

BULLDOG BREAKDOWN

Hoit's Highlights

In the New Year your student is one step closer to middle school and beginning their secondary education. I know it is hard to believe how fast they **grow** and typically in the spring semester we experience a lot of growth so do not be worried if you feel they are not where they are supposed to be yet. Our goal this year is **"Gear to Grow"** and for good reason. Students and teachers have been **charged with many new initiatives over the past four years** and it takes time for everyone to adjust to rising demands. Teachers and students discuss the importance of having a **growth mindset** and why it's critical to overcome challenges (1:1 learning environment, difficult texts, harder math problems, new curriculum resources, etc.) Despite challenges of opening TSGA three years ago and each year tackling new projects and improving on initiatives, Turner Middle School informs us **students are better prepared** than ever before. So, this spring semester we look forward to seeing gains (academically, socially, emotionally, behaviorally) and celebrating those with you. TSGA students and teachers will highlight many of the growth areas spoken about above and celebrate why **"It's Great to be a Bulldog"** during the **February 17th Focus on Learning Board Meeting**. Please join us to celebrate your student and our commitment to providing the best learning experience possible for Turner students.

TMS Enrollment in January

The TMS 7th Grade Counselor, Mrs. Fontaine, and 7th Grade Administrator, Dr. McCauley will be visiting TSGA sometime in late February or March to meet students and begin the enrollment process for 7th grade. Once the visit is scheduled we will notify you and provide you access to course selections. You will want to **review course selections** with your student and complete enrollment with **parent signature**. Students will learn about course offerings and life as a Turner Middle School Bear during their presentation. TSGA students will get the opportunity to visit to TMS later in

the spring. You will receive more information about this as we get closer to the date.

Science Night & Performing Arts Celebrations!

There is so much to celebrate about our Science Night hosted on November 20th. A **big thank** you goes out to **Mr. Beckham** for serving as our Science Fair Coordinator and **Math & Science teachers** for guiding students through this process. This was a fun, memorable night focused on learning and **all things science!** Bulldog families, we were so excited to see such a **supportive showing** and had fun participating with you at different science stations...I think there were more adults than students lined up to **take a peek at Mars!** Congratulations again to the following students for **outstanding performance** on their science project:

- Maggie Armintrout & Anaia Johnson (**1st Place**)

- KC Metro Science & Engineering Fair

Representatives:

- Anai Melendez
- Chasity Her
- Patty Salazar
- Rachael Everitt
- Presilla Macias
- Curtiana Watson
- Gabby Long
- Carolina Arreola
- Zoe Smith-Whisenant
- Allaina Spencer
- Allison Schlessman
- Savannah Hadley
- Catherine Pereda
- Arely Ramirez
- Karla Gutierrez-Duarte
- Jewell White



Three Claps to **Mrs. Gillespie** and the **holiday heartwarming performance** put on by **Bulldog Beat at Crown Center**. Students sparkled on stage and sang more music live than ever before! At the direction of Mrs. Gillespie again TSGA was represented in public in outstanding numbers. All students were invited to **carol at the legends** and there must have been **100 students** participate. The air was warm for a December night but their voices in unison were hotter! Well done Bulldogs representing TSGA and Turner in such a positive way. Thank you Mrs. Gillespie and teachers who supported students on this **magical night**.

Mr. Graversen and the Bulldog Band put on a great winter performance at TMS on December 15th. This was the first time 6th-8th grade bands performed a winter show together and Mr. Graversen shared this was a **great stage performance** opportunity for 6th graders; performing one show allowed students to witness what they get to look forward to in years to come and **provided parents a better show** (and one less venue to be at for band parents). We look forward to the **spring spectacular** and appreciate Mr. Graversen's direction in preparing students for middle school band.

Gearing Ahead:

- 2nd Quarter Grades go home January 7th
- No School, Monday January 5th (Teacher Workday)
- No School, Friday January 16th (Professional Learning)
- No School, Monday January 19th (M.L. King Day)
- 3rd Quarter Progress Reports go home February 6th
- Spring Book Fair, week of February 9th
- No School, Friday, February 13th

IT IS GREAT TO BE A BULLDOG!

THREE CLAPS!

M. H. H. H.



Mrs. Guthrie's class made this Egyptian project.



Explo Teachers spread Christmas Cheer!



Bulldog Beat





Bulldog Breakdown January

Check out our blog for timely pictures and school news.

<http://bulldogbloggers.weebly.com/>



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