

# THREE RIVERS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## On-Line CURRENT



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**Do you have a friend or neighbor who would benefit from receiving this weekly E-Newsletter? Ask them if you can submit their name and e-mail address to get on the weekly E-Newsletter distribution list. Send to Tom at [tbailey@three-rivers.org](mailto:tbailey@three-rivers.org). Let's get the good word about Three Rivers out to EVERYONE!**



Taylor's PTSA is proud to announce that Susan DeGroot has been selected as Educator of the Year for 2006-2007. Sue is a Science teacher at Taylor. She is currently teaching



Integrated Science to Freshmen and Environmental Science to Juniors and Seniors. Two members of the PTSA surprised Sue by showing up at her classroom door with flowers. The PTSA also provided home made treats for the entire faculty and staff in honor of Sue's accomplishments. Ms. DeGroot started her career at P&G where she worked one year. After having her daughter, Sue stayed at home for several years before opening a preschool, which she stayed at for 12 years. Sue went back to school to get her Masters in Education and has been at Taylor for the past 10 years. She says that the most satisfying thing about teaching is, "seeing the freshmen of Taylor change throughout the year and become confident and active Sophomores." She goes on to say that, "teaching is a very humbling profession, you

have to check your ego at the door because even if things go really well for one group and you think you've succeeded, the next class that walks in the door is another challenge. You never are bored, because you never know what to expect from one day to another." Ms. DeGroot grew up in North College Hill and currently resides on the West Side. When asked about teaching at Taylor she states, "the smallness of Taylor puts you in a position to work very effectively together with other faculty members for the benefit of the students. It is easy to know every child."

Ms. DeGroot was officially presented her award at the joint PTA meeting held at Three Rivers Middle School on January 25<sup>th</sup>.



Congratulations to Mandy Bowen, Taylor HS teacher who recently was inducted into National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teachers! NHR's Outstanding American Teachers was established to provide positive recognition to educators who have been identified by their students as having had the greatest influence on their lives, either as a student or an individual.



## Four Taylor art students head to national competition

Contributed By Shauna Steigerwald | The Enquirer

Allison Pulskamp couldn't be happier with the 13 seniors who comprise her advanced placement art classes at Taylor High School. "They really have all come so far this year," she says.

To get the students on target with building their portfolios, the students recently submitted eight finished pieces, which were displayed during an art show at the high school and sent to the Scholastic Art Awards.

When the results for the awards came back, it was clear that the students' hard work had paid off. Four of Pulskamp's students were among the 35 selected regional winners, giving Taylor more winners than any other local high school, Pulskamp says. The winners, Erin Chapman, George Canfield, Kurtis Penn and Alysha Wolfzorn, will be honored at an awards ceremony in Covington on Feb. 16 and then will move on to national competition in New York City.

"I am just overwhelmed with pride," Pulskamp says. "In a small school with limited resources, this is a true testament to the work ethic and talent of our students; they have put so much into their portfolios!"

"To have four portfolios win is amazing," she continues. "There are over 350 portfolios submitted for Scholastics and only 35 selected as winners, so four is just unbelievable for a school our size!"

One of the winners, Erin Chapman, is in her second year of AP art at Taylor. "It's been really great for me - it gives me more personal freedom to explore and grow as an artist," she says. Her winning portfolio pieces shared the theme of using color to capture motion.

But Chapman notes that the students owe part of their progress to their teacher. "We wouldn't be where we are without Ms. Pulskamp pushing us," she says.

Erin Chapman - winning portfolio .....



George Canfield - winning portfolio .....



Kurtis Penn - winning portfolio .....



Alysha Wolfzorn - winning portfolio .....





## Congratulations to our Hamilton County Council of PTAs 2006-2007 Reflection Winners and Honorable Mentions

<b>Visual Arts -</b>	Primary Preschool-Gr. 2	Winner Aaron Lamb
	Intermediate Gr. 3-5	Winner Alex Lippert
	Jr. / Middle Gr. 6-8	H. M. MaKayla Lutz
	Senior Gr. 9-12	Winner Kayla McCarthy
<b>Literature</b>	Jr. / Middle Gr. 6-8	H. M. Robbie Chapman
	Senior Gr. 9-12	Winner Mirando Picadio
<b>Photography</b>	Primary Preschool-Gr. 2	Winner Rachel Hardtke
	Intermediate Gr. 3-5	Winner Alexis Baumann
	Jr. / Middle Gr. 6-8	Winner Philip Krinsky
	Senior Gr. 9-12	Winner Mary Stafford
<b>Music</b>	Jr. / Middle Gr. 6-8	Winner Robbie Chapman



**2006-2007 PTA REFLECTIONS DISTRICT WINNERS**

<p><b><i>Primary Division Preschool, Grade PreK-2 Miami Heights Elementary &amp; CT Young</i></b></p> <p><u>Literature</u>  1<sup>st</sup> Courtney Becker  2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha Snyder  3<sup>rd</sup> Caleb Hogue  HM Courtney Minter  HM Nicolas Triplett</p> <p><u>Visual Arts</u>  1<sup>st</sup> Aaron Lamb, Grade 2</p> <p><u>Photography</u>  1<sup>st</sup> Rachel Hardtke  2<sup>nd</sup> Zack Russo  3<sup>rd</sup> Joey Blankenship  HM Jodi Childress  HM Danny Pessler</p>	<p><b><i>Junior/Middle Division, Grades 6-8 – TRMS</i></b></p> <p><u>Literature</u>  1<sup>st</sup> Rob Chapman, Grade 8  2<sup>nd</sup> Philip Krinsky, Grade 8  HM Teddy Graham  HM Alison Krebs  HM Andrew Fort  HM Ashley Fossitt  HM Jake Profitt</p> <p><u>Visual Arts</u>  1<sup>st</sup> MaKayla Lutz  2<sup>nd</sup> Evan Koons  3<sup>rd</sup> Alec McCoy  HM Constance Hester  HM Anna Eggleston  HM Nathan Meyer  HM Philip Krinsky</p> <p><u>Photography</u>  1<sup>st</sup> Philip Krinsky, Grade 8</p> <p><u>Music</u>  1<sup>st</sup> Rob Chapman</p>
<p><b><i>Intermediate Division, Grades 3-5 CT Young &amp; TRMS</i></b></p> <p><u>Literature</u>  1<sup>st</sup> Emily Pohlmeier, Grade 5  2<sup>nd</sup> Sara Pietrakiejew, Grade 4  3<sup>rd</sup> Eliana Batsakis, Grade 3  HM Logan Groute, Grade 4</p> <p><u>Visual Arts</u>  1<sup>st</sup> Alex Lippert, Grade 5  2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Rapking, Grade 5  3<sup>rd</sup> Kami Gross, Grade 5  HM Olivia Pohlman, Grade 5  HM Trina Ottman, Grade 5</p> <p><u>Photography</u>  1<sup>st</sup> Alexis Baumann, Grade 4  2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Riga, Grade 5  3<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth Neyer, Grade 5  HM Tasha Earls, Grade 5</p> <p><u>Music/Video</u>  1<sup>st</sup> Audra Westrich, Grade 5  2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Oldfield, Grade 4</p>	<p><b><i>Senior Division, Grades 9-12 Taylor High School</i></b></p> <p><u>Literature</u>  1<sup>st</sup> Miranda Picadio  2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Seyfried</p> <p><u>Photography</u>  1<sup>st</sup> Mary Stafford</p> <p><u>Visual Arts</u>  1<sup>st</sup> Kayla McCarthy  2<sup>nd</sup> Jonathon Litmer  3<sup>rd</sup> Alex Heflin  HM Tyler Hellebush  HM Marcus Hodges  HM Tara Joseph</p>



Congratulations to Taylor Band members Joe Hart, Kristin Sauer and Aaron Sykes who participated in the OMEA Solo and Ensemble competition last Saturday at Taft High School. The talented Taylor trumpet trio earned a Superior "I" rating, the highest possible award.



The Taylor Talent Show is coming up on Feb. 3 at 7pm in the Taylor High School Auditorium. The theme is "Talent, No Talent". Tickets are \$5. Acts include singing by Lauren Allen, Bethany Heitkamp, Kelsy McCarthy, Kristen Joyce, and Amber Crammer. Piano by Brian Saurer. Dancing by Mallory Koons and Erin Chapman. Guitar numbers by Mr. Raver and band, Ian Reinstatler, Scott Ratterman. All are invited!



**The Taylor High School Alumni Association is sponsoring a wine tasting event for all Taylor Grads of the 1980's. The wine tasting will take place on Monday, January 29, 2007 (TONIGHT) at Rohrer's Tavern on 3-Rivers Parkway. The social will start at 6:30pm and the cost is \$5 per person, which includes wine tasting and appetizers. There will also be special pricing on orders of bottles of wine. All graduates, faculty, and friends of Three Rivers are welcome!**



The Three Rivers Athletic Boosters will be holding their Second Annual Reverse Raffle on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Gravelrama (9580 Valley Junction Road, Cleves, OH 45002). Doors will open at 6:30pm, dinner will be at 7:00pm, and the raffle will begin at approximately 7:30. There will be \$2000 in total cash prizes and a \$1000 Grand Prize. There will be a maximum of 250 tickets sold. Admission will be a \$50 donation for each ticket, which includes your name in the drawing, dinner, drinks, some silent auction items, and some other cash games on the side. If interested in tickets please contact Mike Campbell at Taylor High School (467-3200) or Tom Bailey at the Administration Building (941-6400)



**Fine Arts Basket Raffle**

**\$5.00 per chance includes:**

**2 tickets to the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra at Music Hall on March 17, 2007 (\$102.00 value) + 2 tickets to THS Drama's Spring Musical "Oklahoma" + \$50.00 Outback gift card.**

**Ticket sales begin 1/25/07 at the Combined PTSA Meeting at TRMS.**

**Tickets will be sold in the office of each district school building.**

**Drawing to be held at THS PTSA Donkey Basketball Game 3/5/07. Questions may be directed to Maribeth Harvey @ 941-3251.**

**All proceeds benefit THS PTSA After Prom**



The Three Rivers School District is proud to partner with the Cleves-Three Rivers Kiwanis. The Kiwanis has been a wonderful resource for the students in our schools and is very supportive of programs in our buildings. In the past year, the Kiwanis sponsored the following:

- Community Christmas Giving Tree
- Sponsored the Builders Club at Three Rivers Middle School
- Sponsored the Key Club at Taylor
- Provided new choir robes for Taylor's Chorus
- Helped purchase equipment for the Taylor Athletic Department
- Provided annual scholarships to Taylor graduating seniors
- Etc.

The largest fund-raiser of the year is

### **The Pre-Spring Fling**

**Friday, February 16, 2007 6-11pm at The Woodlands**

Here is what you get for the purchase of 1 ticket:

- Dinner for **TWO**
- Entertainment
- Music
- Dancing
- OPEN Bar
- A chance at 2 large cash drawings - \$5,000 and \$1,000
- Silent Auction Opportunities

The ticket price is only \$100 and only 250 tickets are sold!

Each table holds 8 people (4 tickets). This will be a great time with nice people and the money will come back to our students! Your local authorized seller is Tom Bailey.....contact me for your ticket at 233-1126 or [tbailey@three-rivers.org](mailto:tbailey@three-rivers.org) ASAP.



**NOMINATIONS FOR THE OHIO 2006-2007 "TEACHER OF THE YEAR" AWARD** sponsored by The Teachers' Insurance Plan(tm), are being accepted through March 1, 2007. The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate. Click here -[To nominate an educator, or yourself](#), explain in 250 words or less why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students or educational community. Winners will be announced at the start of the next school year.



The Three Rivers Welcome Wagon is in full swing. Our Welcome Wagon is busy delivering welcome packages to EVERY family that moves in to the Three Rivers District. This package consists of positive literature and materials that help our neighbors understand that our school district is absolutely wonderful. Currently we have 2 parents working on this project, but could use a few more people to make this project even more successful. If you have approximately 4 hours a month to commit to this project, please call or e-mail Tom 941-6400 or [tbailey@three-rivers.org](mailto:tbailey@three-rivers.org) or you can email Michelle Lamb at [mlamb@three-rivers.org](mailto:mlamb@three-rivers.org).



#### TRMS PTA-MARKET DAY

We are very excited to be participating in a Cookie Dough Fundraiser with Market Day! You will be delighted to know that you have the opportunity to purchase high quality, individually portioned Cookie Dough created for **Market Day by Otis Spunkmeyer** at a reasonable price. Most importantly, your purchase will contribute to our fundraising goals. A tempting selection of nine varieties of cookie dough all containing **0 grams of trans fat**, along with prices and descriptions, are all on the Market Day order form that your child will bring home in the next week or order online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). For every box that is sold TRMS PTA will receive \$2.10 per box.

Thank you in advance for your participation and your support of TRMS PTA. We're sure you'll be absolutely delighted with your purchase. In fact, WE **GUARANTEE IT!**



High School Students – the deadline to register for the March 10<sup>th</sup> S.A.T. is this Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Parents who are interested in identifying individuals who live or work in a certain area that have been convicted of crimes against children or sexual crimes can go to [www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us) to get this information for free.



**Help Taylor High School PTSA support our Taylor students!  
Use a Meijer Guest Card and earn rewards for our school.**

Just swipe your card at the register, or hand it to the cashier at the time of your purchase, and PTSA receives cash back from your purchase to support activities such as Freshman Orientation, PTSA dances, the PTSA Scholarship, After Prom and many more activities.

**Join on-line at: [www.meijer.com/rewards](http://www.meijer.com/rewards) or call 1-800-962-7011**

**Taylor High School PTSA  
Organization code: 172095**

Your shopper's card will arrive in 2 weeks!  
**Shop. Earn. Share...**



The PTSA will "Shine the Shoe" on February 21<sup>st</sup> after a UC basketball game. Any adult/HS student can volunteer and clean-up should last approx. 1 1/2 hours. We will carpool from THS. Call Maribeth at 941-3251 to help raise money for the kids!



**THREE RIVERS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA**

It's not too late to order **Market Day**, orders must be turned into Three Rivers Middle School by Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and you can also order online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) by 12 noon on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This month there is a special on cookie dough, there are 9 kinds to choose from and for each box sold TRMS PTA will earn an extra \$2.20. Please help TRMS this month by ordering Market Day. Thanks for your support.



February Ashtanga Yoga

This class will follow the Ashtanga Yoga System. We will progress through the postures to allow students to safely reach their full potential. We will focus on the Victorious Breath(Ujjayi Breathing), focus of our gaze(Drishti), and engaging our energy levels, to allow for the flow of postures to develop a moving meditation. All of which builds strength, flexibility, and relieves stress.

Adult Class - High School Students Welcome

Where: Three Rivers Middle School Room 88

Time: 5:45-7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$24.00 for 4 classes/\$48.00 for 8 classes

*Sign up by January 30, to hold spot. Space is limited.*

Make Check Payable to Three Rivers Community Education

**Dress Comfortably and Bring Yoga Mat**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail.\_\_\_\_\_

I have signed up for:

\_\_\_ Tuesdays - February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> (24.00)

\_\_\_ Thursdays - February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> (\$24.00)

\_\_\_ Tuesdays and Thursdays (\$48.00)

For more information call

Marietta Coleman @ 513-675-2725

or e-mail [mcoleman@three-rivers.org](mailto:mcoleman@three-rivers.org)



**Highlights**  
**OISM District Leadership Team Meeting**  
**01/25/07**

- REVIEW COLORED CONE FROM LAST MEETING – Study Island is going well at the high school (during study hall in library and some teachers use it in Language Arts classes), we will see the impact when the Juniors take the OGT – need for Study Island training at CT Young; Academy of Reading, Academy of Math – password now available for reports at CT Young; Writing Folder (Collins) should be included at all levels ; First in Math – need for discussion about incentive program for this;
  - How does this information help us move forward? Where do we need to make changes? Are the interventions researched-based? Providing us with useful data?
  - Suggestion to clarify chart – so items aren't repeated and each tier is specific to the students included; Create it to be user-friendly so that a teacher could use it to refer to when having an academic or behavior problem with a student or group of students
- NEXT MEETING – EACH GRADE LEVEL CLARIFY WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN EACH TIER TO SHARE AT NEXT MEETING (TO CLARIFY CHART) – Do this in Building Team Meetings
- Discussion of Oral Reading Fluency DIBELS data – collected for kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grades this year
- Discussion of TIME – Research shows that **90 minutes of uninterrupted reading instruction daily** is necessary - - what should that instruction look like
- Starting social skills group with intern at CT Young