

Cheetah News Volume 2

Issue 8

Week 8

October 2nd-8th

Tallahassee School of Math and Science

Hispanic Heritage Night!

Celebrating Diversity at TSMS



THURSDAY OCTOBER 13TH

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Please leave food in the cafeteria by 6:00pm

Calling all TSMS Families



You can help us make this event successful by contributing things like Hispanic food, crafts, posters, artifacts, performing folkloric dances, or you can simply dress in traditional Hispanic clothing!

HISPANIC HERITAGE NIGHT is a potluck dinner that celebrates the diversity of cultures we have here at Stars. Please bring a dish or dessert to share that will serve 10 people.. Each family will bring a cultural dish or a Hispanic recipe.

1 - For more information contact Ms. Young at vyoung@tsmas.org

TSMS Fall Festival!



2nd Annual Fall Festival

Friday, October 28 2016

9-11am (K-4th Grade) 12:30-2:30pm (5th-8th Grade)

Kona Ice*



3 HUGE Bounce Houses

Face painting

Relay Races

Music

ALL THIS FOR \$2



Don't forget that this is also Book Character Day

Questions? Please email Info@tsmas.org

Would you like to help? Please sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4aafab2da1fe3-fall>

*Students will need to bring extra \$5 to purchase Kona Ice

PURCHASE YOUR TICKET IN HOMEROOM BY 10/27

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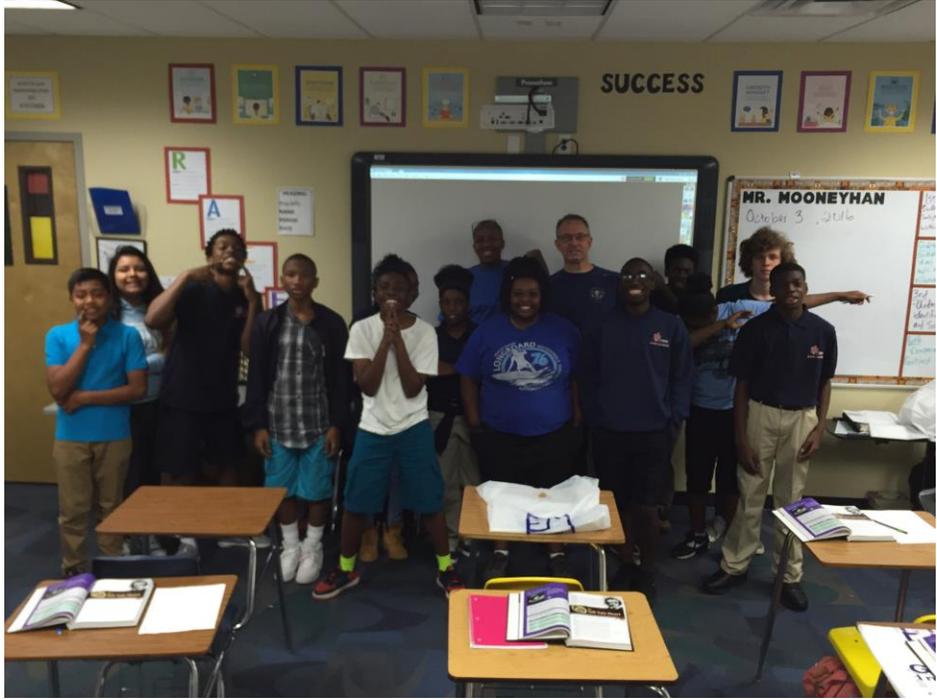
Fall Holiday!

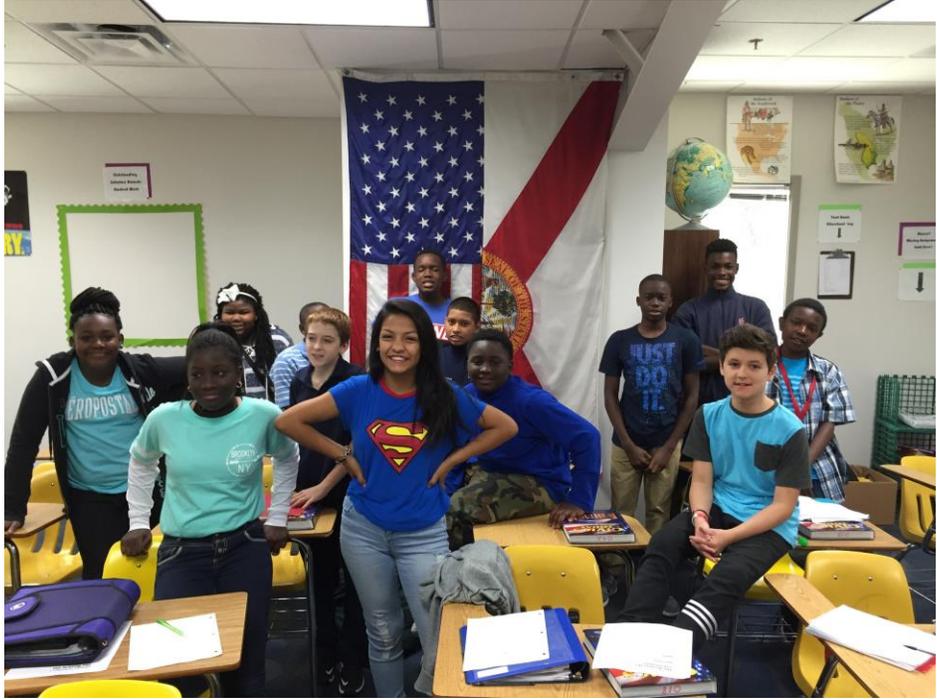


All schools district wide will be closed Wednesday October 12th!

Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention!



















[Click to see more pictures.](#)

TSMS participated in Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention! Our Students came ready to STOMP out Bullying!

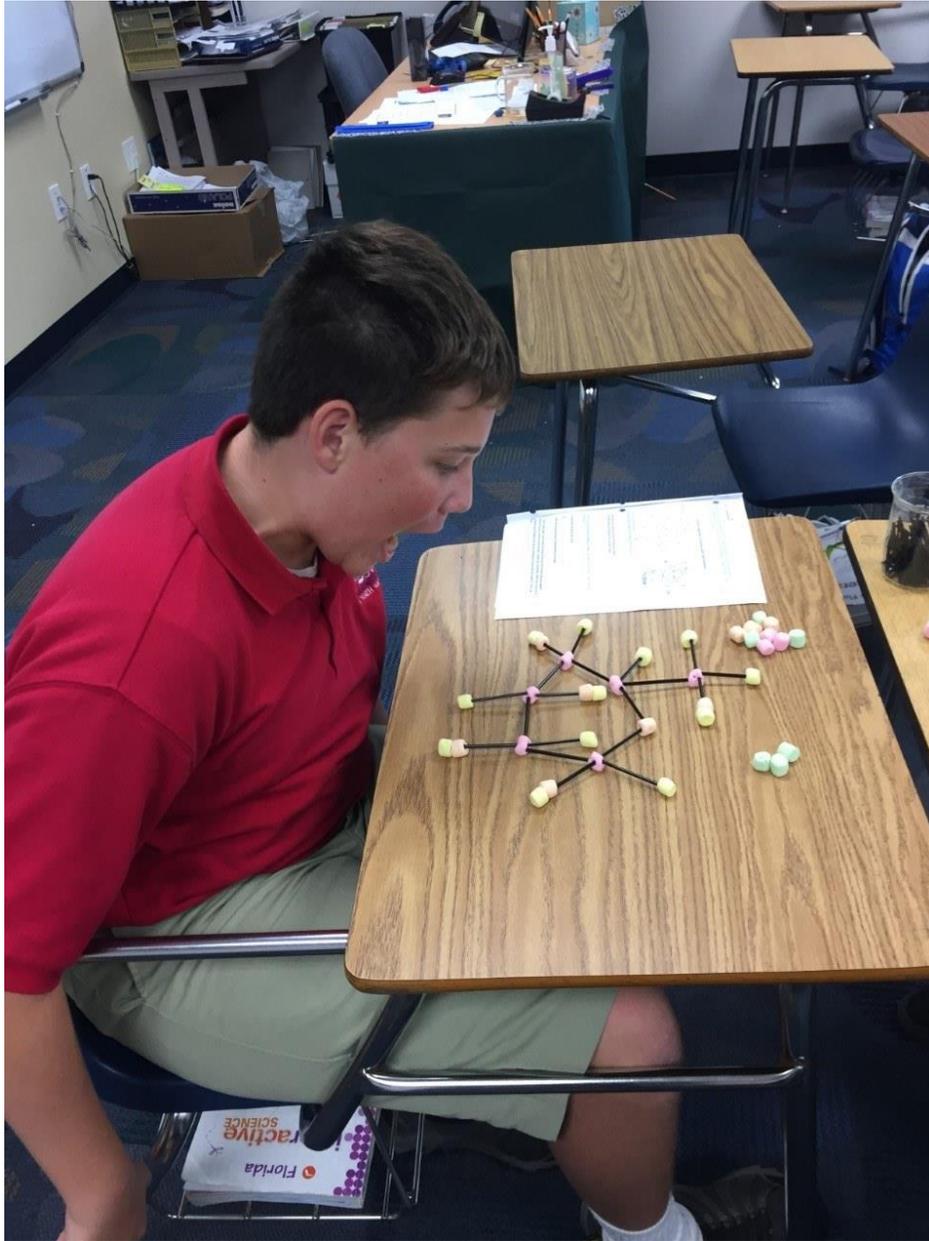
Sir Rod: Five Fun Stop Bullying Tour



<https://sway.com/Gv9p6yFkIIUkHVmW#content=H000De0F5ID7pb>

TSMS would like to thank Sir Rod Patterson for visiting our campus and giving a great presentation on bullying. He used the power of music to grab the students attention and speak to them about the different types of bullying and how they have the power to stop it!

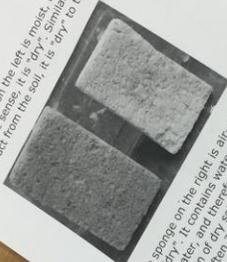
This Week in Science!



6th Grade Soil Lab
Name: Ben

Dry Soils

The sponge on the left is moist, but no more water can be removed by squeezing, as in one sense, it is "dry". Similarly, when plants use all the water they can extract from the soil, it is "dry" to them, yet it still contains water.



The sponge on the right is air-dried. Though the sponge is dry to the touch, it is not "dry". It contains water in the definition of dry soil is soil that has been dried at 105.00 C. It will weigh, after 24 hours, the same as the water it has absorbed. The answer is no, it still retains water. The water remaining in the sponge is not adhered to the fibers of the sponge. The same is true of soil. All soils retain water that plants are unable to extract. Clays hold the most unavailable water, while sand holds the least.

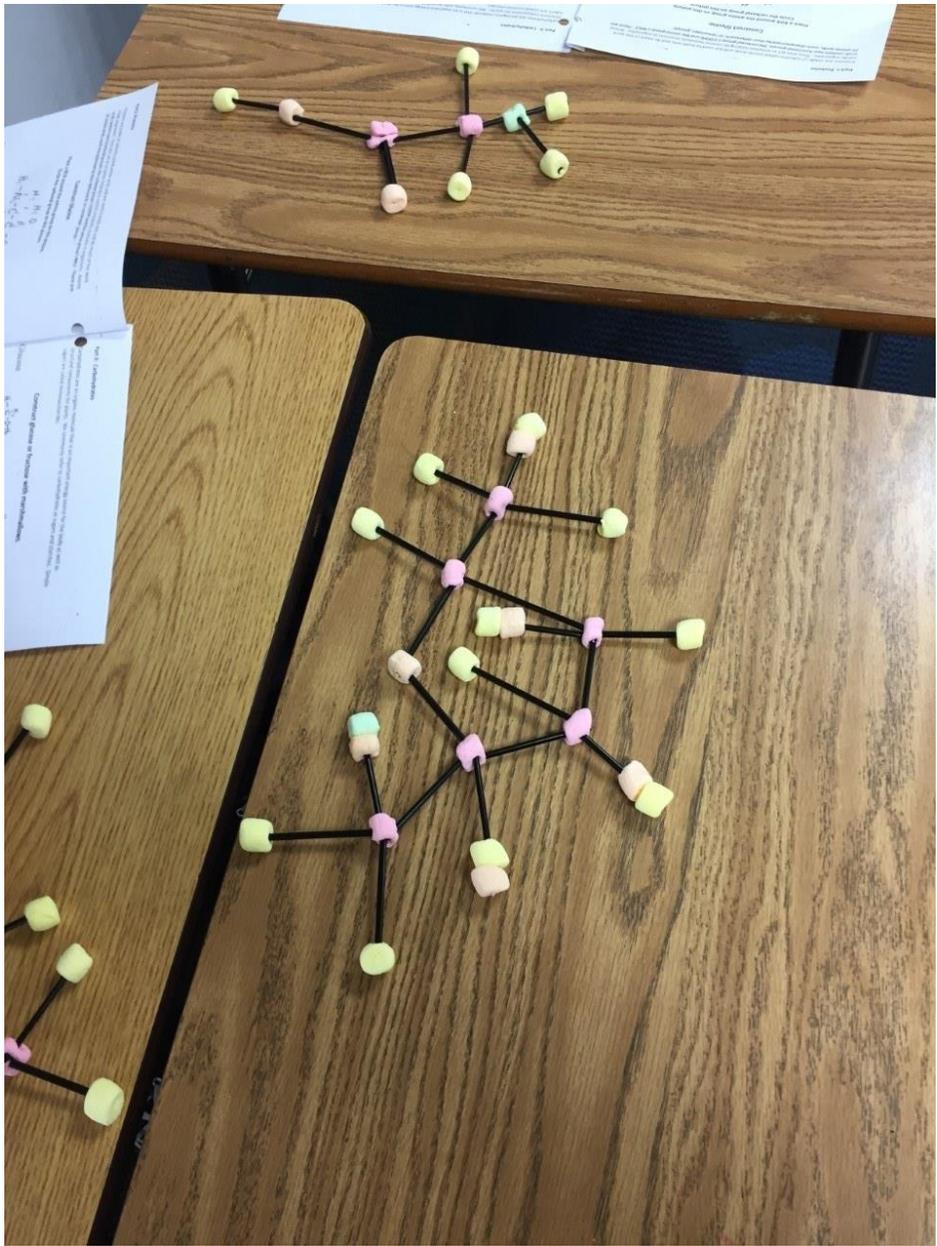
hint that soil in a hot climate would be drier than those in a colder climate. The water would evaporate.

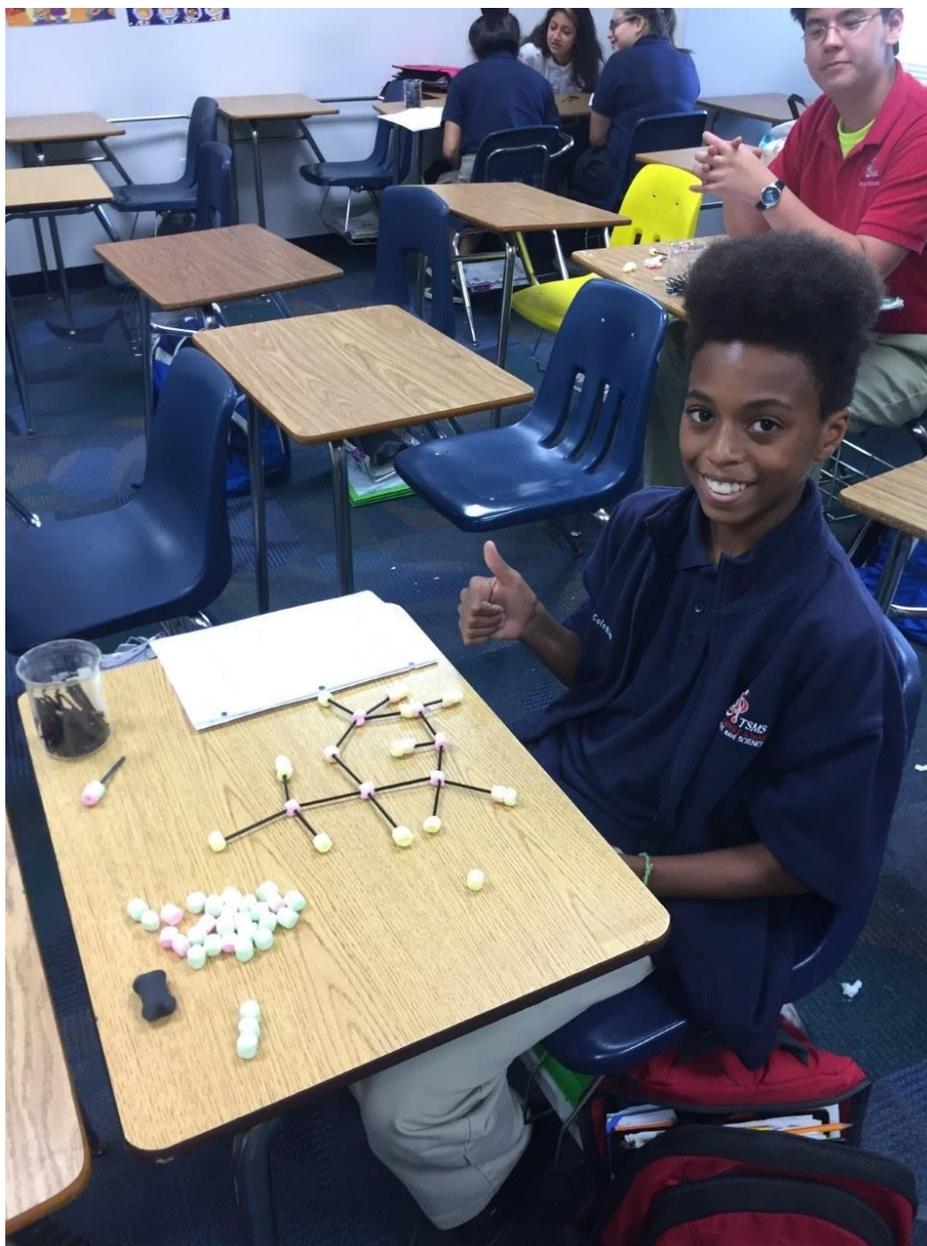












Ms. Burns' class was bursting with activities this week! In 6th grade science, we approximated soil properties like infiltration and runoff using sponges. The desks got a bit damp (and so did a few of the kids!), but it was well worth it.

In 5th grade science, we just completed the unit on space and the solar system. To make a review game more fun, we turned it into a scavenger hunt! The students got to go outside and run around, finding the clues. Later, we went over our answers in preparation for the test.

8th grade biology is just starting a new unit, one on biochemistry. This can be tough material to master! To get a better sense of the structure of molecules, we decided to build them ourselves.... Out of marshmallows! This was a sweet treat and hopefully, a lesson that will stick in our minds like the marshmallows stuck to our hands!

Carnegie Hall Link Up Program!



Thank you to those who came out to Grandparents Night. The kids rocked the house!

Mark your calendars for upcoming concert dates:

K-4th graders will be performing on Thursday, December 1st.

5th-8th graders will be performing on Thursday, December 8th.

Our recorder classes (3rd and 4th grade) have the wonderful opportunity of performing with the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra this year. In association with Carnegie Hall, the Link Up program is coming to Tallahassee. Please make sure your child brings his/her recorder on a daily basis so they are prepared for class each day and get plenty of practice for this upcoming event. Here is a link with more details:

<http://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/2016/09/27/link-up-program-returning-lcs-classrooms/91170122/>

Students have been learning about the elements of music including:

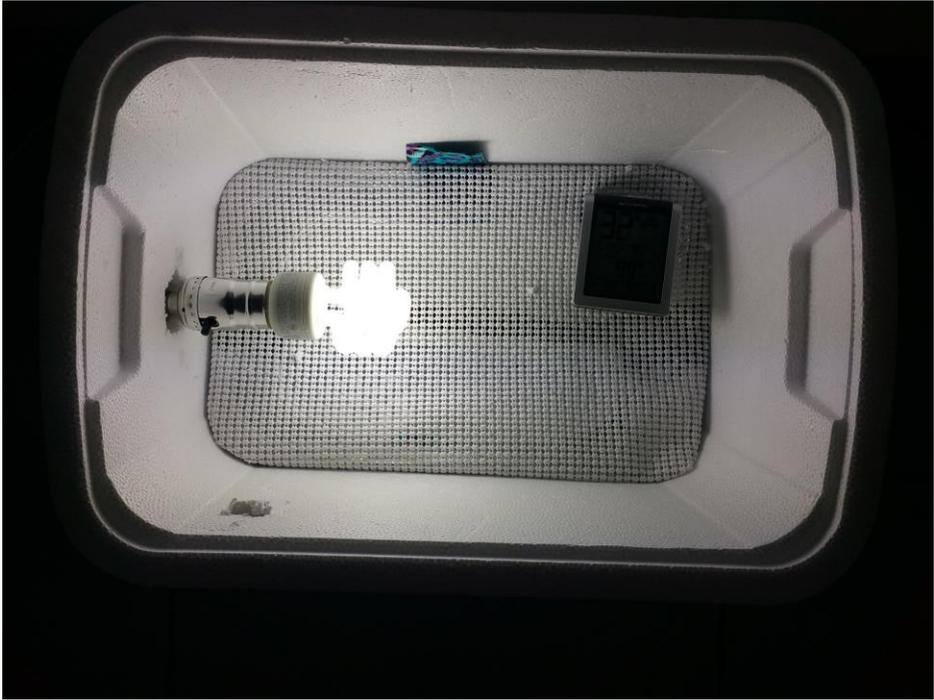
- Timbre: Whisper, Speak, Shout  Sing .
- Notation: Reading and singing Sol-La-Mi on a 3–line staff, understanding of proper notation: barlines, measures, time signatures, double bar line. Read and perform correct hand sign for La and Sol.
- Dynamics: Using musical terminology to compare and contrast musical selections: fast/slow, piano/forte, high/low, crescendo/ decrescendo, pianissimo/fortissimo and timbre in relation to instruments.
- Rhythmic Exercises: Rhythmic Dictation, Rhythmic Improvisation.
- Form: Identify and label the different sections of a musical piece.
- Melodic Contour: Identify a melody and the contour of the melody.

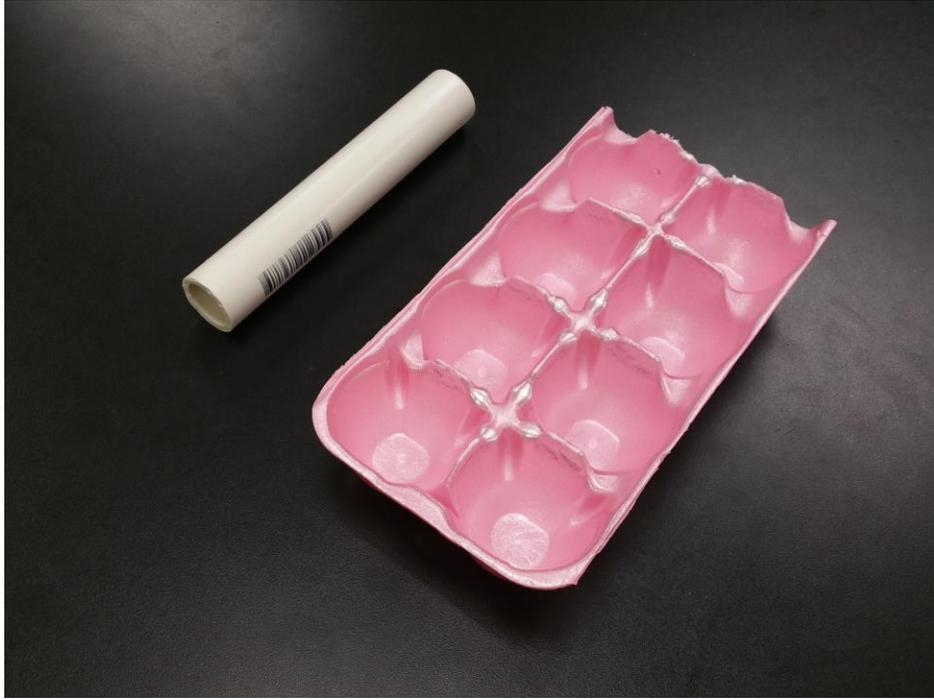
We have been very busy this year learning our elements of music and practicing our concert music. We are excited to share with you what we have been learning at our upcoming performances.

Musically Yours,

-Mrs. Carlson

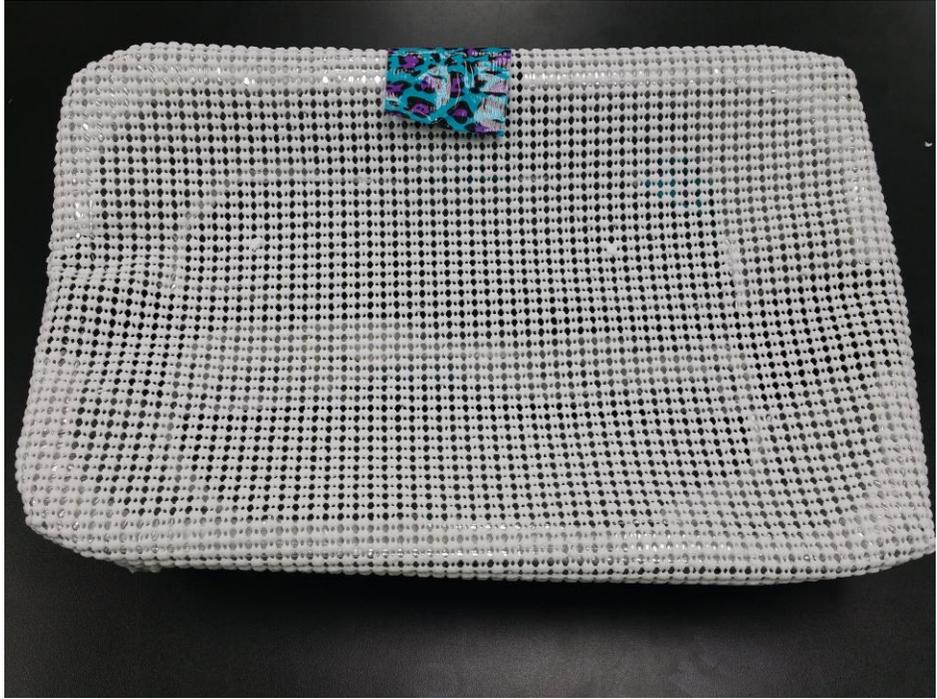
8th Grade Biology

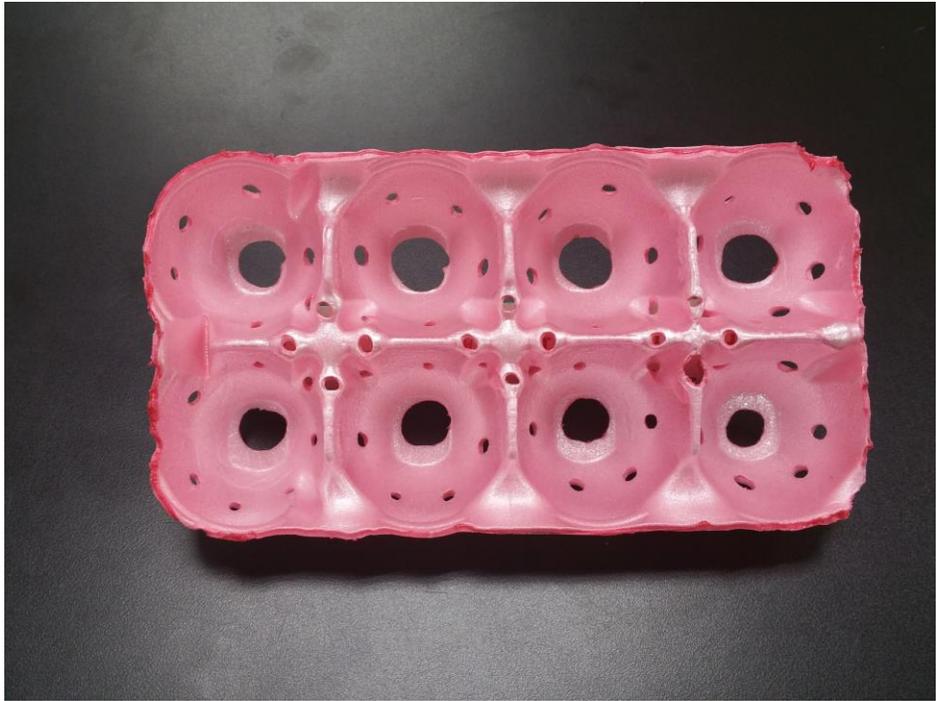


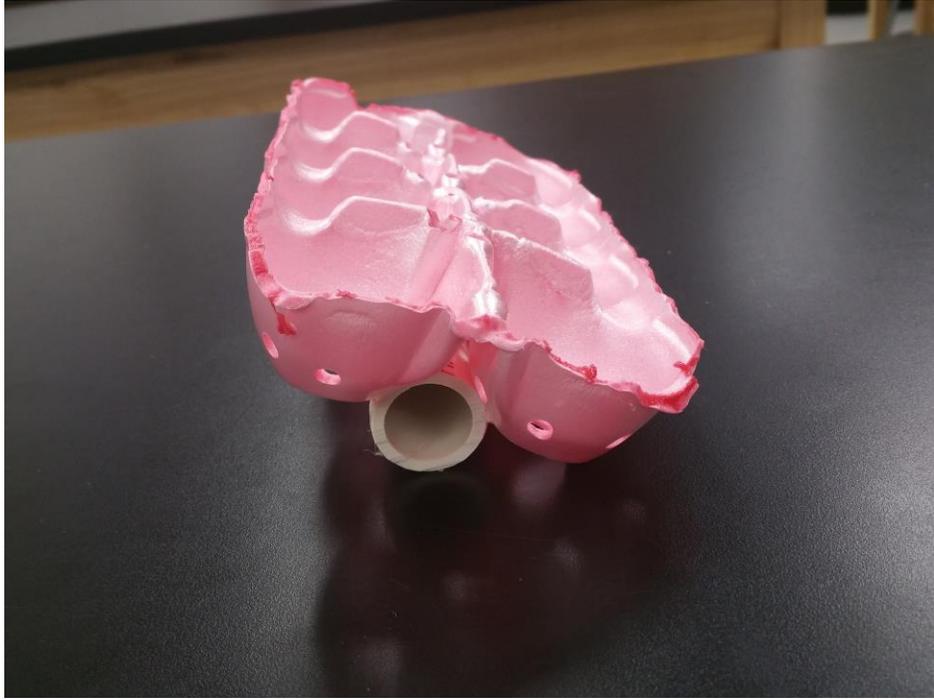




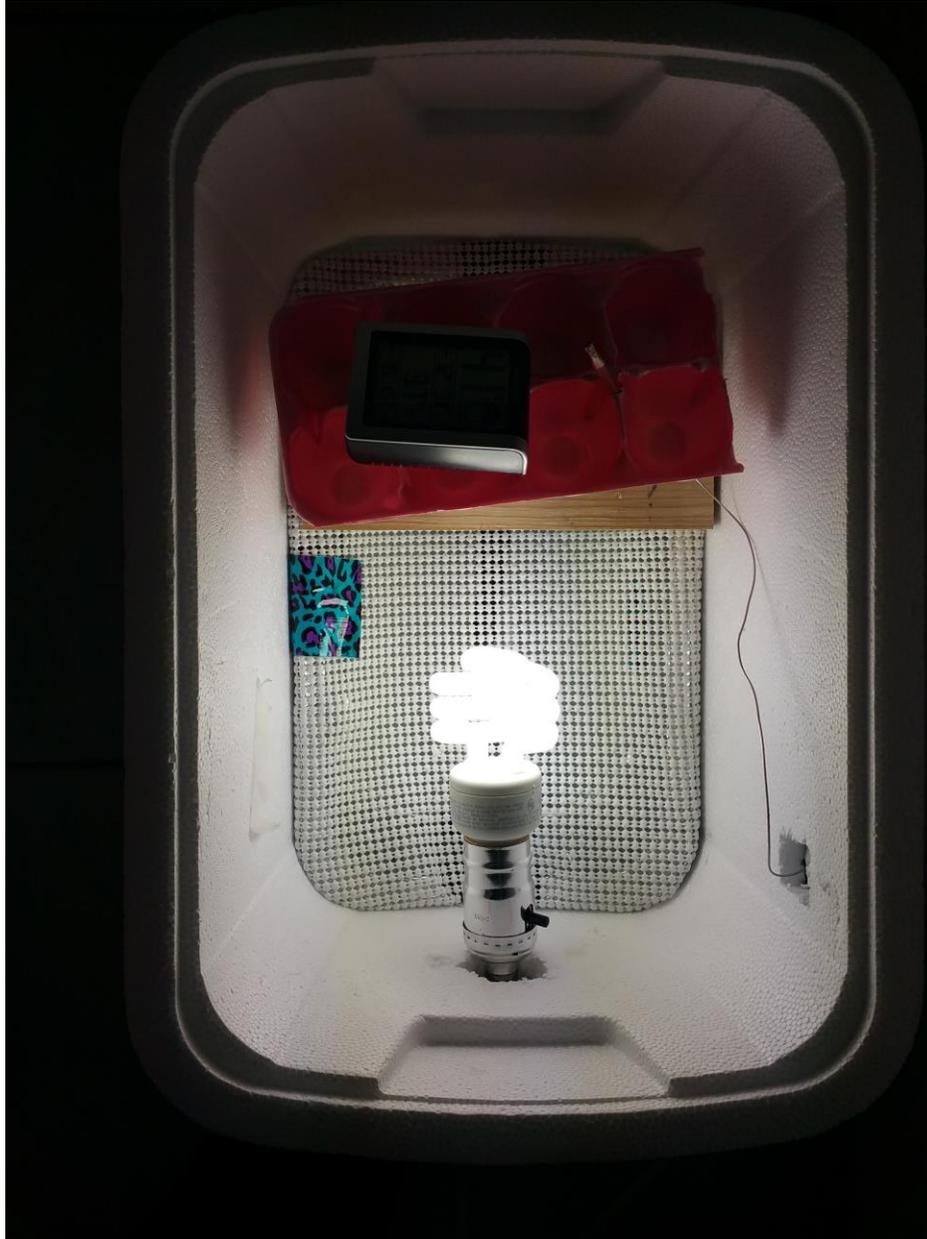












8th grade Biology class built an incubator to hatch some eggs. The total cost of the project was \$18.00, we also used some materials that we had in the school's inventory. During the process of making the incubator there were many variables affecting the temperature and humidity inside the box. The first challenge was to get to the correct temperature. We used a 40 Watt light bulb, but it was too hot. The temperature went up to 150 F. Then we used a 19 Watt, soft light bulb which worked pretty good but would still go above 105 F, which is too high for the eggs. We decided to order a thermostat to stop the incubator from overheating, which worked out perfectly! Now the temperature inside the box stays between 97-104 F, we are hoping to keep the eggs internal temperature between 99-102 F which is perfect for incubation. The humidity level is around 40%. This Friday, we are hoping to put the eggs in our incubator, then we will flip them three times a day and wait for 21 days.

Words of the Third Grade Wildflower



Hello all Wildflower families. We are excited to announce that math is on target in this third-grade classroom. We are learning about fractions and my how the kiddos are taking to it like a duck to water! In reading we are learning how helping others helps us! Fall festival is coming up. We are reading the book *Stuart Little*. Students will be dressing up as a mouse that day so be thinking costume, Costume, COSTUME!!!! We want every student to represent the book that we are reading. Student report cards will be coming out soon. Parent teacher conferences are coming up. I sent out a sign up for that in a class email. I hope to see you there.

Fuel Up To Play 60
Grant!

School Nutrition Equipment





Yogurt Parfaits keeping cool in our beautiful new Turbo Air Refrigerator awarded to TSMS through a Fuel Up To Play 60 School Nutrition Equipment Grant! Thank you, Florida Dairy Council!

Geography of Florida











In 4th grade Social Studies class, we have been learning all about the geography of the state of Florida. The students this week having been working diligently as they've drawn, labeled and molded a sand salt map model of the state of Florida. We cannot wait to paint them next week! Stay tuned...

October Dress Down Days at TSMS

***Dress down guidelines on the back**

Monday, 10/3 students may dress down in BLUE for World Day of Bullying Prevention. We will be having a guest speaker who will that week to talk to the students about bully prevention.

Thursday, 10/20 we will have a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Students can pay their homeroom teacher \$1 to participate in wearing PINK. 100% of money raised will go directly to the American Cancer Society. Feel free to donate more than \$1.

Wednesday, 10/26 students may dress down in RED to celebrate RED RIBBON WEEK. Students will take the National Red Ribbon Campaign pledge, and promise to do their part in creating a drug free America.

Friday, 10/28 students will dress up for BOOK CHARACTER DAY. A flyer will be sent home from each teacher, explaining the book characters your student's will be dressing up as. This is also the day of our FALL FESTIVAL. We would love to have parent volunteers. Please see our Sign-Up Genius for more information. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4aafab2da1fe3-fall>

Dress down Guidelines:

1. Clothing should be neat and clean.
2. Clothing may not be worn inside out or backwards.
3. Undergarments must not be exposed.
4. Hair, face, body paint, and tattoo are inappropriate for school and not permitted.
5. No flip flops.
6. Cosmetics or make-up should be age and school appropriate.
7. Clothing with rips, tears, holes or frayed edges is considered inappropriate for school.
8. Jewelry and accessories should be appropriate for school and not attract undue attention or pose a safety risk. Piercing other than earrings are prohibited.

9. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted (examples: Mohawk haircuts; designs, words, or names cut into the hair; hair coloring other than standard frosting or natural highlighting) and should not attract undue attention.
10. Hats, caps, curlers, headscarves, bandanas, doo-rags, pick combs, combs, brushes, sweatbands, chains, sunglasses, tennis skirts, gloves, arm warmers and coats are not to be worn during school.
11. Clothing that is revealing, such as short mini-skirts, short-shorts, tank tops, loosely fitting, low-cut blouses or halter tops, mesh shirts, or shirts exposing the midriff are not to be worn. Sleeveless shirts are not allowed. Shirts must be worn buttoned up to second from top. No strapless dresses allowed.
12. Exemptions may be granted for religious purposes if approved in advance.
13. Leggings cannot be worn as pants.

PVO



10/11/2016 PVO MEETING

Parent Volunteer Organization

Come join us for our first Parent Volunteer Organization meeting

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria (Media Center)
from 6-7pm



Come learn
about...

School Events

Fall Festival

Hispanic Heritage
Night

Fundraising

TSMS

3434 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303

<http://schoolofmathandscience.org>

BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION



Tallahassee School of Math & Science is now participating in the Box Tops for Education program! This is a great way to help raise money for the school.

Please clip and bring in to the school all the BoxTops you can collect and your student can turn them in to their homeroom teacher. Every BoxTop helps!

Our first collection is due by Friday 10/14/2016.

Turn them into your homeroom teacher.

Winter Is Coming!



Winter is coming! Get over to ALL UNIFORM WEAR to purchase the Dress Code approved pieces. Make sure your students stay warm with the TSMS pull-over sweater, cardigan, and the zip-up fleece jacket.

ALL UNIFORM WEAR is located on 1989 Capital Circle Northeast, Tallahassee, FL 32308. For more information you can contact them at (850) 629-4144.

TSMS Uniforms

The graphic is titled "Guidelines For Clarification" and features the TSMS logo at the top. It is divided into two columns. The left column is marked with a large green checkmark and displays six pairs of shoes in neutral colors: black, white, brown, black, navy blue, and white. The right column is marked with a large red 'X' and displays six pairs of shoes that are not permitted: two pairs with prominent logos (Nike and Adidas), a pair of bright red sneakers, a pair of multi-colored sneakers, and a pair of brown boots.

4 - Shoes on the left are in the appropriate colors-- Black, White, Navy, and Brown; they do not have flashy colors or logos that stand out. Shoes on the right are not in the appropriate colors, they have logos that stand out, and boots/Uggs are not permitted.

The graphic is titled "Dress Code" and features the TSMS logo at the top. It displays images of uniform items: a navy blue polo shirt, a navy blue long-sleeved shirt, navy blue shorts, khaki shorts, a pair of black dress shoes, a pair of brown dress shoes, a pair of black dress shoes, and a pair of navy blue trousers. A logo for "ALL UNIFORM WEAR" is also present. Below the images, the following contact information is provided: Address: 1989 Capital Cir NE, Tallahassee, FL 32308; Phone: (850) 629-4144. A note at the bottom states: "Each article of clothing will have to have the 'TSMS' embroidery".

5 - All Uniform Wear 1989 Capital Circle NE

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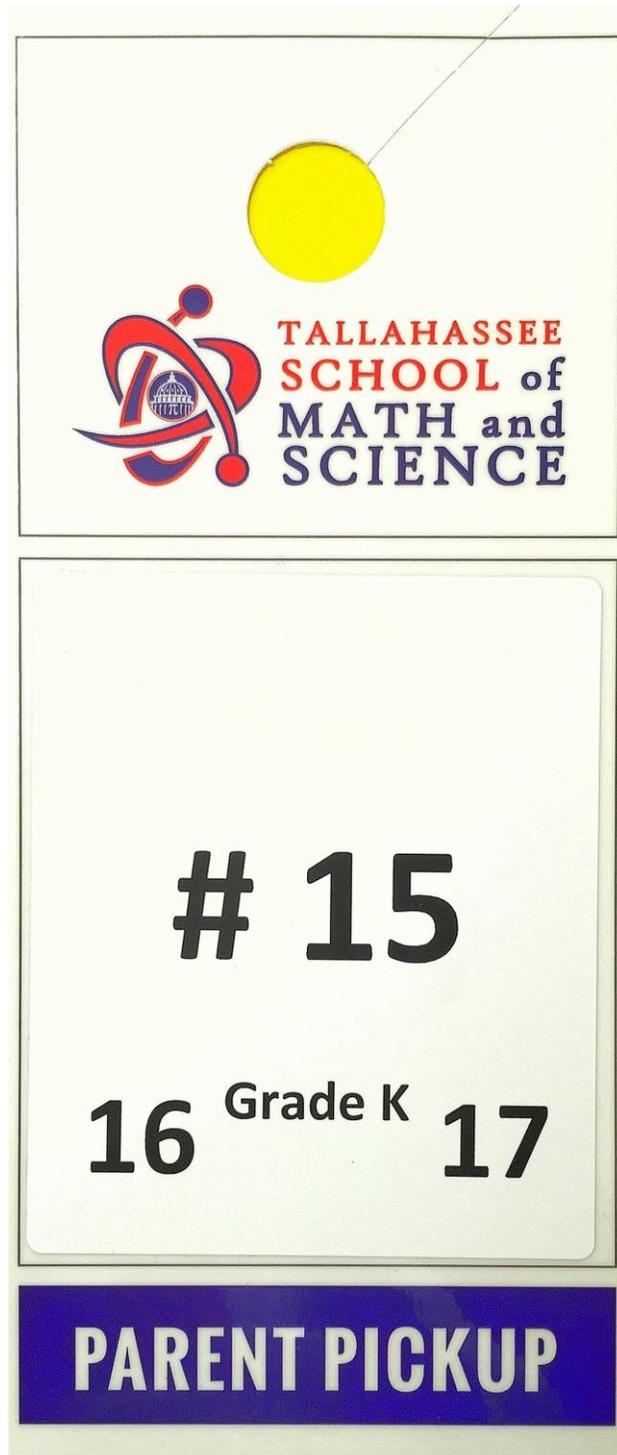
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www.alluniformwear.com

store28@alluniformwear.com

*Please refer to pages 25-29 in the Student Handbook for more information.

Dismissal: Parent Pick-up Cards



To help combat heavy traffic, please park in the parking lot and walk up to pick up your student.

Dismissal is from 2:45-3:00pm, after 3:00pm students will be sent to EDP.

Please displayed Pick-up card clearly on the dashboard for car pickup. If you do not have a Pick-up card,you will be directed to park your car and show your photo ID to the front office to release your student. EDP also requires Pick-up card for dismissing a student through the front office.

Transportation change or any afternoon change will need to be submitted in writing via letter or email to the secretary Ms. Meriweather

Parents MUST notify front office by 2:30pm– at the latest if there is an emergency and transportation needs to be changed for the day. –If after 2:30pm student will go home as arranged.

Contact Us

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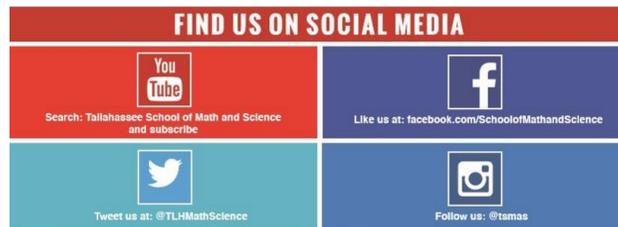
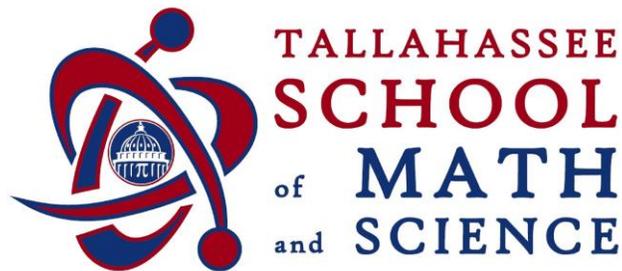
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