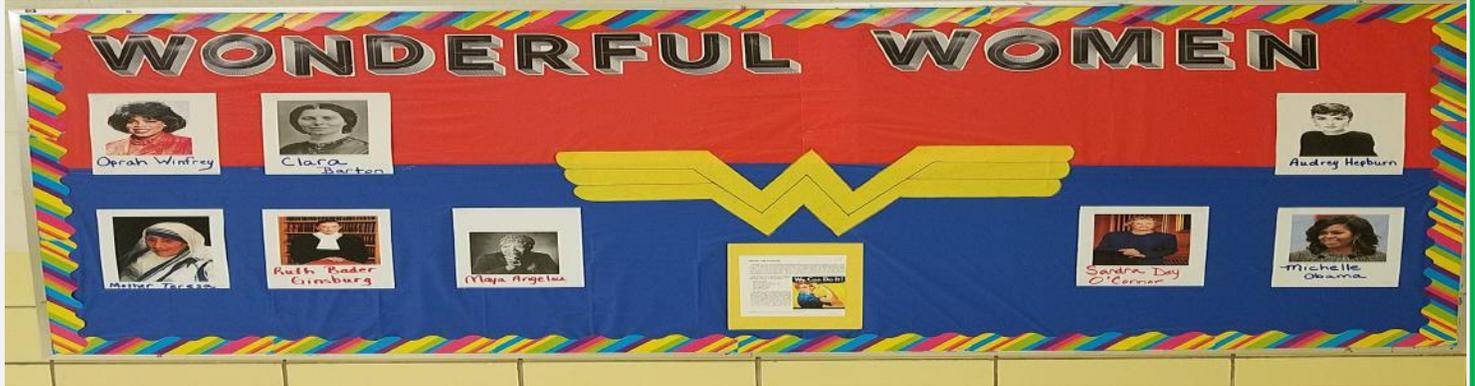


HAPPY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!



TOP TIMBERWOLVES

On February 28th two 7th grade students participated in the annual Menta Speech Competition in North Aurora. The students worked for weeks preparing and researching their topics. Yamelet and Johnte were chosen out of their peers and came in 2nd place. Congratulations!



Principal's Corner

Read Across America

March 1st was Read Across America day. We had the honor of teaming with students from the Joliet Job Corps, Career Development Center. Students in the Certified Nursing Assistance, Cement Masonry, and Culinary Arts program read to our students and shared their work experiences. This engaging experience exposed our students to fields they may not be familiar with. We are grateful for community collaborations and look forward to building more community relationships.

IAR Begins

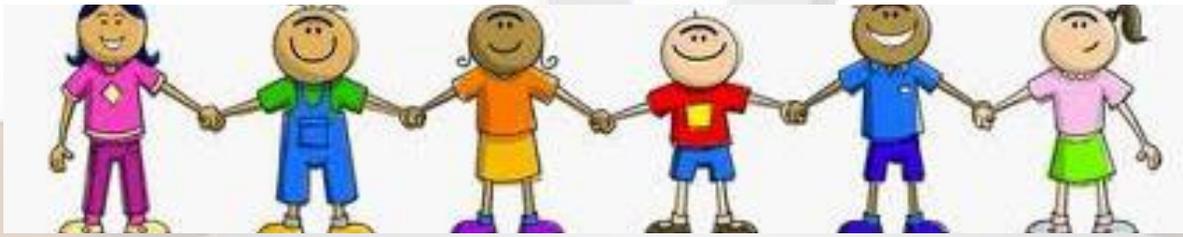
IAR begins Monday, March 11th, please make sure students are getting plenty of rest so they are alert and focused.

Thank you for all you do!

Teresa Woodard

Principal





PBIS Pit Stop

On Monday February 25th we had our big Gym Extravaganza as a reward for earning 1,000 Timber Tokens for following expectations during gym. Junior High classes were paired up with elementary classes to participate in fun and challenging activities in the gym. Students who demonstrated good sportsmanship were treated to a special snack. After lunch, students competed against Mr. Ellis and Mr. Jones in a basketball skills challenge. Mr. Jones was the winner!

Throughout the month of February students did a great job reviewing the PAW LAW. Each class got to play Kahoot, an online trivia game, to show what they know about the PAW LAW. Now that we are done reviewing the PAW LAW we finish out the year modeling the expectations. Students will have a new incentive after IAR concludes.



CLINICIAN'S CORNER

Ms. Eifler and Mr. Carlson are working with our middle school students on transitions. Transitions include: academic transitions, moving from one grade to another, moving to a different school, and transitions that happen in families. When focused on the academic transitions, both Mr. Carlson and Ms. Eifler are working with students on what they want to do and 'be' when they are older. Eighth grade students have been filling out 'dream' sheets and talking about what training and education are needed for their future jobs/careers.

The Thompson eighth graders are getting anxious as they prepare to transition to high school. We all need to remember that for many students this is a huge milestone and they may need additional supports. Please contact Ms. Eifler or Mr. Carlson if you need additional assistance.

Our younger students in kindergarten through fifth grade continue to focus on using the Zones of Regulation to learn what their emotions look like and how to best 'regulate' them. What is the best way to show you are angry? How can you calm down when you are anxious? Our youngest students continue to grow and learn not just academically but emotionally.

Field Trip Fun

Shaun Boothe: The Unauthorized Biography Series

Students were selected to attend a special performance at the Rialto theater to see “Shaun Boothe The Unauthorized Biography Series.” The program is a critically acclaimed musical project that celebrates the world’s greatest cultural icons through rap.

Students had a great time and were all well behaved. Here are some student reviews.

“I learned more about people that I already knew about that made history because of his rapping.”

“The show was really cool! I liked the music and it was so cool that he came into the crowd.”

“He gave me a high-five and now I never want to wash it!”

Level 4 and 5 students visit the Salem Village nursing home to assist the senior with crafts. Here is an first time student account .

Salem Village

By: Jacqueline R.

When I entered the nursing home, I got nervous... then we entered the cafeteria. Each one of us chose a seat with a senior citizen, we listened for directions. A young lady explained to us what we were supposed to do. We all made Valentine’s Day cards and decorated them! It was optional for the senior citizens to help us. They were nice to us, we had a great conversation. It took patience, but my experience was great. I got nervous at first, but there was really nothing to be nervous about. It was pretty fun, I met new people, which was pretty cool :) I liked helping senior citizens and learning about them.



Staff Spotlight: Ms. Eifler

This is Ms. Eifler’s first full year at Thompson Instructional Center. She is the clinician for Rooms 1, 4, 5, 7 & 11. She has been a social worker her whole life and she believes it is what she was meant to do. Ms. Eifler loves to read, has two large dogs and she enjoys riding her bike in her free time. Many people don’t know, but she was born in Sierra Leone, Africa. **“I love working with and listening to my students. Working at Thompson is like being with a second family, both staff and students.” ~ Ms. Eifler**

Upcoming Events

IAR Testing

8th & 5th Graders: March 11-14th

7th & 4th Graders: March 18th-21st

6th & 3rd Graders: April 1-4th

Elementary

Science Fair

March 14th

Spring Break

March 25-29th