

BACKPACK NOTICE – MARCH 5, 2010

Dear TCCS Family,

Here are this week's notices:

- The second round of parent/teacher conferences is coming up in two weeks and will coincide with students receiving their second-term report cards. Beginning Monday, March 8th, please contact Yvonne in the main office between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM if you would like to schedule any appointments to meet with teachers. Please be sure to have a pen and paper ready when you speak with Yvonne so that you can jot down the exact dates and times. There will be two days dedicated to conferences: Monday, March 15th (1-5 PM) and Thursday, March 18th (4-8 PM). Report cards can be picked up in the main office on those days for students in grades 3-8; K-2 report cards will be kept with the child's homeroom teacher. **PLEASE NOTE: March 15th is a half-day dismissal for students.**
- Please look for a letter and fact sheet from Rex regarding a medical initiative in Bergen County for families without health insurance.
- The TCCS Dinner Dance is coming on April 15th, and this year we want to make sure that it's our best ever! To do this... TCSCO needs your help!

Here's how you can help:

- Sell ads for the Dinner Dance Ad Journal. If you know anyone who would like to place an ad in our Journal, please use the Journal Ad Form, which is enclosed in this backpack notice. **SELL \$250 OF ADS AND GET A HALF-PRICE TICKET TO THE DINNER DANCE, SELL \$450 OF ADS AND GET A FREE TICKET (\$85 VALUE)!**

- Donate or solicit items for inclusion in the silent auction. Suitable items include any kind of product, service or gift certificate, or anything else that you can think of. If you or anyone you know is able to contribute any items to the auction, please us the Auction Donation Form, which is enclosed in this backpack notice.

- Help out on the day of the Dinner Dance. We need folks to help with set-up, clean-up, and running the auction and other events throughout the evening.

If you'd like to help, or if you need forms or any further information, please email Jim Burger - jim@wholenote.com

- This week's backpack contains several separate PDF flyers. They are as follows: Yearbook order form; BVMJ poster (health-insurance initiative); Tornadoes Night; ice skating on 3/7/10 (TCSCO); Karaoke Night on 3/12/10 (TCSCO); ad journal form for this year's Dinner Dance (TCSCO); and a donation form for this year's Dinner Dance (TCSCO)

- **ATTENTION...SUMMER CAMP 2010!!!**

TCCS has received interest in this summer's camp, but we need more commitments from our community to ensure that we will be able to support it to its fullest extent with as many fun activities as possible. You will find a registration flyer in this backpack...please return it to me ASAP or feel free to pick one up in the main office from Yvonne or when you pick your children up from the after-school program. Feel free to call with any questions.

- Do you want to help make a difference at TCCS? If so, then please consider running for the Board. Each year, three seats are up for election. Look for an announcement from Marilyn Marks with regard to this later in the backpack.
- Save the Date: March 16th the "Southern Division Champions" the Lady Tornadoes will be playing at the IZOD Center after the Nets and Hawks game. This is a great experience for the team and if you haven't had a chance to see this team play, then you're in for a treat. They finished the season with the best record in school history and won 3rd place in the BYBL Tournament! (order form is attached) **WE NEED TO SELL 96 MORE TICKETS TO MEET OUR GOAL...PLEASE SUPPORT OUR TEAM!**
- Look for a yearbook order form if you are interested in purchasing a copy (or two) to commemorate our first year in the new building. The cost is \$20 per yearbook; 8th graders will receive a complimentary copy.

Have a great weekend...let's see some sun and temperatures in the 50s!

...Craig

March 5, 2010

Dear Families of TCCS:

I am writing to inform you of a new program which may be of interest to you and your family and others whom you may know.

The Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative, Inc., BVMI, provides free primary and preventive medical care to residents of Bergen County who are working, earn between 100% and 200% of the prevailing federal poverty guideline, and have no health insurance of any kind.

The BVMI Healthcare Center is staffed by volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses and other healthcare professionals. The facility is licensed by the State of New Jersey and is managed as a physicians' office by appointment. BVMI is a private non-profit organization, and patients will never be charged for a visit.

If you would like more information or would like to make an appointment, please phone the BVMI Healthcare Center at 201.342.2478. The Center is located at 241 Moore Street, Hackensack, NJ.

I am enclosing a Fact Sheet and a flyer for your review. BVMI is part of a national network of volunteers giving healthcare to neighbors, and I would like our TCCS community to know of their services.

Sincerely,

Rex F. Shaw, Ed.D.
Executive Director

Fact Sheet: Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative, Inc.

- BVMI provides free primary and preventive medical care to Bergen County residents with incomes between 100% and 200% of the prevailing federal income poverty guideline who have neither medical insurance nor the means to pay for care.
(Individual: \$10,830 - \$21,660; Couple: \$14,570 - \$29,140; Family of Four: \$22,050 - \$44,100)
- Bergen County is among the ten most prosperous counties in the nation with a population of over 900,000 and a median household income of \$65,000; yet 13% of Bergen's residents live below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). In August 2006, the number of uninsured residents in Bergen County had grown to 85,582 as reported by the US Census Bureau.
- BVMI expects to have an impact on public health by decreasing infectious disease, stabilizing chronic conditions, and reducing pain and suffering through early intervention and consistent treatment.
- The BVMI Healthcare Center is located at 241 Moore Street, Hackensack, NJ, 201.342.2478. Construction of the facility, completed in mid-October 2009, was funded by a Community Development Block Grant, County of Bergen, in the amount of \$99,000; and by a CDBG-Recovery (federal stimulus grant) in the amount of \$200,000.
- The BVMI Healthcare Center is licensed by the State of New Jersey as an ambulatory care facility. Patients will be seen by appointment. Registration of patients started on Monday, November 16, 2009 and patient care began on Tuesday, November 24.
- More than 75 retired and active health care professionals have volunteered their services, and the process of credentialing physicians is completed.
- Quest Diagnostics has agreed to provide free laboratory services
- Over 300 BVMI supporters and participants include hospitals; health and social service agencies; religious organizations; the county medical society; local businesses; state colleges and elected and appointed public officials at all levels.
- BVMI received a renewed grant from the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey for years 2009 and 2010 for community outreach and to partially fund an Electronic Medical Records system. A prior grant funded planning of referral systems from hospital ERs to BVMI for primary care.
- BVMI exceeded a matching challenge grant of \$100,000 offered by The Bolger Foundation for first quarter 2009. *Thank you to our many donors!*
- In collaboration with the Bergen County Community Action Partnership, Inc., BVMI is participating in a three-year health literacy project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- The TD Charitable Foundation of TD Bank has awarded funding to initiate the BVMI Health Information Library.
- BVMI will not accept third party reimbursement; our ability to keep the doors open at the BVMI Healthcare Center is totally dependent on contributed income. Contributions may be sent to BVMI, 241 Moore Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601; or by credit card through our website: www.bvmi.org. Click "Donate Now" along left side of homepage to learn options. *Thank you!*

Phone: 201.342.2478.

(Fact Sheet rev.01/10)

CAMP TCCS

**TEANECK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
is again running our summer camp.**

TCCS ran camp for four years and had a great program, including arts and crafts, recreation, two days a week at Darlington County Park for swimming, barbeques, on-site entertainment, and just a lot of fun!

Camp is staffed and run by the TCCS staff. Your children will know their counselors and their counselors will know them.

Camp costs \$250 per week, and we would run it for six weeks from July 6th through August 14th.

Hours are 8:30 to 3:30. After care through 4 PM could be made available if there is sufficient interest.

Please let us know ASAP of your interest...thank you.

Name: _____

Student(s): _____

Weeks interested: *check all that apply*

____ 7/6-7/9 ____ 7/19-7/23 ____ 8/3-8/7
____ 7/12-7/16 ____ 7/26-7/30 ____ 8/10-8/14

____ I would be interested in aftercare.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO CRAIG



2010 Elections for the TCCS Board of Trustees

Become more involved in your school. Consider running for one of the three seats that are up for election this year.

TCCS Board positions are for 3 year terms:
July 2010 through June 2013

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of Trustees, please note the following key dates:

- March 1* *Application packets are available to interested potential candidates. Please see Mrs. Straughn in the office to get your copy.*
- March 29* *Application packets are due. (Return to Mrs. Straughn).*
- April 12 - 16* *Potential Candidate interviews are scheduled with the Board of Trustee Committee. Candidates' position papers due at the scheduled time of the interview.*
- April 30* *Candidates announced and position papers sent to the TCCS community.*
- May 5* *OPEN FORUM EVENING - MEET THE CANDIDATES*
- May 10* *ELECTION DAY*

Each parent/guardian of an enrolled TCCS student and each staff member are entitled to one vote.

Public announcement will appear in the Suburbanite and the Bergen Record.