Monson Sultana, and Sundale. Out of all the teams who were there Tipton only played Pixley, St. Aloysius, and CVCMS. Tipton lost to Pixley 8-6, beat St. Aloysius 9-1, and won the final championship game against CVCMS 16-9.



Tipton's next game just so happened to be against St. Aloysius and they ended up beating them with the score shown up above. Taking Pixley out and Tipton back in. Leading them to the playoffs vs. CVCMS. Micxi's personal opinion of what she saw happen in the game when she played, was that she saw everyone playing their position correctly, just as they had done at practice. She quoted, "Practicing is the key to success." Brianna's opinion on the tournament and the girls was, "Everyone showed they wanted to win and not only did the girls who played do an amazing job, but also the girls who were out on the bench, showing their school spirit and support." She also said, "Just because we won, doesn't mean we were the best, we just wanted it more and our play time showed it." There was also opinions given from some of the players, Ashley, Gianna, and Emily. Ashley said, "It was a great and unexpected game."

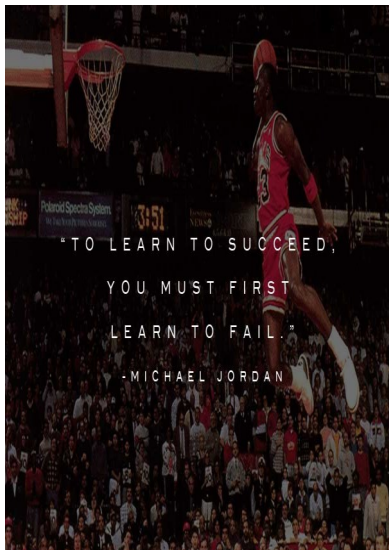


Varsity Girls team after the tournament

Emily said, "It went well overall and there was a lot of improvement throughout the tournament." "We worked and played together as a team and we stayed positive and enthusiastic throughout the day." Gianna said, "We improved in every single game and stayed motivated." All of the girls said that they also thought Mrs. Benedetti and Mrs. Calderon were the real MVP's for supplying the girls with food to keep them going throughout the day. The girls stated that it was an overall great day and they hoped that they could show themselves worthy of the win once again at the Rural Schools basketball tournament.

Boys Basketball tournament

By: Micxi Palomera & Brianna Alvarez



The varsity boys team included: Gabriel Tejeda, Andrew Cisneros, Benji Ambriz, Salvador Zavala, Ernesto Orozco, Alejandro Vega, Anthony A, and Juan Zaragoza. On Saturday, January 30, 2016, they played against Pixley, St. Aloysius, and Three Rivers. They lost against Pixely 46-6, lost against St. Aloysius 27-25, and lost against Three Rivers 26-25. The Varsity boys said they had many opportunities but were unable to execute them. Andrew stated, "It was not what I expected." " We should've played as a team, payed attention, and should've listened to our coach." Gabriel said,

"He didn't feel like they were ready and weren't able to work together during the game." Anthony said, "He felt ashamed because of all the games they lost, he thought the mistake they made was giving up early into the tournament instead of staying strong all the way through."



JV Boys

By: Andy Gutierrez

The players who were on the JV basketball team were Andy, Edgar, Misael, Christopher, Victor, Joe, Alex, Isaac, Francisco, and Ernesto. Their coach was Mr. Marroquin. Sadly the JV boys team lost every game. Their first game was against Sundale and the score was 56-9. The second game was against Sunny-side and the score was 32-7.

Their third game was against Pixley and the score was 32-7. The next game they played Sundale for the second time, and the score was 44-8. The final game they played was against Pixley once again and it was 26-4. As a team they tried to win with all their might, so they could win at least one game.



"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up"-Babe Ruth

JV Girls

By: Freddy Valdez

Have you heard about the undefeated demolishing JV girls. Ms. Manfredi says that she is very proud of them and herself because this is the first time the JV girls are undefeated under her coaching. Some of the stuff Ms. Manfredi makes them do are drills and stretching before a game and said that you need to

do drills and stretch because it helps them warm up and shoot when they need to. Ms. Manfredi says that there is one amazing player that makes most of the shots during the game . That player is 7th grader, Natalia Diaz, with the average score of 10 points a game. The game scores have been im-

pressive these past weeks. They beat Pixley 20-9, beat Sundale twice 18-4 & 18-2, and beat Sunnyside 15-4.



Varsity Girls By: Anthony Saldivar

Varsity girls first game against Sundale was 8-18 and lost again to Sunnyside 3-21. They played a tournament at Sundale and won 1st place. They won two more times against Pixley 24-16 and Sundale 19-11 but unfortunately they lost while on a good winning streak to Sunnyside 16-2. Varsity girls last game was against Pixley and they won 9-0. The star player and also the captain is Brianna A and Gianna B. Their teammates were Micxi P., Crystal A., Ashley M., Clarisa Vejar, Angelica M., Emily C., Susana G., Vanessa S., Jannet F., Briana Q., and Jennifer A.

I interviewed one of the girls on the team and it was Micxi Palomera. I asked her, "How did you feel at your first game?" She responded saying "Nervous because it was my first time playing on a basketball team." I then asked her, "What is something you need to improve on?", she said, "Driving in with the ball and making more layups." My last question was, "Who made the most baskets?" She said, "Brianna Alvarez." Now that the basketball season is over for the Varsity girls. There was a tournament at Tulare Western High School and the girls placed 2nd there.



"True champions aren't always the ones that win, but those with the most guts." -Mia Hamm

Varsity Boys By: Ramiro Bustos

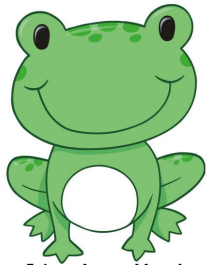
The Tipton Tigers Kick off the Basketball Season with a Successful Victory against the Sundale Mustangs with an amazing score of 23-11. Yet that was just the start of the season. On their second game against the Sunnyside Trojans they sadly got their first loss of the season with the score of 13-12. They unfortunately lost by one point. Their third game was against the Pixely Jaguars and the Tigers lost again 36-33. All went well once they played the Sundale Mustangs again and fortunately they won with a score of 27-16. Which is great because they lost two times in a row and later were able to pull out a win for their fourth game. Then on their fifth game against the Sunnyside Trojans they lost by 4 with a score of 12-17. Ms. Lampe said, "My team is like the tinman from The Wizard of Oz because they need a heart". On their last and final game against the Pixely Jaguars the Tiger's won the game with a close score of 18-17. So as you can see it was a season of close games and tight matches for the Tipton Tiger varsity boys.





The love of the past By: Abraham Chum & Justan Lanting

Do you know the origins of Valentine's Day? No one really knows why Valentine's Day occurs on February 14. One thing about this holiday is that the holiday Valentine's Day comes from a man named St. Valentine. There are many legends about St. Valentine. This is one of the most well known. In 269 A.D., St. Valentine was being executed by taking a beating, for his stand of Christian marriage. Before being executed he asked his jailor, Asterius, for a piece of paper and a pen and wrote a note to the daughter of Asterius and signed, "From Your Valentine." Many Roman men heard of him and decide to send notes to the ones they love on February 14 just like him.



It's a Leap Year!

Valentines Day

21st century : Did you know that Valentine's Day has changed over the years? Now men spend twice as much money on women's gifts for Valentine's Day, than women spend on men. There are about 1 billion Valentines cards being exchanged each year. That makes it the second largest card exchanging season of the year. Everyone celebrates Valentine's Day including candy companies, jewelry stores and flower shops.

History of Leap Year By: Christopher Lopez & Ethan Gonzales

Do you know what Leap Year is? Leap year is a change in a month every four years. Leap Year was discovered by Julius Caesar and his team of Astronomers. Leap Year was discovered back in the first century B.C. Julius Caesar and his team of Astronomers noticed that the earth wouldn't really orbit the sun in exactly 365 days. That is why every four years Leap year occurs.

The way Leap Year works is that they add another day every four years in February, which is February 29. In a Leap Year there are exactly 366 days, but when a regular year occurs there is only 365 days in a year. Leap Year is necessary so it can keep the planet aligned with Earth's revolution around the sun, it takes Earth 365 days, 48 minutes and 46 seconds to rotate around the sun. Now that is what Leap Year is.

Everyday is a new beginning, take a deep breath and start again.



Harvesting Hope By: Alex Vega & Mario Saucedo

Have you heard of Harvesting Hope? It is a community of schools in Tulare county that pick crops in the fields for families in low poverty communities. Some of the fruit and vegetables are blueberries, sweet corn, walnuts, bell peppers, mandarin, and oranges. Harvesting Hope helps communities feed their families through Food Link.

Some sixth graders here in Tipton are helping out. The students that are participating are Alexis C., Melanie S., Kevin M., Alondra B., Alexander M., and also four staff members, Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Peliaz, Ms. Hallen, and Ms. Douglass. They all went out to the fields to pick the crops that were ripe and ready to pick. They went Saturday, January 30, 2016.

There are a lot of people helping out, sometimes there can be a minimum of 20 people and there can also be a maximum of 300 students and adults. All these people represent good character, citizenship and are very caring. Tipton is in need of volunteers, so if you would like to be part of a healthy solution contact Ms. Alvarez. Remember that it's for a good cause to help support others.



Pennies for Patients

By: Isabel Lopez, Ezequiel Rios, & Jazzmin Rideout

Have you ever wondered why we do pennies for patients or how long we've been doing it? If so, keep on reading to find out. This year the class that raised the most money for the Pennies for Patients in Tipton Elementary was Mrs. Calderon's 3rd grade class. They raised \$236. Mrs. Lowry's kindergarten class came in 2nd place with \$188.42. Altogether, Tipton Elementary raised \$2,384.48. Tipton Elementary has been doing Pennies for patients for 10 years. They started doing it after Mrs. Calderon's daughter passed away from cancer. Mrs. Gilbert said they started doing it so they can help those with cancer. As you guys can see, we do pennies for patients for a really good cause. So, the next time we do pennies for patients, help out by bringing change. That way we can all help out others with cancer. Remember pennies could save a life.

Book Fair By: Jessica Guzman & Mercedes

"Thank you to the people who came to the book fair. I hope you guys liked it," said Mrs. Rice. The theme of the book fair was groovy. Would you believe that Tipton Elementary library raised 2,200 dollars? At the end of the book fair Tipton Elementary library reached a total of \$2,500. In total they sold about 130 books. Mrs. Rice likes doing book fairs because she likes seeing students get new books. The kind of books that were at the book fair are a mixture of everything, like fiction, picture books, popular books, etc. A new item that was at the book fair was the Star Wars books. The top selling items were bookmarks, smart phone and the money eraser. The top two selling books were Shopkins and Plants vs Zombies. What will Mrs. Rice do with the money she made? Mrs. Rice is going to purchase new books for the Tipton Elementary School library. Both fiction and nonfiction. Overall, the book fair was a success.



Mrs. Hurtado's life By Gloria Alvarado

Mrs. Hurtado has been teaching in Tipton Elementary for 15 years. She likes teaching science because she thinks the world is really exciting. She also likes teaching in Tipton very much. She has worked in other places like Scicon and different restaurants. Mrs. Hurtado is married and has three kids. Their names are Ashley, Hunter, and Zachary. Her birthday is October 16th. She was born in Dinuba, California. Her favorite sports are basketball and soccer. She likes basketball and soccer because she likes taking the ball away and scoring. Her students like her because she is funny and nice. Many have said that she is one of the best teachers in Tipton School.

A Remarkable Accomplishment

On Saturday, February 20, 2016, Nicole Nunez was recognized by the Daughter of the American Revolution for winning their American History Essay contest. This contest was open to all 6-8th and 9-12th grade students. The students received a certificate and a monetary prize for winning. Nicole won the contest in the 6th grade category. There was a winner in this category overall from Sequoia Middle School, she will get to compete at the state level and if she wins then she will go onto a National level. There were 2 other contest's that were awarded that day for a Christopher Columbus Essay and DAR Good Citizen Award. There were schools from all over the country that were recognized and in attendance that day. Nicole was the first person to go forward and get her award, she was asked if she would read her essay and she did. She displayed courage as she read her paper to a large group of her peers and adults. This contest is available each year, so don't be shy come out and give it your best effort next year!





SCICON By: Clarisa Vejar & Jessica Diaz

As you may have heard the 6th graders of Tipton Elementary went to Scicon. The 6th graders of Tipton Elementary went on February 16, 2016 and came back on February 19, 2016. When The 6th graders came back to Tipton some said that they carried a snake others said they carried a salamander. Many 6th graders said they liked the songs, dances, claps, food, trails, and cabins. They said that some of their favorite trails were Quartz Mine, Skytrail, Geology Trail, and Dead Man's Falls. Something interesting that the 6th graders learned was that all the energy comes from the sun. The 6th graders said they saw Salamanders, different types of birds, plants, bugs, snakes, quails, the Hermit's underwear, and millipedes. The 6th graders stated that they had lots of fun at Scicon. Some students even said that they wanted to spend more days at Scicon. They said they had lots of fun meeting new people and counselors. At last they had a lot of fun meeting new people and learning new stuff.



Pilgrims by Gustavo Santa Cruz, Adolfo Becerra

and Jonathon Flores

Pilgrims eating at the first Thanksgiving.

The pilgrims were awesome people because they had to come to another country and learn how to do things by themselves in a whole new way.

What did the pilgrims grow? The pilgrims grew corn, squash, cranberries, walnuts, carrots, onion, and potatoes. The pilgrims hunted lobster because it was the main meal of the day. Now they are expensive because they come from

Spain and Alaska. The pilgrims didn't eat wild turkey for Thanksgiving dinner, but they did hunt turkey to eat, but it was not for the feast! Who were the first pilgrims? They were people from Babworth, East Retford, and Nottinghamshire in England, who came together around the 1600's. How did the pilgrims travel? They traveled with a ship called the Mayflower. What did the pilgrims do? The pilgrims planted their food and made things from them and other people. The men got



wood and went hunting for food and the women took care of the children. Why did the pilgrims come to America? They wanted freedom of religion.

The Yokut Indian History

By Jessica Flores, Monserrat Langarica, Valentina Hernandez, Evelyn Gonzalez

The Yokuts live in clans and believe in spirit animals. Do you know why each clan has a spirit animal? Each clan has an animal spirit that will warn him if something goes wrong. You can find your spirit animal if you are quiet in the forest or in the water.

The Yokuts built their houses in Tulare because that's where the Yokuts used to live. There was a group of Yokuts called the Hohokam. They got their water from the salty river and some water from canals. The Yokuts mainly ate fish, waterfowl, shellfish, roots, and seeds. The Yokuts have some traditions. One of them is called the deer dance.

Christopher Columbus accidentally went around the world wrong. He thought where he landed was India, but it was really North America. So he called the people in North America Indians. Some Native Americans used sign language to communicate to others. Some people used longer gestures to communicate.

The Yokuts wore skirts made of Tule grass. Where did the Yokuts get the Tule grass? Well they got it from the Tulare river. The Yokuts wore Tule grass because, that was the only long grass there was to make skirts. How did the Yokuts build their houses? The Yokuts lived in different houses. Their house were coned shaped from the top and the bottom is a circular shape. There are so many different kinds of things that the Yokuts did and built to survive.



These are the Yokuts that lived in the mountains.