TECUMSEH KIWANIS DISPATCH

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Meeting Second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Tecumseh United Methodist Church

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November Meeting

Debbie was the Program Chair for our meeting held on November 11 and she arranged for Tecumseh North Elementary School Principal Katie Bivens to bring us up to date on school and district happenings. Katie has been principal for 8 years. Currently Tecumseh North has 417 students which is a bit below the normal average of 420 to 450. This year they increased the number of kindergarten classes to 4 due to a larger enrollment of that age group possibly related to Covid-19. All other classes 1 through 6 have 3 classrooms each. There are 95 staff members, some of whom are part-time, and that does not include bus drivers. Of those 90, 30 are teachers. 60% of students are on the Free and Reduced Lunch program.

They use a testing program called Fast Bridge to screen and monitor progress of students 3 times each year. They ended last year with 66% of students ranking at grade level. The test at the start of this school year was 56% which can be accounted for by the learning loss that occurs during the summer.

The bond issue that passed last November has resulted in construction around Tecumseh North. The first item addressed was the playground which was rebuilt this summer. It was made more accessible, new mulch was added, as was new playground equipment including a merry-go-round. Also a sun shade was added. The spider structure was removed because the bottom was rusted away but it is scheduled to be replaced with a new one. Future construction will be on the gym, office, and adding new offices and classrooms in the basement.

The biggest bond issue construction in the district is happening at the Middle School and at Berryton. The Middle School has the largest amount of changes due to the future addition of 6th grade students which is scheduled to occur in two years. Current 4th grade students should attend the middle school as 6th graders if the project is on schedule.

November 11 is Diana's birthday and although she was not able to attend the meeting, we thank her for providing Rocky Road brownies and ice cream.

Projects

Its was thought that there were not quite as many kids present for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Trunk or Treat which Denise, Debbie, Diana, Cindy, and Regina, along with her four kids and her decorated van, attended. That same evening there was a large Halloween event Downtown at Evergy Plaza. Regardless, everyone enjoyed the evening by passing out candy and viewing the costumes.

Our next group volunteer project will be Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Saturday, December 12. Debbie and Diana have the 11 AM to noon shift, Cindy and Denise have noon to 1 PM, Larry will be there from 3 to 4 PM, and Regina and crew will have 4 to 5 PM. The Scouts will be doing noon to 2 PM at Walmart.

Katie Bivens provided us with a wish list of winter items for Tecumseh North. They include disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, facial tissue, kids socks, and multipacks of young mens and ladies T-shirts preferably in Gray or Black but with White working also.

Winter Wonderland will be on Tuesday, December 15, this year from 6 to 9 PM.

Upcoming Programs

December 9	- Diana
Dessert	- Larry
January 13	- Regina
Dessert	- Denise
February 11	- Ashli
Dessert	- Debbie

Service Hours

The Tecumseh Kiwanis Club performed a total of 115 hours of community service work for October.

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