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OF TEAGUE MIDDLE SCHOOL





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Teague Family and Friends:

We are closing in on the end of the school year! A special thanks is due to each of you for your support and encouragement as we work to educate and nurture our students.

May is sure to be a busy month. Please note that the State FAST and EOC Assessments have begun.

Our 8th grade students completed the 8th grade Science EOC this week.

Our Test Schedule is as follows:

- Monday, May 6th is 7th Grade ELA
- Tuesday May 7th is 6th grade ELA
- Wednesday May 8th is 7th grade Civics
- Thursday, May 9th is 8th grade ELA
- Friday May 10th is Make up Testing
- Monday, May 13th -7th grade math
- Tuesday, May 14th -6th grade math
- Wednesday May 15th 8th grade math
- Wednesday May 15th Algebra and Geometry
- Makeup Testing will continue through May 20th.

Our National Junior Honor Society will induct new members on Friday, May 10th 4:30 pm.

The week of May 13-17 is 8th grade spirit week:

- Monday Rhyme without a Reason (Santa Fanta, DJ PJ, Mathlete Athlete, Aquatic Patriotic)
- Tuesday Teacher Student Swap (students dress like teachers, teachers dress like students)
- Wednesday High School Colors (8th grade is testing this day so we wanted it to be mellow)
- Thursday Taylor Vs. Travis (Taylor Swift or Travis Kelce)
- Friday Tropical
- Spirit Week will culminate with the 8th grade Dance at the Sanford Zoo on Saturday, May 18th from 5:30 8:30 pm.

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Positive Behavior Support Mission Statement: To institutionalize a consistent positive culture supported by the school community where expectations are clearly identified, communicated, and understood for positive behavior and mutual respect.

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Awards Night for 8th graders will be held on Monday, May 20th at 6:00 pm SHARP at Lake Brantley Auditorium.

Quarter 4 exams will take place May 21st through May 24th. Early Release Days are May 22, May 23, and May 24 at 2:05 pm. The last day of school is May 24th.

Final report cards will be available in Skyward during the first week of June. Parents will be notified by Skyward Blast.

We're exhausted just reading the calendar, but we are so excited for our students that this year will finish with activities that celebrate their achievements.

I'm challenging our students to consider community service over the summer. Do something special around the house for mom or dad. Help an elderly neighbor with a chore. Albert Schweitzer, the great theologian, philosopher, physician, and humanitarian once said, "You must give time to your fellow human beings. Even if it's a litter thing, do something for others- something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it."

I am so proud of all our students, and their efforts! I thank you, our families, for sending us such wonderful young people and allowing our participation in their development.

With best wishes for a wonderful summer!

Connie E. Collins, Ed. D.

Principal

Corne & Collins

PTSA

We had a great year and can't believe it is coming to a close!

Our last PTA General Meeting of the year will be held on 5/21 at 7 p.m. During the meeting, we will vote in our new board members and approve the summer budget. We are excited to see you there!

Our 8th Grade Dance will take place at the Central Florida Zoo on May 18th, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. You can purchase tickets for \$15 at the Wednesday night basketball games and Friday lunches until May 10th. Safety is our top priority, and we will have the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, teachers, and chaperones

present at the dance. The night will be filled with music, fun, and animal encounters at the zoo. Don't miss out on this exciting event!

We wanted to share some great news with you! Thanks to your generosity, we had the most successful Stack-The-Pantry Food Drive ever! With the grant from Second Harvest and this drive, our pantry is now filled, and we will be able to serve the needs of our Teague family.

Throughout the year, we brought fun and laughter to the lunchroom with our Lunch Dance Parties, Teacher Karaoke, and special ice treats. Additionally, each month we surprised our teachers with sweet and savory treats, thanks to community sponsorships.

The PTSA was instrumental in securing a Garden Grant from The Home Depot Foundation! Team Depot and volunteers rolled up their sleeves and joined in building, planting, and beautifying our Teague garden in April. We love being part of something that creates a vibrant space for learning and growth for your student(s)! Thank you for your ongoing support. We are excited to continue working together next year. Enjoy your summer!

TEAGUE PTSA







FAREWELL FROM MS. MOSS

As I prepare to embark on the next chapter of my journey, I find myself filled with gratitude for the incredible six years I've spent at Teague. It's been a privilege and an honor to be part of this vibrant community, where innovation thrives, creativity flourishes, and every day brings new opportunities for growth and learning.

As I reflect on my 32-year career as an educator, I am reminded of the countless lives I've had the privilege of touching, the minds I've had the joy of inspiring, and the hearts I've had the honor of shaping. Each day at Teague has been a gift—a chance to make a difference, to ignite a passion for learning, and to empower students to reach for the stars.

But none of this would have been possible without the incredible support of the Teague staff. From the custodial team to the administrative staff, from the cafeteria workers to the teaching assistants, each member of the Teague family has played a vital role in creating a nurturing and inspiring environment for our students to thrive. Thank you for your dedication, your hard work, and your unwavering commitment to excellence.

I also want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Teague community for always rallying behind my call for recycled supplies, donations, and expertise. Your support has been instrumental in bringing our innovative projects to life and empowering our students to make a positive impact on the world around them. Together, we've shown that when we work together, we can accomplish truly remarkable things.

As I bid farewell to Teague, I am excited to announce that I will be pursuing my PhD in STEM Education and Sustainable Design, with a research focus on using the Global Goals in secondary schools to promote creativity, innovation, and STEM to tackle the world's challenges. It's a journey that I am thrilled to embark upon, and I am grateful for the foundation of knowledge, passion, and inspiration that Teague has provided me.

And as I move on to new adventures, I am delighted to announce that Mr. Morales will be stepping into the role of Innovation instructor. With his passion for teaching and his dedication to student success, I have no doubt that he will continue to inspire and empower our students to reach their full potential.

Thank you, Teague, for six incredible years of innovation, creativity, and growth. Though my time here may be coming to an end, the memories we've shared and the impact we've made will last a lifetime.



With gratitude and fond farewell, Ms. Moss

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK!





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INNOVATION

As the school year draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the incredible journey of innovation we've experienced together at Teague. From coding adventures to conservation quests, from futuristic cityscapes to hands-on learning, our students have embraced innovation with enthusiasm and creativity.

Innovation 3 has been on a thrilling ride, delving into the world of endangered species and conservation. Picture this: robotic rovers traversing a conservation park, rescuing creatures in need—all thanks to the dedication and ingenuity of our students. Witnessing their passion for protecting our planet's biodiversity has been truly inspiring.

But that's not all! Innovation 2 has been racing towards the finish line with their Future Cities project. With skyscrapers soaring, streets bustling, and bridges spanning imaginary rivers, these students have truly outdone themselves. And the best part? They're not just building cities—they're mastering the art of wiring DC motors and creating circuits that bring their creations to life.

The energy and enthusiasm our students bring to their projects are infectious. From problem-solving to teamwork, from creativity to determination, they've embodied the true spirit of innovation every step of the way.

As we celebrate the achievements of Innovation 3 and 2, we also welcome the excitement of Innovation 1 as they embark on their final module—diving deep into the world of "Life Below Water." This module isn't just about learning; it's about understanding the importance of our oceans and finding innovative solutions to protect them.

Innovation 1 is ready to tackle water pollution head-on. From understanding its sources to brainstorming creative mitigation strategies, our students are determined to make a difference. Through hands-on experiments and real-world simulations, they'll explore practical solutions to preserve the health and beauty of our oceans for generations to come.

And let's not forget the remarkable achievement of our students in the digital realm.

With over 75% of Innovation 1 and 2 students achieving a proficient score in their TOSA Cybersecurity and Digital Competency exams, it's clear that our students are not just users of technology but knowledgeable and responsible digital citizens.

As we celebrate these milestones and look towards the future, let's continue to foster a culture of innovation, empowerment, and positive change at Teague. Here's to the journey ahead filled with discovery, growth, and endless possibilities.

Dive in and dream big!

YEARBOOK

Yearbooks will be distributed on a May 10th during 3rd period. It's not too late to get yours! The cost is \$50 (cash or check only). Come to building 6 in the mornings to get yours while supplies last.

8th grade signing party will be May 17th so be sure your 8th grader gets their final middle school yearbook to have signed by all their classmates.







Lights, camera, action! Teague Middle School's Innovation Night on April 11, 2024, was an extravaganza of innovation, inspiration, and downright fun! If you missed it, fret not, because we've got the scoop on all the excitement that went down.

Imagine this: every 15 minutes, lucky attendees walked away with giveaways that ranged from lush plants to futuristic robots to trendy shoes and beyond! It was like Oprah's "You get a prize, you get a prize, everyone gets a prize!" but with an educational twist.

But wait, there's more! If the prospect of cooking dinner after a long day made you cringe, fear not! Food trucks rolled onto the scene, serving up delicious eats to keep everyone fueled for the night's adventures.

Speaking of adventures, the student showcases were nothing short of mind-blowing. From breathtaking artwork to jaw-dropping performances by the theatre department, choir, and band, there was never a dull moment. Who needs Netflix when you've got live entertainment every 15 minutes?

Feeling sporty? You could putt your way through the evening on student-made miniature golf holes, each one a testament to creativity and craftsmanship. Or, if you were feeling a bit more urban, you could stroll through a future city complete with dazzling lights, all dreamed up and brought to life by the innovative minds of our students.

And let's not forget about the friendly competition! Attendees had the chance to vote on the best hydraulic machine crafted by Innovation 1 students. The winner? A clever contraption that raised the head of the bed, proving that innovation truly knows

no bounds. Plus, who could resist the charm of the "angry birds" entry?

But wait, there's even more! Graphic Design students wowed us with their copycat designs, robotics teams showcased their championshipworthy skills, and the science fair boards left us in awe of the next generation of scientists and inventors.

Special guests added an extra layer of excitement to the evening, with the RTW 360-degree booth and the SCPS Physics Bus offering thrilling experiences that had us all feeling like kids in a candy store.

Innovation Night at Teague just keeps getting better and better, and we can't wait to see what next year has in store. So mark your calendars, because you won't want to miss out on the magic!

NEXT YEAR SAVE THE DATE.

Thursday, April 10, 2025.



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Congratulations to Elise Miller for being chosen to play in the Seven Star Honor Band. Elise is a 7th grade trumpet player that will be playing in the Seven Star Honor Band this summer at the 2024 Florida Band Master Association Summer

Conference. The band is made up of current 7th graders all over the state of Florida. She will be playing in a 110-piece band. Go Elise! Also, the Teague Band scored an overall Excellent rating at District 6 Music Performance Assessment.



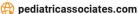
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ROCK LAKE & TEAGUE SUMMER BAND CAMP

ABOUT THE CAMP

The band camp is made up of current and future students of Rock Lake & Teague Middle School. The camp is held at Teague Middle School. Students are split into two groups:

1. Beginners (first timers in band)

2.ADVANCED (students with at least one year of middle school band

Camp meets a total of 8 days. Each group meets in a daily sectional where they will work with a professional teacher on their instrument. During the sectionals students will receive individual and small group instruction. They also meet in a daily band class as a large group with the full band. All campers will receive a free camp t-shirt!

TUITION

BEGINNERS	\$125
ADVANCED	\$125

CAMP SCHEDULE

- June 3rd 6th & June 10th 13th
- Final Concert (ALL CAMPERS): June 13th @ 7:00pm in the Teague Gym
- Registration Deadline: May22nd

Beginners:

- Beginner Instrument Testing May 22nd 4:00-7:00pm @ Teague Middle School (Band Room)
- Daily Rehearsals / Sectionals 9:00-12:00pm
- Advanced Students:

 Daily Rehearsals / Sectionals 10:45-1:45pm

MORE INFO

Just for Beginners

We encourage students who have NEVER played an instrument to attend the Summer Band Camp to see what band is all about. NO previous experience is necessary!

Please DO NOT purchase or rent an instrument of interest right away. Picking an instrument involves not just interest, but a music professional looking for physical attributes that lend themselves naturally towards a particular instrument. There will be a beginning band instrument tryout and rental open house on Wednesday May 22nd, in the Teague Middle School Band room between 4:00-7:00pm

All beginners enrolled MUST come to the testing night. Some instruments are owned by the school while others require a store rental/purchase. There will be a local music store representative there to service all of your musical needs after the testing is complete. It is advised to avoid instrument purchase from certain stores that are not specialists. Please allow at least 30 min for your

Advanced Students

Advanced Band is for students with at least one year of playing experience on a band instrument. They will learn new concert music in a relaxed summer atmosphere, without the pressure of tests or grades. All music will be provided. This is a terrific opportunity for those students who are entering upper-leve



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HISTORY NEWS

WORLD HISTORY

During the 4th 9 weeks in world history, we will be covering topics from ancient India to the Early Americas. Students will be working on one final document-based question on the Mayan civilization in Mesoamerica. We are also preparing students to take the FAST test. That they will be taking in May. We reinforce those skills in class to help them do as best as they can on this important assessment that helps determine placement for next year. We work very closely with the English department to help reinforce these skills and prepare students for these upcoming assessments. We are also preparing students for their 4th 9 weeks exam in World History. Students will also be introduced to the civics curriculum that they will be taking next school year in 7th grade.

-Mr. Rish, Mr. Bastian, Mr. Mendenhall

8TH GRADE US HISTORY

Dear 8th grade students (CLASS OF 2028!!!),

Mr. King, Mr. Klump, and Ms. Manuel wish you the best as you start high school. "Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars!"

Best wishes and farewell! Wherever you go, may success find you. Being your teacher has been a privilege. We hope all of your future pursuits go well!

Remember that your diligence, commitment, and good manners will always be valued wherever you go.

We wish you well in all of your future endeavors... in high school and to infinity and beyond!

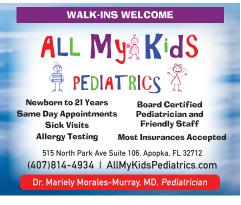
We hope your future is as remarkable as you are! We are confident that you will accomplish greatness in the future as long as you try your best.

Even if your time with us ends at Teague Middle School, your influence will last for years. With fondest regards and farewell!

Best Wishes Always, Mr. King, Mr. Klump and Ms. Manuel

















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GUIDANCE

It's hard to believe we are already wrapping up another school year! We sincerely hope that our students and staff can find some time to relax and recharge over the summer months. This time of year, is bittersweet as we send our current 8th graders off to spread their wings in high school and are excited to meet our future Teague Tigers as incoming 6th graders. We are always amazed at the amount of personal and academic growth that we see from our students as they transition through the middle school years.

Some upcoming and important dates to plan for include:

- June 5, 2024- Current Teague student report cards will be finalized and posted in Skyward for family access.
- August 8, 2024- Meet the teacher event. Please watch social media, Skyward blasts, emails and school marquee for schedule.
- August 12, 2024- First day of student attendance for the 2024-2025 school year.

Over the summer we will be evaluating student data and working to ensure that each student is appropriately placed in their courses for the next school year. We look forward to having everyone back on campus in August.

Take Care, Ms. Kraft and Mrs. Halsey Teague Guidance Department

