

Don't work for recognition, but do work that is worthy of recognition.

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Principal's Log 2.12

Dear TMS Families,

In reviewing school report cards for the first quarter, I recognize that many students have reached high levels of achievement. It was great to pause and recognize their efforts. Some achieved honor roll status. Achieving honor roll status is an esteemed academic achievement! It is important that the criteria for this are clear and equitable. When our recognition is thoughtful, and we focus on process and habits rather than outcomes, we can inspire all students to set goals and work hard. So, make sure when you congratulate students you focus on the little things they did, and the sacrifices they made to be successful. This is how the honor roll status is calculated. It is the same formula as in past years.

Principal's list cumulative average of 95% with no grade below a 90%
High honor roll cumulative average of 90% with no grade below an 85%
Honor roll cumulative average of 85% with no grade below an 80%
All grade bearing subjects will be included in the cumulative average calculation.

Honor roll and high honor roll students will be recognized on their report cards and in a posting on the website. For safety, I will only post first names and last name first initials. Principal's list honorees will receive a congratulatory letter from me with an invitation to attend a pizza luncheon in the library. To keep these gatherings small and powerful, I have set up the following rotation. I was particularly impressed by the number of student athletes who achieved honor roll status this quarter!

- 1st quarter, 6th-grade Principal's list honorees received a letter and attended a luncheon on 11/20/2019.
- 1st or second quarter 7th-grade Principal's list honorees and new 6th-grade honorees will receive a letter and attend a luncheon on 2/12/2020.
- 1st, 2nd, or 3rd quarter 8th-grade students and any new 6th or 7th-grade students will attend a luncheon and receive a letter on 4/29/2020.

As you can see, all students that reach the Principal's list milestone will be recognized with a letter, a meeting with me, and a chance to celebrate with a small group during a luncheon. During the luncheons, I give a short speech where I encourage students to thank the people who supported them in obtaining this status and I challenge them to leadership.

These students have worked very hard. It's a pleasure to recognize them -- and to eat some pizza together.

My Best,

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http://tms.tuckahoeschools.org/201718_weekly_eneewsletter