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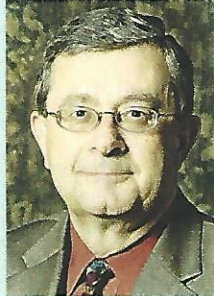
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We are looking ahead to another outstanding year at Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation during the 2017-18 school year. Find out what great things are happening in our corporation in this issue of "From the Heart of the Valley." Shown is Aaron Stump, a fourth grader at Mentone Elementary.

## Superintendent's Message

### Exciting Times at Tippecanoe Valley

The excitement of a rapidly approaching new school year is in the air at Tippecanoe Valley. Preschool and kindergarten children will be entering school for the first time. The Burket Educational Center will be the new host site of the Jack & Jill Preschool. There will be a new principal of Tippecanoe Valley High School and several new teachers in our schools. New head coaches are taking over the high school football, boys' basketball and baseball programs. Playground improvements have been made at Mentone Elementary School and include new fencing on the main play area and the expansion of the preschool play area. Additional playground improvements at Mentone and Burket are being planned.



The students and staff at Akron Elementary School are anticipating the completion of a lengthy renovation and construction project. Scheduled for full completion in Dec. 2017, the wing first constructed in 1987 is undergoing a complete facelift. The remainder of the school was demolished and is being replaced with new construction. Much of the new construction will be completed for the start of the 2017-18 school year, while a portion of the 1987 wing and some new construction will be completed during the first semester. Parking areas and traffic flow will be much improved for the safety of the children and the convenience of patrons and the community. The end result will be a beautiful, new educational facility that will serve the community well for many years to come.

An exciting new partnership between TVSC and the Lutheran Health Network Kosciusko Community Hospital was announced June 3 at the Mentone Egg Festival. A 10-year agreement will bring \$250,000 to the school corporation that will benefit the schools and the Valley community. The focus of the partnership will be on improving the physical and mental health and well-being of students, staff and community members. Year One funding will be used to upgrade the play areas at Mentone Elementary School and the Burket Educational Center. In cooperation with The Bowen Center, a Student Assistance Plan will now be available to provide free counseling sessions to all TVSC students and families. Additional site-based counseling services provided by a licensed therapist will benefit students in each TVSC school.

These are exciting times at Tippecanoe Valley as we continue to do whatever it takes to equip all students to be outstanding – today, tomorrow and beyond. I'm looking forward to the return of our teachers on Aug. 3 and our students on Aug. 7. Enjoy the rest of the summer and I will see you soon!

—Mr. Brett Boggs,  
Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation Superintendent



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### How to Register for the New School Year

The Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation will hold on-site registration for the 2017-18 school year at each of its schools on July 25 and July 27. Akron Elementary, Mentone Elementary, Tippecanoe Valley High School and Tippecanoe Valley Middle School will each hold on-site registration from noon to 8 p.m. on those days for new and returning students. Registration can also be done online any time after July 17 at <http://www.tippecanoevalleyschools.com/enrollment>.

Returning Tippecanoe Valley students must have a snap code in order to register. Snap codes will be mailed out July 17. Parents and guardians who lost or did not receive a snap code should call the school their child will be attending to obtain one. During registration, parents can also make textbook payments either with cash or check.

In addition to on-site enrollment on July 25 and July 27, both Akron Elementary and Mentone Elementary schools are planning open houses on Thursday, Aug. 3, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. This is an opportunity for students and parents to tour the schools, meet teachers and obtain more information about the upcoming school year.

### Immunization Requirements

Aug. 7 is the deadline for all Tippecanoe Valley students to have immunizations completed for the 2017-18 school year. Students in all grades are required to meet the minimum immunization requirements, determined by the Indiana State Department of Health, including children 3 to 5 years of age attending a preschool special education program, childcare or preschool within any Tippecanoe Valley school. In Indiana, the only exemptions are for medical or religious reasons. Each exemption has specific rules for filing an exemption with the school. When students enroll in a school for the first time, parents must provide the school with a written immunization record. As new immunizations are required for students in sixth grade and 12th grade, parents must also provide the school with written documentation that the updated shots have been completed. The complete list of immunizations required for the new school year can be found on the Indiana CHIRP and Tippecanoe Valley websites. Questions about school immunizations can be directed to the school nurse in each building. The school nurses will be available during school registration from noon to 8 p.m. on July 25 and July 27.

## Transfer Students are Welcome at TVSC

The Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation is accepting applications for non-resident transfer students for the upcoming school year. A non-resident transfer student is one whose legal settlement is not within the boundaries of the school corporation and would like to attend any TVSC school – Akron Elementary School, Mentone Elementary School, Tippecanoe Valley Middle School, or Tippecanoe Valley High School – during the 2017-18 school year.

This includes full-day kindergarten classes at Akron Elementary School and Mentone Elementary School and the alternative education program at the Burket Educational Center. The cost of transfer tuition is waived for all approved non-resident transfer students.

A non-resident transfer student application can be found on the school corporation’s website at [www.tippecanoevalleyschools.com](http://www.tippecanoevalleyschools.com). Click on “Easy Enrollment” in the middle of the page and then click on “Non-Resident Application.” Applications can also be picked up at the office of any Tippecanoe Valley school or from the Tippecanoe Valley administration office. Applications must be turned in at the administration office.

Any questions regarding this process can be directed to Superintendent Brett R. Boggs at (574) 598-2759, ext. 2767 or [boggsb@tvsc.k12.in.us](mailto:boggsb@tvsc.k12.in.us).

## Textbook Rental Fees

Kindergarten .....	\$117
Grade 1.....	\$120
Grade 2.....	\$121
Grade 3.....	\$142
Grade 4.....	\$132
Grade 5.....	\$141

Grades 6-12: A textbook rental fee is established for each course. Therefore, the total fee assessed for each student is based on the student’s schedule and tablet rental. Student fees will be calculated once all student schedules are finalized. Registration fees can also vary.



## Pillar Award for Outstanding Support Staff: Lisa Demske

Lisa Demske is glad to be working for the school corporation from which she graduated. The Mentone Elementary paraprofessional started working for Tippecanoe Valley 13 years ago. She has been chosen to receive the Pillar Award for Outstanding Support Staff.



Lisa Demske

“I enjoy the sense of community,” she said about Tippecanoe Valley. Demske was a classroom paraprofessional her first four years at Mentone Elementary and has been working with the school’s leveled library for nine years. The leveled library is for teachers to check out books, usually in sets of six, so a group of students can all be reading the same book. The books have different reading levels, so teachers can match books to a child’s skill set. Demske also works with students in reading

intervention groups and says her job is the most rewarding when students are able to improve their reading comprehension.

“The best part is seeing them get excited about reading or get excited because they understood the material. Being able to watch their enthusiasm grow is great,” she said. Demske works primarily with second grade students, but every once in a while works with first graders. She also loves the atmosphere at Mentone Elementary. “Everybody is so friendly. It just feels like home.”

## World Class Teacher Award: Andrea Michel

Andrea Michel credits much of the success of the school libraries at Tippecanoe Valley to the staff members that work in each building. “I feel like we’re a big family. I know that might be something you hear a lot, but it honestly is true. Everybody really does truly help each other out,” she said.



Andrea Michel

Michel also appreciates the strong support of parents and community members at Valley and feels the success of a school corporation is a powerful reflection of the time and commitment of families living in the district, along with alumni who remember where they came from. Michel has been with Tippecanoe Valley for 14 years and is the recipient of the corporation’s World Class Teacher Award. She splits her time between the libraries in each of the TVSC schools.

“I love that Tippecanoe Valley focuses on character, leadership and collaboration. I think that education and literacy are important, but one of the ways to go above and beyond is to take that and top it off with excellent character,” she said.

She enjoys helping students who may not like to read find the perfect book that will inspire them to want to read more. It’s also not uncommon for a student to then recommend books for her to read. “It’s nice to see that reversal as they get older. Some of the best books I have ever read have been recommendations by students.”

Michel says she and the other library staff members have always been encouraged by school administrators to dream big when it comes to transforming the libraries into fun, interactive spaces – places where the reader has creative choices on how to absorb information. “It used to be libraries were quiet places where you sit down and read, but now it’s more of a place where hands-on learning can occur,” she said.

*We continue to set high expectations for learning and create opportunities for all students to succeed. Shown is Gavin Grossman, an eighth grader at Tippecanoe Valley Middle School.*

## You're Invited

The Board of Education of Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation conducts regular meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. You are invited to attend these meetings. Please contact the Administration Office in advance at (574) 598-2759 for verification.

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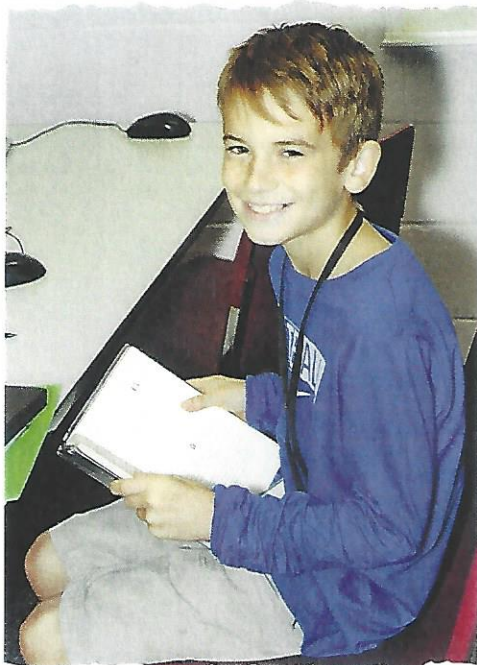
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We are looking forward to starting a new school year with success. We hope you are, too! Shown is Ethan Sprague, seventh grader at Tippecanoe Valley Middle School.



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At Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation, students receive a well-rounded education, make great friends and have fun, too! Shown, from left, are Jackson Deeds, Jeria Long, Lily Sriver and Kinsee Leon, first graders.

## All-School Calendar, 2017-18

July 25 and 27.....	On-site Registration from noon to 8 p.m.
Aug. 3.....	Teacher Orientation Day
Aug. 4.....	Staff Development Day
Aug. 7.....	First Day of School for Students
Sept. 4.....	Labor Day (no school)
Oct. 6.....	End of Grading Period
Oct. 12.....	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4 to 8 p.m. (school in session)
Oct. 13.....	Teacher Work Day 8 a.m. to noon (no school)
Oct. 16.....	Fall Break (no school)
Nov. 22-24.....	Thanksgiving Break (no school)
Dec. 19.....	End of First Semester
Dec. 20-Jan. 3.....	Christmas Break (no school)
Jan. 3.....	Staff Development Day
Jan. 4.....	School Resumes
March 9.....	End of Grading Period
March 15.....	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4 to 8 p.m. (school in session)
March 16.....	Teacher Work Day 8 a.m. to noon (no school)
March 30.....	Good Friday (no school)
April 2-6.....	Spring Break (no school)
May 17.....	Last Student Day (subject to change)
May 18-25.....	Emergency Make-Up Days
May 29-June 1.....	Emergency Make-Up Days
June 3.....	Graduation