

# May Newsletter 2016

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Literary Guest

On April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students returned to school after spring break to a literary seminar from Mrs. Sutherland's Step-Father, Jimmy Hagar. Mr. Hagar taught the students literary analysis and theme using the movie "Shrek." The students received many valuable worksheets to use as tools, such as a "Beat Sheet" where they learned how to split up a story into parts. This invaluable experience has no doubt intrigued our budding writers and has proven helpful in the classroom.

## Drama Production

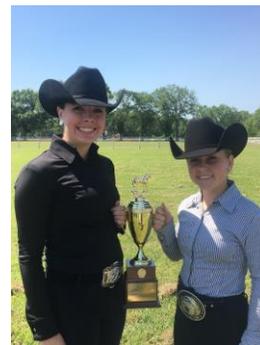
"Words. Words. Words. " No other person knew how to use words so brilliantly than William Shakespeare. This past month, in April, the world celebrated Mr. Shakespeare's 400th anniversary. The University of South Carolina hosted a festival of events in honor of Him and The First Folio was on display at the Thomas Cooper Library. Shakespeare's works have stood the test of time and what he teaches us about ourselves is invaluable.

This spring semester at Timmerman, our drama group will put on Hamlet. But it's Hamlet with a twist! Hamlet: Zombie of Denmark. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about one of the greatest playwrights, William Shakespeare. It is a play close to my heart and my goal is to bring Shakespeare into the 21st century. My inspiration came from the movie, The Matrix. In this movie, the people are at war. Well, in Denmark, a war is raging between Denmark and Norway. Unfortunately, even in this day in age that we live in... We can identify with war.

Our Hamlet is played by, Jacob Croffie and the beautiful Ophelia is played by, Hannah Gregor. Evil King Claudius is played by crowd favorite, Joshua Doward and his lovely Queen, Ragan Turner. Mehkei Valles, is the plotting Polonius and his valiant (daughter) played by, Mia Sluder who also plays, the Gravedigger. We are so excited to bring you Hamlet: Zombie of Denmark! We hope you enjoy the journey, it's been an undeadly experience!

## Equestrian Team

On Saturday, May 7, 2016, two students on the Timmerman School Equestrian Team attended the SCISA Equestrian Competition hosted by Hammond School. Sarah Prynne and Hannah Jane Lucas, both 8<sup>th</sup> graders, won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the state for western riding. Hannah Jane won 1<sup>st</sup> place in horsemanship and Sarah won 1<sup>st</sup> place in reining. These middle school girls had to compete against the high school girls and still secured State Runners-Up!! We are so proud and wish them the best of luck as they continue competing in their respective high schools and both locally and nationally on the show circuit.



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## Accreditation

The week of April 25<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>, our school underwent its five-year advanced accreditation. The team members consisted of University of South Carolina education professors, SCISA Master Teachers, and a SCISA Headmaster. Our school received a glowing report and had no deficiencies. Members of the team were most impressed with overall student test scores and pedagogical methods and approaches. Kudos to our great staff and administration for their hard work in this endeavor.

## Dance Recital

The dance recital for acrobatics, tap, and jazz will be held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 in the school auditorium. Rehearsal and pictures will be Thursday afternoon, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Schedules are being sent home currently. If you have any questions, please call the main office. Costumes are being given out now. Remember, all fees must be paid in full to participate and receive costume.

## Welcome New Teacher

Mr. Bruce Bradham will be taking over middle school science for the upcoming school year. Mr. Bradham is retiring from Richland Northeast High School at the end of this school year and is eager to continue sharing his love of science with middle school students. Mr. Kozlik will be retiring from Timmerman to spend more time with his wife, daughters, and granddaughter. Our hearts are heavy to see him go; however, we are sure that Mr. Bradham will step right in with a smooth transition. Mr. Bradham holds a BS in Secondary Education from the University of

South Carolina Honors College. His graduate studies include, USC, Clemson University, The College of Charleston, and The Citadel. He has experience in both the private and public school sectors.

## Ballet



The Timmerman Youth Ballet performed the world renowned ballet COPPELIA on the weekend of April 30<sup>th</sup>. We

want to thank all the dancers, their parents, and Ms. Becky for a lovely weekend.

## DUKE TIP

The Duke TIP 7<sup>th</sup> grade talent search includes qualified who have demonstrated advanced aptitudes on grade-level assessments. The ACT and SAT provide the means to further define their potential for a higher level of learning. Seven 7<sup>th</sup> graders at Timmerman School qualified for this program: Logan Allen, Jenia Dixon, Grace Campbell, Brandon Clifton, Tyler Lasecki, Kennedy Robinson, and Johnathan Skenes. Johnathan Skenes qualified for the Academy of Summer Studies, and Brandon Clifton, Tyler Lasecki, and Kennedy Robinson qualified for the Center for Summer Studies. Both Brandon Clifton and Kennedy Robinson earned state recognition status meaning that they are in the top academic aptitude of all 7<sup>th</sup> graders in the state.

## K5 Graduation

The K5 graduation will be Monday evening, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. Bradham's room graduates at 6:30. Mrs. Wadford's room graduates at 7:30. Cap and Gown pictures

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will be taken during school on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Little girls should wear a skirt or dress and the boys should wear dress pants that day. Shutterbug Photography will be taking these pictures. Picture order forms will be sent prior to the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be Wednesday morning, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 followed by a reception in the Commons. Parents are reminded to notify the main office as to number of persons attending per student.

## Blessing Bags

A big thanks to all of our parents and students for supporting the Student Council in preparing blessing bags for the homeless. The hearts of Americans are unparalleled in a world that is not perfect.

## Junior Scholars

Timmerman School is proud to announce that six of our eighth graders have been named South Carolina Junior Scholars. This statewide honor is bestowed on South Carolina's top academic eighth grade students based on Duke Talent Identification Program scores.

Congratulations to Towns Christian, Joanna Stephens, Alexis Allen, Riley Haywood, Forrest Havird, and Nic Fulmer. These 6 students are Alpha & Omega 8<sup>th</sup> graders, meaning they have been with us since at least 1<sup>st</sup> grade. We applaud them for their commitment to academic achievement. We know that the teachers at Timmerman who have been instrumental in the academic lives of these students are so proud.

## Summer Program

The summer program at Timmerman School begins May 31<sup>st</sup>. A new addition to the summer program will be the purchase of our very own bounce house and slide. Please see Linda Hood to sign up if you have not already done so. You can email her at [lhood@timmermanschool.org](mailto:lhood@timmermanschool.org) or [summerinfo@timmermanschool.org](mailto:summerinfo@timmermanschool.org). She is planning a fun summer with activities on and off campus!

## Standardized Test Scores

The 2016 Stanford achievement test results are exceptional. The average percentiles for grades 1-8 are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 80<sup>th</sup> percentile
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 83<sup>rd</sup> percentile
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 84<sup>th</sup> percentile
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 73<sup>rd</sup> percentile
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 73<sup>rd</sup> percentile
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 87<sup>th</sup> percentile
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 85<sup>th</sup> percentile
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 84<sup>th</sup> percentile

## New 2-Year-Old Program

If you were planning on enrolling your little 24 month old for the new fall program, please do so immediately. We do not have but a couple of spots left. This is a full day program.

***\*\*\*First day of school will be Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> with Open House being the evening before on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.\*\*\****

As another added plus: SCISA Honors Mr. Robbie Braciszewski as Activities Director of the 2015-2016 school year. There are 126 Activities Directors in SCISA. Congratulations, Mr. Robbie!

