

The Cougar Bytes

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Dear Students, Staff, Parents/Guardians & Community Members:

The school year is in full swing and moving fast. We have had our first round of Interim Testing, our students have shown growth. An area of focus is reading, and our teachers will be sending home more reading assignments from each class. Fall sports have concluded and Winter sports are under way. I would like to thank all of the parents for their support and we look forward to another great athletic season. By way of quick reminder, the weather has gotten cold and will get colder especially in the mornings. So I am requesting that student's do not wear shorts until Spring. Thank you for your help and support. I would also like to thank everyone for a terrific Halloween! I wish everyone an enjoyable Veteran's Day and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Brianna Begay

Anthony E. Morrison

Tohatchi Middle School Principal

Newspaper Club Members

Orlan Dale Alisha Jarvison Caitlin McLaughlin Cassandra Castaneda **Kandice Chavez** Rachel Charley

Teacher-Adviser: Ms. Nemia Tan

Aliyah Conde

What's up at TOMs in October?



The 2017 Red Ribbon National Theme:

Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free.

TOMs is a drugfree campus and we are one in our campaign to raise awareness of living a drug free life.



Student Council members for the 2017-2018 school year.

President: Makaih Long

Vice President: Owen Mitchell

Secretary: Kinley Tom

Treasurer: Natasha Gibson

Internal Public Relation Officer:

Dewayne Hunch

External Public Relation Officer:

De'Angelo Hunch

6th Grade Representatives: Jared Peterson, Trent Smith, and Long; 7th Grade Representatives: Drake Smith, Rodney Joe & Alyssia Tsose; 8th Grade Representatives: Blane Long, and Kobe Capitan





In celebration of the Anti-Bullying month, TOMs students wrote messages of kindness to their friends and classmates and posted them on the bulletin boards. Those cool messages show that showing kindness is our awesome way to stop bullying. Kindness rocks!!!



Meet the COUGAR TEAMS





Coaches: Jennifer Hendricks **Darell Howard**

Jayme Miller Tiera Chone Shauna Belone Eden Nelson Kiyana Benally Calena Fuson Myranda Morgan Danielle McCork Kaitlyn Chute Rachel Charley Kinley Tom

Alisha Jarvison

Ashlyn Begay Farrah Barney Aliah Conde Brianna Chee Jade Yazzie Samantha Roanhorse Shawna Manygoats Lindsey Mitchell Angelina Tsosie Jacelyn Yazzie Cheyney Begay Raeanna Hunch

Mynell Long Delvina Tom Sara Johnson Amy Anderson Kayleigh Nelson Mallory Watson Ashley Yazzie Kayden Capitan Mya Ashley Shyann Anderson Team Manager:



De'Angelo Hunch Shaden John **Bradley Bitsie** Owen Mitchell Blane Long

Dewayne Hunch Nicholas Yazzie Rodney Joe Elias Moose

Jordan Begay Wyatt Benally Leland Johnson Wyatt Chischilly Elijah Jones Lucas Joe

Pierre Johnson Sean Belone Jacob Tom Keanu Johnson

Elias Henry- Team

Coach: Terry Etsitty

Drake Smith





Student assembly

SEPTEMBER 2017 PRINCIPAL'S AWARDEES

6th Grade Riley Morris Jade Yazzie **7th Grade** Colen Yazzie Lanae Smith **8th Grade** Jordan Begay Eden Nelson



SEPTEMBER 2017 Students of the Month

6th Grade

Brooke Badonie Malcolm Brown Sonja Charleston Raeanna Hunch **Loretta Mike Tyler Milford Jacob Gruber Paige Curley Shanelle Sam Eliiah Sandoval Jade Yazzie Demetria Hawthorne** Mikayla Lee **Micah Ben** Kassandra Castaneda **Cynthia Livingston Tyler Whitehorse Mya Ashley Brenna Chee Ariel Chee** Samantha Casuse **Leah Robinson Genesis Smith** Letisha Lee **Xzeria Sam Talan Long Cordelia Matin Genesis Smith Joshua Silver Marisa Denetso**

7th Grade

Alyssa Tsosie
Amy Anderson
Natasha Gibson
Mallory Watson
Rodney Joe
Kiana Bia
Langham Bitsoi
Lindsay Mitchell
Kaydene Capitan
Tristan Claw
Jacob Tom
Cecil Begay
Shane Jones
Angellina Tsosie
Drake Smith



8th Grade

Kobe Capitan Wyatt Chischilly Joseph Gibson **Elias Moose** Razhinder Bitsoi Jaymee Miller Sean Belone Jada Peterson Alisha Jarvison **Eden Nelson Kinley Tom Kaitlyn Chato** Lucas Joe **Brody Manygoats Farrah Barney Blane Long** Alana Robinson Alfredo Bitsoi Myia Bitsoi Ashlynn Begay Jordan Begay Lucas Joe **Pierre Johnson** Adam Tsosie Demetri Yazzie Aliah-Kaiva Conde **Wayden Harvey Makaih Long** Myranda Morgan **Dakota Thompson**







OF THE MONTH

This is Ms. C the computer

Mary Clark September, 2017





This is Ms. Clark's first year at Tohatchi Middle School. She is in-charge of the computer lab. She loves working with the teachers and students. Ms. Clark assists Mrs. Gonzales in testing and in making sure that the computers and laptops are in their best condition for student use. "There's a lot I love about being here in Tohatchi Mid. It's about classroom management, being better because students want to be there, learning from teachers. The staff here are just wonderful people, and I enjoy being around them everyday." Because of Ms. Clark's friendly and very helpful attitude, she was voted as Staff of the Month for September, which is pretty awesome for someone who has just been here for barely 3 months. 'I believe that growth as a person can happen only when you challenge yourself with situations that are not familiar to you. Throwing yourself into a job where you encounter people of different backgrounds, philosophies, and learning styles can only cause you to grow as a person." These are words of wisdom coming from Ms. Clark. Kudos!

MY STAND ON BULLYING

By: Cassandra Castañeda

Bullying has been going around quite often. With the presumptuous people, it is preying on a delicate being. There are many different kinds of bullying, but neither of them are okay. Verbal bullying is the type of bullying that includes teasing and calling names. It uses a psychological technique to slowly hurt a person. Physical bullying is — another type of bullying that uses violence. Everyone knows it is not okay to hit someone, so why do people still do it? Probably, it is their way to make people know who is the best and who isn't. Still, who likes being hurt and turned against by their own friends? If you don't, you can help STOP





A DAY AT NTU







A group of 7th and 8th grade students visited the Navajo Technical University at Crownpoint, NM for a fieldtrip last October 25, 2017. The students witnessed the open house and skills competition of the university. Mr. Daniel Vandever, Communications Director of NTU toured them around to see what the university offers in terms of facilities and college readiness programs. It was such a lovely day for everybody!

National Honor Junior Society



Do you have a 3.0 GPA or higher? No behavior referrals? Are your grades NOT lower than 80% for all classes?

You can qualify to join the National Honor Junior Society (NHJS), a nationally recognized organization that focuses on student character, service-orientation, scholarship and leadership. Invitations were given out to prospective students. According to Ms. Joy Castañeda, NHJS adviser, not all who accepted the invitations become automatic members. A teacher selection committee will review all applications based on NHJS membership criteria and selection process.

Screening for membership will be the end of the second quarter and the Induction ceremony is scheduled on January, 2018. Interested??? See Ms. Castañeda for more information.