Please join us in offering a special thanks and our best wishes to Dr. Robert Pleis on his retirement effective on March 31, 2021. Dr. Pleis has served the Twin Valley School District community for over 26 years.

Superintendent, TVSD • 2008 - present
Assistant Superintendent, TVSD • 2004 - 2008
Principal, TVEC 1995 - 2004

During Dr. Pleis’ years with the District he has been an outstanding leader, innovator, mentor and an overall advocate for public education. We thank him for his unwavering support of our school district, dedication and service to our students and community!

Please enjoy this short video tribute. Thanks for all the memories Dr. Pleis!
“Having TVSD continue to send us students [in the internship program] who show an interest in learning a new craft has been a welcome piece of normalcy,” stated Paula Coleman, the Practice Manager at Aardvark Animal Hospital. Although COVID-19 has altered the way many students and adults work, it has not stopped Twin Valley High School’s internship program from helping students discover their passions.

“My favorite part was just seeing the culture there and realizing that this is my career that I want to do. I love animals,” stated Grace Kane, a TVHS senior and intern at Aardvark Animal Hospital, who throughout the internship was responsible for recording stats for the veterinarians and veterinarian technicians. She was actively involved in both sick and well visits, holding animals to put in IVs, and cleaning cages. With the opportunity to sit in on surgeries, Kane got an up-close look at procedures concerning neutering, spaying, and dental work. COVID-19 restrictions have posed a challenge. With smaller rooms, it was difficult for Kane and the employees to keep a safe distance away from each other while still working together. After witnessing her performance during the internship, Kane received a job promotion and has become a vet tech assistant at Aardvark Animal Hospital. Kane wants to study animal science or study in a vet tech program at either Delaware Valley University or Harcum College.

Another intern and TVHS senior, Abigail Netterville, is working with the non-profit organization Young Life. Young Life has been active in Twin Valley since 2017 and involves leaders mentoring youth.

“The whole purpose of Young Life is to give knowledge to others about God while still letting you be your own person and believe in opinions about that,” stated Netterville. As an intern, Netterville manages Twin Valley Young Life’s social media accounts and handles student questions and concerns. Netterville keeps the public informed with new announcements, reflects on the outcomes of Young Life hosted events, and reads the Bible to focus on self-growth. The organization has adapted to COVID-19 restrictions, cutting down group sizes to continue hosting meetings. With fewer people and less exposure, Netterville is able to safely contribute to the organization. Over the past 2 years, Netterville has developed a close relationship with her mentor, Emily Lisowski, a Tri-County Young Life Staff Associate. This bond creates a comfortable environment in which Netterville can thrive. After participating in the organization as a student, this internship gives Netterville the opportunity to experience Young Life behind the scenes. Netterville plans to major in gerontology at the California University of Pennsylvania and wants to continue participating in Young Life as a volunteer leader.

Focusing on business, TVHS junior Brooke Trent interned at Stolzfus Enterprises. Stolzfus Enterprises is a general contractor, home builder, and full-service realty company. During her internship, Trent mainly (continued next page)
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focused on customer interactions and tasks in the office. She deposited checks, helped with information technology (I.T.) work, and received payments. Trent collected advanced payments and learned how to utilize the accounting software QuickBooks to collect payments. Working with her own grandmother at Stoltzfus Enterprises, Trent was able to bypass many of the challenges that accompany an off-site internship during the pandemic.

“[My favorite part was] being able to interact with the customers, meet new people, learn a lot of new stuff, and see what direction I want to go in,” stated Trent. Through this internship, Trent had the opportunity to work in a real business environment, allowing her to expand her knowledge and determine her desired career path. In the future, Trent plans on pursuing a career in business and marketing.

Everyone involved in the Twin Valley High School internship program has demonstrated extreme perseverance and dedication, especially the internship coordinators, business teachers Angela Morgan and Gwen Werner. With the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and safety measures, many businesses have had to turn down student internships; some have been fortunate enough to manage creative solutions for student interns. With hard work and an optimistic attitude, Twin Valley continues to provide guidance and offer invaluable career experiences to students.

Submitted by Student writer: Katie Horan

Special Events in our Schools

ENCOURAGEMENT WITH ART AT REC

TVEC SHARES KINDNESS FOR 100 DAY EVENT

HBEC 1ST GRADE READS DR. SEUSS
On February 24th the Twin Valley Rotary club was proud to honor Twin Valley High School seniors Emily Brooks and Kade Olsen. The presentation was made at their weekly meeting. Emily and Kade were honored for their participation in extracurricular activities and outstanding academic achievement. Emily Brooks has been involved in many activities throughout her four years at Twin Valley High School, such as cross country, history club, Mini-Thon, Heroes, and Track & Field. Emily did cross country up until her junior year but has remained with Track since seventh grade. Emily loves competing in track and looks forward to the season every year. More importantly, Emily says “the team aspect of Track & Field is what makes it my favorite part about school; everyone is so optimistic and positive it just puts you in a good mood”. Building from this, Emily enjoys doing activities that help benefit others; such as Heroes and Mini-Thon. Although Heroes could not happen this year due to Corona, she is grateful she got to help out with kindergarteners her junior year at HBEC. She enjoyed being able to help children and put a smile on their faces; which is why Emily is involved with Mini-Thon. Emily is the captain for Public Relations of Mini-Thon, so she helps run the social media accounts for the club. Emily likes to participate in fundraisers and try to get more students involved so more money can be raised For The Kids! Similarly, Emily is intending to remain a part of Thon in college to continue to raise money for kids with cancer. Emily has committed to Penn State University and is excited to be a part of the primary Thon which is a huge part of the Penn State Community. Additionally, while at University Park, Emily wants to remain active and part of an optimistic team. Emily plans on joining club Cross country, she believes it will just be a fun, stress-free opportunity and will help her keep her love for running. Finally, while at Penn State, Emily will be in the Human and Health department studying nutrition. Emily’s major was decided by learning how impactful food is with running and working out. She wants to be able to help other athletes figure out their nutritional needs so they can perform to their full potential. Emily is super excited for the future and cannot wait to continue her education and eventually help out athletes.

Kade has been a member of the varsity cross country and track teams for all four year of his high school career. He has also participated in multiple clubs and school activities such as TSA, High School Heroes, and NHS. Within TSA Kade has qualified for the state conference every single year of participation in the club. Along with these in school activities, Kade spends some of his time outside of school volunteering for both the Twin Valley and Honey Brook food pantries, as well as Lamancha Animal Rescue and Operation Gratitude. He has taken this volunteering further and last year around Halloween, organized a candy drive for Operation Gratitude’s Halloween Candy Give Back. In this multi-school effort, around three hundred pounds of candy was collected. Unfortunately this year, completing a candy drive like this was impossible to do, and so instead he was able to raise almost one thousand dollars to be donated to the organization. To go with this, in past years he has also organized a food drive for the Honey Brook Food Pantry track meets, and was in the process of organizing a “food-drive initiative” for all spring sports to participate in before the spring sports season was canceled. Kade hopes to attend either the United States Air Force or Naval Academy.
Reminder! Course selection due 8 a.m. Monday, March 22nd for current students grades 8 -11!

Please visit the TVHS Course Selection Page for detailed information about course selection.

Note that all students should complete the course selection process, including students enrolled in TVVA.

Twin Valley placed first and second at the regional Academic WorldQuest competition this month!

Both teams have qualified to compete in the National Academic WorldQuest competition in mid-April. To our knowledge, this is the first time Twin Valley has qualified for AWQ nationals!

Twin Valley Green – 1st Place
Steven Armstrong, Ethan Auger, Emily Holt and Leah Karwie

Twin Valley White – 2nd Place
Ryan Baylis, Gabe Dinsdale, Angie Minardi and Jacob Siegle

The TVMS Pennies for Patients Fundraiser runs until March 26th. They are raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Here is the link to our online fundraising page: https://events.lls.org/pages/epa/TwinValleyMiddleSchool-2021

Prizes for Student Fundraisers:
https://drive.google.com/.../1hZGAqNM2BqGVZle.../view...

TVMS Spirit Wear Fundraiser:
https://twinvalleypride2021.itemorder.com/sale

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Congratulations to the TV Boys and Girls Basketball Teams for running a successful food drive fundraiser! Great job bringing people together to support the community!

They collected almost 300 food items, so TVCEF matched their efforts with a $300 donation to Twin Valley Food Pantry.

Congrats to Hunter, Jacob, Jayden & Ean for the BCIAA All-Star selection in Wrestling!

Congrats to Ava, Natali, Morgan, Sophia & Rachel for the BCIAA All-Star selections for Girls’ Basketball!

Congrats to Kannon, Mike & Chase for the All-Star selection for Boys’ Basketball!

Boys’ Tennis start off the season with a win over Kutztown 5-0!
Win for Varsity LAX over Great Valley!
Great way to start off the Spring season
TVHS Theatre update!
ICYMI! The NEWSIES video is LIVE!

We hope you enjoy this website dedicated to the hardworking students and staff of the Newsies production.
https://sites.google.com/tvsd.info/newsiesinconcert/home...

Spring 2021 Musical Revue

More TVSD News

TVHS Mini THON Fundraiser
TVHS Minithon is doing a Twin Valley School District merchandise fundraiser in order to raise money to fight pediatric cancer! Below is the link to the online store where you can find all of our selections of gear. The gear that you can purchase is custom made for Twin Valley and is not specific to Mini-THON which makes it a great purchase for anyone in the district!

https://tvhsminithon2021.itemorder.com/sale

1. The clothing that is for sale may seem a little pricey, but that is because we wanted to get name brand clothing that is high quality. Since many items are Nike, they aren't cheap but will be worth every dollar!

2. The price of the clothes on the website includes a $5 donation per item directly to Mini-THON. So if a sweatshirt says $50, it really costs $45 but has the $5 donation to Mini-THON included in the price.

3. There will be a 4% processing fee which the company charges for running the site, BUT shipping will be totally free! We will be picking up the orders in person, and delivering them to you in your classroom directly to their building and block 1 teacher.

4. The sale will close on Sunday March 28th at midnight.

If you do not want to purchase, but would still like to donate to Mini-THON here is the link to our page.
https://fourdiamonds.donordrive.com/index.cfm?

There is still time to apply! The USDA has extended the free breakfast + lunch for all students until SEPTEMBER 2021. Contact Steve with any questions!

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