

Principal's Log 2.11

Dear TMS Families,

Every fall we recognize National Bullying Prevention Awareness. It's an important time when we focus on building community. This message contains a reminder that can not be said or heard enough. Please pass it on to the children. Tigers know that the way we treat each other matters. With our virtual lives competing more and more with face-face communication and human relationships. It seems like there is a great deal of negativity in the social media space that sometimes creeps into our schools. I offer a simple countermeasure. It comes to us courtesy of the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council, in the form of an acronym T.H.I.N.K. Questions, drive the concept.

Before you communicate think carefully about your intended *and* unintended message:

1. Is it **T** rue?
2. Is it **H** elpful?
3. Is it **I** nspiring?
4. Is it **N** ecessary?
5. Is it **K** ind?

These powerful questions invite us to pause before we communicate. When we insert them into our relationships with others, our school will continue to be a healthy space where all can work and learn. At the end of this message, there is a link to a T.H.I.N.K. poster. I invite you to print it and post it in your home in honor of Bullying Prevention Awareness.

Enjoy the weekend.

My Best,

Gregory Stiefel, Principal TMS.

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[T.H.I.N.K. POSTER](#)

Be sure to check out our website for PTA flyers, calendar snapshots, and other reminders.

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

Reminder for Tuckahoe MS Band and Chorus Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 18
-as discussed on back to school night and posted on google classroom

- All students need to buy a tuxedo shirt with a bowtie-

Dress code is as follows:

Please wear your White Tuxedo shirt, black bowtie, black socks, black shoes and black dress pants.

Thank you,

The Tuckahoe Music Department