

# From the Tiger's Lair

October 5, 2010



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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In light of what's been happening in the news in terms of cyber bullying, the Middle School is hosting an assembly provided by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office for students on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

In addition, Lieutenant Stephen Speirs will be addressing district staff on the In-service Day, October 11<sup>th</sup> and the entire community can participate in a forum on Sunday, October 17 at 12:30 at Trinity Methodist Church. This is an extremely pressing topic and we hope everyone can work together to help all of our students be safe.

There are other important dates coming in the near future as well. First, parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for the evenings of October 20<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> and the afternoon of Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Some of you will receive letters this week requesting conferences. If so, we ask that you reply to Mrs. Klaver (852-8554 ext 222) to confirm your appointment. If you don't receive a letter and you are interested in scheduling a conference, please contact Mrs. Klaver next week. Remember, you can visit the PTA sponsored Book Fair in our Literacy Lab while you're here. We look forward to seeing you at conferences.

The fall is always beautiful. Take the time to enjoy the colors, the weather, and your family.

As always, together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

*Marie A. Griffin*

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Principal

## Exciting Events

- 10/5 PTA Meeting 7pm
- 10/11 Teacher In-Service  
**School Closed**
- 10/14 Picture Retakes
- 10/15 Gr. 8 Magazine Drive Begins
- 10/20 Gr. 5-8 Cyber Bullying Assembly
- 10/20-10/22 Parent/Teacher Conferences **EARLY DISMISSAL 12:25**  
Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/22 PTA Tricky Tray
- 10/29 Gr. 8 Magazine Drive Ends  
Gr. 5-6 PTA Halloween Party

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[www.hackettstown.org](http://www.hackettstown.org)

Absentee Phone: 908-852-3559

Nurse: 908-852-8554 ext. 229

Guidance: 908-852-8554 ext. 231

CST Psychologist: 908-852-8554 ext. 239

CST LDC: 908-852-8554 ext. 240

## Internet Safety

The internet is part of everyone's daily life. While it is a wonderful and educational tool, it can expose our children to many dangers we may not be immediately aware of. There are ways to navigate the internet and take part in the common social networking sites without engaging in dangerous situations.

### Safe Blogging Tips for Teen:

- Be as anonymous as possible
- Avoid postings that could enable a stranger to locate you.
- Protect your information.
- Check to see if your service has a "friends" list that allows you to control who can visit your profile or blog.
- No in-person meetings.
- Don't get together with someone you "meet" through anywhere on line.
- Photos: Think before posting pictures. What's uploaded to the internet can be downloaded by anyone and passed around or posted.
- Check comments regularly. If you allow them on your profile or blog, check them often. Don't respond to mean or embarrassing comments. Delete them and if possible block offensive people from commenting on them further.

### Resources for cyber safety:

- [www.safeteens.com](http://www.safeteens.com)
- [www.safekids.com](http://www.safekids.com)
- [www.netsmartkids.org](http://www.netsmartkids.org)
- [www.wiredsafety.org](http://www.wiredsafety.org)



## Poetry Program

We were very fortunate to have local poet, B.J. Ward come to the middle school on Friday, October 1st for the entire day.

Not only has Mr. Ward had 3 volumes of poetry published, but he has been recognized time and again for his poetry and for his wonderful way of teaching this oftentimes elusive topic.

He engages his audience whether they are 2nd graders or adults. First thing in the morning, Mr. Ward spoke to the entire school through assemblies, and then he spent the bulk of the day working with our seventh graders. We were also fortunate enough to squeeze in a visit with some of the high school students who helped begin the middle school poetry club 2 years ago.

One thing is for sure- everyone was a winner at the middle school when Mr. Ward arrived.

For more information about Mr. Ward and his books, please visit his homepage at <http://www.bjward.net>.



## Students of the Month

On behalf of the Middle School Guidance Department the entire Middle School family would like to congratulate the following eight people who have been selected as Students of the Month for October. These students have demonstrated good citizenship and have been working extremely hard in school this past month.

- Grade 5: Elijah Fernandez & Brian Gerges
- Grade 6: Madeleine Baker & Aidan Gerlach
- Grade 7: Lea Cleveland & Kenneth Doran
- Grade 8: Keri Morabito & Gorge Tapia

*Congratulations!*

## PTA Tricky Tray

The PTA's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tricky Tray will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Hackettstown High School.

This is the PTA's main fundraiser, and it supports all of the activities that the PTA provides for our students throughout the year. We will be looking for volunteers to help on the night of the Tricky Tray as well as to solicit donations from community businesses. As in past years, families who donate a basket will receive a free sheet of tickets. Mark your calendars, bring your friends and win some great prizes!

**Please contact Kristine Allan if you are able to volunteer.**

[Kristineallan698@yahoo.com](mailto:Kristineallan698@yahoo.com) or  
[ptaboard@hackettstownpta.com](mailto:ptaboard@hackettstownpta.com).



## Reminders

Conferences will be held  
10/20-10/22



Check our website often:  
[www.hackettstown.org](http://www.hackettstown.org)

## Market Day

Did you know that our school community participates in a fun and unique monthly grocery fundraiser called Market Day? Market Day is unique because it is the only fundraiser that allows you to directly support our school by purchasing some of your monthly groceries through the program. You can choose from a wide selection of high-quality foods your family will love. The food is fantastic and fully backed by Market Day's 100% satisfaction guarantee.

This year the Middle School's goal is to raise \$2,000, which will be used towards the "TI-GERS" initiative and new technology. A minimum of 10% of every dollar you spend goes back to our school, with the opportunity to earn 15-20% depending on the total of the sale. Each month over 150 items are offered, including meats, poultry, and seafood, as well as breakfast, lunch and snack items. Plus, Market Day offers a large selection of healthy and kid-friendly options -- there is something for everyone.

The monthly order guide and program information can be found on the Middle School website, or you can visit them directly at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). Our account number is 19547. Register your email address to receive exclusive discounts available to on-line shoppers only. We are confident that this fundraising program will not only benefit our school and the programs we support, but will also benefit you as the consumer.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help on pick-up days, please contact Jill Gerlach at 813-3190 or Susan Snyder at 850-6422. We look forward to seeing you at our next sale on October 28<sup>th</sup>.



## Picture Retakes



Thursday, October 14th

Please bring in the photo package that you are not accepting so it can be returned to the photographer.

## Community News

The Hackettstown Free Public Library is closed for renovation and will reopen in late Fall.

Please make other after-school arrangements for your children.

Also, please have them utilize their school library for reading materials until we reopen. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

See you when we re-open!

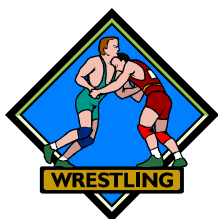


## Youth Wrestling Sign-Ups

Boys & Girls in K - 8th Grade  
 Wednesday, October 6, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
 Saturday, October 9, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 Hackettstown Community Center

go to:

[www.tigerwrestlingclub.com](http://www.tigerwrestlingclub.com)  
 to print registration form  
 or for additional information



## Bazaar

Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Great Meadows will hold their annual Bazaar on Sunday, November 7th in their parish hall from 8am to 1pm. Last year over 20 vendors were present. Come get your free cup of coffee and cookie and browse the many unique gifts! Also, featuring homemade food for eat in or take-out.

### VENDORS WANTED,

call Allyson at 908-475-2556 or call 908-637-4269 for more information.

Please note that these are not Board of Education programs or services, nor does the Board of Education endorse any of the above.

## October Menu

				10/1 Build a Burger Lettuce & Tomato
10/4 Philly Steak Um Fresh Onions & Peppers	10/5 Hot Ham & Cheese on a Whole Wheat Bagel Carrots	10/6 Open Hot Turkey On Whole Wheat Mashed Potato	10/7 Baked Ziti Broccoli	10/8 Macaroni & Cheese String Beans
10/11 <b>IN SERVICE SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	10/12 Meatball Hero Peas & Carrots	10/13 Build a Burger Lettuce & Tomato	10/14 Turkey Nachos Salsa & Cheese Lettuce & Tomato	10/15 Breakfast for Lunch French Toast Ham & Tater Tots
10/18 Chicken Patty on a Bun String Beans	10/19 Philly Steak-Um Fresh Onions & Peppers	10/20 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL NO LUNCH</b>	10/21 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL NO LUNCH</b>	10/22 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL NO LUNCH</b>
10/25 Pork Rib on a Roll Carrots	10/26 Hot Ham & Cheese on a Whole Wheat Bagel Seasoned Peas	10/27 Texas Toast Assorted Stuffed Grilled Cheese Oven Fries	10/28 Turkey Nachos Salsa & Cheese Lettuce & Tomato	10/29 Stuffed Cheese Shells Tossed Salad
			Prepaid Lunch Tickets are Available	All meals come complete with chilled fruit/fruit juice or fresh fruit & 1% Milk

