

# THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

## FRIDAY FORECAST

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### PATRIOT'S PEN NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST:

VFW Post 5036 will again award prizes of: **\$150 best essay!** **\$ 100 runner up!** **\$ 50 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up!**

There will be 19th District, State and National competitions; for those who advance, early next year!  
THE NATIONAL CHAMPION EARNS a **\$5,000 CASH AWARD**, with many other monetary prizes at all levels!

The 2015-16 Theme is: **"WHAT FREEDOM MEANS TO ME"**

Below is a link to the PDF fill in format "Entry Form":

[http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY\\_VFW/PatriotsPenEntryFormandBrochure.pdf](http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/PatriotsPenEntryFormandBrochure.pdf)

Please arrange to deliver essays on or about November 1<sup>st</sup>, by placing your essay in the mail slot at VFW Post 5036, or you may contact Mr. Cecchi at: [630 779-4391](tel:6307794391).

Thank you so much for your interest and patriotism!

Mark Cecchi  
Scholarship Chair



### ONLINE SCHEDULING FOR PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Parent teacher conferences are just around the corner on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Online scheduling is available by clicking on the following Link: <http://district.d303.org/home-access-center-information> Time slots fill up quickly, so schedule your conferences today!



### THE LRC HAS SOME EXCITING NEWS!

In cooperation with Anderson Bookshop and Book Fair Company (the company who supplies our book fair), we were able to schedule two visiting authors. On October 28, our 6th graders will visit with **Gitty Daneshvari**, whose newest book *League of Unexceptional Children* was just released. On November 3, both our 7th and 8th graders will visit with **Joelle Charbonneau**, whose newest title, *Need*, is scheduled to be released on this same day. Author visits such as these can easily cost upwards of \$1000 each. Our relationship with Anderson, however, has allowed us to set up these presentations for free. Anderson does ask us to participate in book sales, but any student purchasing from the book supply sent to our LRC will receive the author's autograph. We are excited to offer these opportunities to our Titans. Please watch for more details to come home with your student. Please see the attached flyers for more information about each Author and her work.



### HOW TO RECOGNIZE STRESS IN YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT:

By: **Julia Choate, RN.** (BSN completion student at North Illinois University working with Diane Isbrandt, RN, M.Ed, PEL-CSN)

- What are some signs that a teen/adolescent is suffering from stress?
- How can parents help children and teens manage stress?

For answers to these questions, please see the attached information.



### A NEW PROGRAM AT THOMPSON:

Thompson Middle School is committed to keeping our school safe, caring, and respectful. We are excited to start a new program this school year called *Second Step: Student Success Through Prevention*. We believe that this program will provide our students with essential life skills for now and the future. For more information, please go to: [www.secondstep.org](http://www.secondstep.org)

**Thompson's activation key is: SSP7 476Q WQAA**

For additional information, please see the attached information.



## DISTRICT 303 FACILITIES OPTIONS:

As you have probably heard, District Administration is in the process of visiting each District 303 school to present to staff members Facilities Options for the future of our District.

These options are scheduled to be presented to the Board of Education in December.

There is also a forum for you to provide feedback on the Facilities Options at:

[http://district.d303.org/sites/district.d303.org/files/news/pdf/PressRelease\\_FacilitiesCommunitySchedule.pdf](http://district.d303.org/sites/district.d303.org/files/news/pdf/PressRelease_FacilitiesCommunitySchedule.pdf) and there you will also find the full schedule of community meetings for the entire District. (You may attend any of these meetings). The meeting forum can be accessed by visiting: <http://www.d303.org/facilities>.



## LOST AND FOUND:

Please check the Lost and Found in the main foyer. There are a lot of items that need to be claimed! Clothing, shoes, lunch boxes, etc.! We will be donating unclaimed items soon.



Want to share pictures of life at TMS with the Yearbook Staff? Get the yearbook SNAP app on your phone and send pictures directly to the yearbook club. After installing the app, search Thompson Middle School, and use the code "thompsonms". You can download 5 pictures at a time and help yearbook club retell the story of a great year.



## THOMPSON COFFEE FUNDRAISER:

Student pick up dates are November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!



**DO YOU NEED SPORTS SCHEDULES? GO TO:** <http://thompson.d303.org>; Athletics and Clubs; Thompson Athletics. **Please check the sports schedules as many schedules have been revised.**

## TMS UPCOMING WEEKS AT A GLANCE:

Looking for more information/schedules for Sports, Clubs, Drama and Activities? Please go to: <http://thompson.d303.org>; Athletics and Clubs; Thompson Athletics or Thompson Clubs.



## Drama Department News:

Looking for more information on our Drama productions?

Please go to the Drama Webpage at:

<http://thompson.d303.org>; Athletics and Clubs; Thompson Clubs; Drama

### *"Knights of the RAD Table"*

The Cast and Crew did a fabulous job this past weekend! Congratulations! Thank you to all the parents who helped with costumes, make up, concessions, lunch, dinner, set strike, etc.!! We could not have done our show without You!



## Calendar for October/November 2015

October 27	Spooktacular Concert - 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra – 6:30pm
October 29	EHS fall choir concert w/8 <sup>th</sup> gr. only Bella Voce, 7:00-8:30 pm
Nov. 4	Coffee with the Principal, 9:00 am – 10:00 am
Nov. 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Assembly/Veteran's Day Assembly 8:30-10:30 am
Nov. 10	Choir Fest- 8 <sup>th</sup> gr only – North HS. 3:00 – 8:00 pm
Nov. 18	PTO Meeting 9:00-10:00 am LRC Conference Rm. B
Nov. 21	IMEA Festival
Nov. 23-24	Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School for students
Nov. 25	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Break – School Closed



## Friday Forecast Attachments:



- Information about our visiting Authors
- How to recognize stress in your middle school student
- Additional Information regarding the Second Steps Program