As we move past our Thanksgiving break, I would like to thank some of our student groups who have worked hard during the month of November to show gratitude in numerous ways. A group of students in Mr. Buchanan’s STEAM class raised awareness within the school about the devastating effects of the hurricanes and encouraged the participation in a supply drive for victims. We were extremely proud when the American Red Cross truck showed up and these students literally filled it up!

Mrs. Olivas’ FAC class prepared their family semester Italian dinner and to honor Veterans sent the word to local chapters for Vets to come in for some good food and a thank you for their service. Finally, a group of students made posters around Turner reminding us the value in working hard and being kind. It is in these types of acts that I am certainly thankful to be a Dragon!

Respectfully,

Brandy Grieves, Principal

ATTENTION PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

The web address for the district’s "Parent Portal" system has changed. Please use this new address: https://thompsonco.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/thompson.jsp.

If you have the old address bookmarked, please delete it and bookmark this new one instead.

All paperwork/fees for girl’s basketball and wrestling is due no later than Friday, December 14th. Practice for these sports will begin on Monday, January 7th.

Also, please let Mrs. Barnett know if your student has already participated in a sport, as only the $20 fee will be due at that time.
A Visit to Seventh Grade

“Twas the month before Christmas
And all through seventh grade,
The students show what they have learned
And have made.

In science we experimented with food DNA,
Cell division is the next project that will come our way.

To Egypt, in social studies, is where we will go,
Researching pyramids, mummies, and at least one pharaoh.

In math, y = mx + b.
It’s a linear function game we’ll see.

On to figurative language with Mrs. Gatewood.
With Ms. Anderson it’s parts of speech she hopes you understood.

Now the students are ready for their winter break,
For that’s all of the knowledge their brains could take!

Happy Holidays!
Beth Anderson Mason Gatewood Rihab Khattar
Justin Muir Tabitha Nickerson Bill Renzelman
TMS Mascot Journey: Conception to Completion

Many years ago, Mrs. Anderson, our current 7th grade ELA teacher, created a costume for a school drama production. The costume was reptilian in design, and after this production the costume began to see some use as our unofficial school mascot costume. He was known to make appearances at special events like fundraisers or the occasional spirit assembly.

Students began to ask why the middle school ever changed from the high school’s Spartan mascot to the middle school’s dragon. Turner students tried to push for a return to being the Spartans. For many reasons, this was not an option, though it had a marked effect on the school spirit here at Turner Middle School.

Seven years ago, during one of our spirit weeks, several staff members remarked about how the student body seemed to lack pride or spirit in their school. In conversations with the Turner Student Council it was determined that of the options available to us, updating of our school mascot might be the best way to help boost interest in school spirit once again.

Turner Student Council began to look at simple costume ideas to replace the aging drama costume that had by now seen better days. However, a decision was reached that a simple costume might not generate the effect hoped for, or worse, may even serve to lower spirit if it wasn’t something that the middle school students were likely to rally behind.

It was time to consider a professional quality mascot costume - a costume that would be uniquely ours, and that we would be able to design ourselves. The process of determining how much something of this magnitude would cost, where the funds would come from, and if the students felt they would be likely to show more school spirit if they felt a little more pride for their school and its mascot.

Over the next five years, Turner Student Council and the Bob Turner Classic 5K partnered to raise the funds required to purchase a professional mascot. Finally, during the 2017/2018 school year, those goals were realized. Promo Costumes was awarded the contract, and the design process began. Turner Student Council held contests to design the new mascot. Dozens of students submitted drawings, and the best images were submitted to the costume artist to incorporate in the first sketches of the new mascot. Lyn Giles of Promo Costumes did a wonderful job taking all of our concept art, and creating the look of Turner Middle School’s future mascot.

Throughout the year, many small details were altered and his arrival date was pushed back just enough to miss the conclusion of the school year. Then, at the beginning of the 2018 school year, final touches were applied to the costume, and he began his trek home to Berthoud. He arrived safely with only minutes to spare before his big debut. At the first quarter spirit assembly, he finally took the stage and was greeted with thunderous applause and deafening cheers.
Welcome, Cobalt “Coby” Turner!

We would like to acknowledge some very special people without whom Cobalt may not have ever come to be. Thank you to our Student Council Sponsors: Julianne McMahon, Scott Washenfelder, and Holly Thompson. Thank you to all the administration who continued to endorse such an ambitious undertaking: Bill Siebers, Derek Martin, and Brandy Grieves. Thank you to the project coordinator, Kevin Gonzales, and thank you to our new spirit club sponsor Tia Thompson, for incorporating
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