

Terrace Park Levy Renewal- Understanding Your Tax Bill

Submitted by Jeff LeMay, Finance Committee, TP Village Council

Terrace Park will place on the November ballot a 2.8 mill levy renewal. This levy supports Terrace Park police, EMS, village maintenance and administration and represents ~ 23% of our overall budget. It is a renewal and will not raise or lower your taxes. Your village council seeks your support and a YES vote on November 3rd.

As part of this request, I thought it would be of value to provide an understanding of your real estate tax bill which funds our public schools, 12 Hamilton County levies and our Terrace Park village operations. I'd be happy to follow up with anyone that has additional questions about the village's annual budget, spending or their tax bill.

Your tax bill is based upon an assessment by the Hamilton County Auditor's office at 35% of your home market value. This market value is determined as part of an every 3 year Hamilton County

study which uses comparable sales plus known improvements. These can be found for your specific property at the Hamilton County Auditor (Dusty Rhodes) web site via the property search feature. It's smart to check this now and again to validate their inputs and criteria. i.e. number of rooms, bathrooms, square footage, etc. There is a mechanism for challenging these via the same.

Your tax bill and allocations can be broken into three groups. Roughly two-thirds (65%) of your tax bill is for Mariemont Schools. 20% of your tax bill supports 12 individual Hamilton County tax levies such as the library, zoo, family service, children's service, parks, etc. This leaves roughly 15% of your tax bill supporting Terrace Park village operations. Using an example

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Dear Neighbors,

Dear Neighbors,
By the time this reaches your mailbox it will just about be time for trick-or-treating in Terrace Park. As you know, this is one of our favorite holidays as the entire village seems to transform into a spooky wonderland that, I can tell you from experience, is the ideal place to be a kid at Halloween! With so much of life being disrupted by the virus this year it's great to know that the door-to-door Halloween tradition will continue. There is a lot going on in Terrace Park this month and we're happy to have some submissions from our sixth grade students as well as some advice to keep TP beautiful from the ladies at the Garden Club.

We are also talking about Mariemont School's decision to discontinue use of the Native American face as the mascot for our sports teams. As you can imagine, there has been a lot of backlash as many feel that the "Warriors" and the face itself are honoring the Native American past of our area. I

loved my years at Mariemont High School and have great memories involving the Warriors mascot but the same thing happened when I started college at Miami University. They decided to discontinue the name "Redskins" and a large portion of alumni were really upset. But within a year nobody in the student body even remembered. Changes like this are a lot easier to accept when you are young and more concerned with who to ask to Homecoming.

We have been fortunate to have an extended autumn this year with warm days and stunning colors as the leaves continue to fall. Enjoy Halloween in the village and Thanksgiving too. By the time you get the next issue of Village Views both will be past and it will just about be time for luminaries and holiday lights. Where does the time go? Until next month I remain,

Your editor,

Steve Early



The Great Pumpkin Returns! One of Terrace Park's most recent Halloween traditions has become a village favorite! It's the great gaggle of gourds at The Dickinson's on the corner of Stanton and Lexington. Be sure to stop by and put your guess in for the total weight. Then stop back on the big night during trick-or-treating to find out if you are the winner! Pictured above is Sam Dunning sitting atop the pumpkin pile. Happy Halloween Terrace Park!

Council Approves New Approach to EMS Training

Submitted by Sue Porter

Terrace Park Emergency Medical Services recruits will receive training locally and at a reduced cost following Village Council's unanimous approval of a resolution presented by Lauren Ingebritson, public safety chair, at its regular monthly meeting Oct. 6. The village has been paying an annual lump sum to Cincinnati State for EMS training and certification. The new opportunity, recommended by EMS Chief John Maggard and members of the Public Safety Committee, will be conducted by Great Oaks Career Campuses Public Safety Services instructors who will use the village emergency services building as a satellite campus. The fee will be based on a per person rate and each class will be capped at 15 students to ensure COVID-19 distancing is taking place.

When Terrace Park EMS has fewer than 15 recruits, the available spots will be offered to interested others. Ingebritson said that by opening the training to Great Oaks

students, Terrace Park can expand its EMS recruitment efforts.

Training for the new class of emergency medical services recruits begins Oct. 26 and will continue on Monday and Wednesday evenings for 20-plus weeks. Maggard said Terrace Park has nine recruits, which is a record high.

Mayor Tom Tepe praised Maggard, Ingebritson and members of the Public Safety Committee for their work to make this new approach to EMS training possible.

In other council action, unanimous approval was given a resolution proposed by Jeff LeMay, finance chair, that affirms the taxes levied by Terrace Park and amounts collected by Hamilton County on behalf of the village are in alignment. LeMay said his annual audit showed a perfect match between village and county financial figures.

Reports of note:

•Mayor Tepe announced Terrace Park will observe Halloween trick-or-treat night Saturday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m., following Hamilton County Health Department guidelines for COVID-19

protection. He encourages residents who do not want to participate to turn off their exterior lighting and asks parents to be vigilant about their children's safety. (For more information see related article in this edition of Village Views.)

•Police Chief and Administrator Jerry Hayhow said leaf removal season will begin Oct. 19. Only leaves will be picked-up by the village crew; no brush or branches will be accepted during this period. (For more information call 513-831-2138.)

•LeMay encouraged village voters to approve of a renewal levy on the Nov. 3 ballot. As previously reported, Terrace Park voters will be asked to renew an existing 2.8-mill operating levy on Nov. 3. This is a renewal of an existing operating levy and will not increase or decrease current taxes. If approved, the levy will generate \$300,000 annually for village police, fire, EMS, streets, sidewalks, maintenance and administration. It represents 23 percent of the overall Terrace

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SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 2**

New Puzzles From TP Historical Society

Submitted by Marcia Moyer

So many families enjoyed hunting for Bramble Merriweather's fairy doors this spring and summer that the Terrace Park Historical Society decided to create two collage style jigsaw puzzles using photos of many of the doors. There will soon be two puzzles available. Both have larger kid-friendly sized pieces than the previous puzzles offered by TPHS.

There will be a 12x18" puzzle with 99 pieces available for \$20 and an 18x24.5" puzzle with 198 pieces for \$25.

Still available for \$20 each are the 504 piece puzzles of the Gazebo, Log Cabin, Olde Garden Shack and St Thomas Church.

To order any puzzle, call or text Marcia Moyer at 680-4322.



198 pc. puzzle (above) and 99 pc. puzzle (below)



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Law & Order

Submitted by Eric Schmidt

dark.

On the evening of 9/18 while an officer was patrolling around Stumps Lane he observed a vehicle pull away from behind the recreational building. The officer proceeded to stop the vehicle which contained a male juvenile and female juvenile. The officer asked both juveniles what they were doing parked behind the building. Both juveniles stated they were just talking. The officer advised them they were not to be just talking behind the recreational building after

On the morning of 9/20 an officer received a report referencing property damage on Indian Hill Road. Upon arrival to the property the complainant's wife stated that someone had damaged their political sign and they had received a letter in the mail (no return address) that contained information about socialism. The officer advised to call their office if anything else should occur.

Proofreader Badly Needed

Submitted by Steve Early, non spelling-bee winner

Every time I read through the paper copy of the Village Views I find some terrible typos and spelling errors that should have been caught. The truth is, I'm often trying to proof articles on my phone and in the car between real estate showings and things are getting past me that shouldn't and my English teachers from Mariemont High School would be embarrassed for me as editor.

Would you like to help out with this paper by becoming a proof reader? You will be emailed a digital proof of the paper to go through and send back any corrections.

The only catch is that it's a fairly quick turn-around. You will need to proof it and get it back in about 24 hours. It's a great way to get the scoop ahead of everyone else and it's a service all readers will appreciate! This is also a great chance for a high school student with strong English and grammar skills to volunteer and receive a resume booster for college. "Copy Editor" for a local newspaper is like "valedictorian" to most colleges, or so I hear. If you are interested in helping out, please email TpVillageViews@gmail.com.

Trick or Treat! Keeping Halloween Fun and Safe

Halloween in Terrace Park is on! The village siren does not sound any longer to mark the start and end of the fun so watch your clock. But this year when it starts at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31 - safety will be more important than ever due to COVID-19 concerns.

Terrace Park will be following Hamilton County Board of Health guidelines for the two-hour event:

- Anyone who is sick should not participate in trick-or-treating;
- Cloth masks should be worn as part of the costume/outfit or beneath it and if you are greeting trick-or-treaters;

•If going door-to-door, consider limiting how many houses are visited;

•Observe the "lights-off" rule. If you do not want visitors, don't turn on your lights. Don't visit houses that are not lit.

•Keep sanitizer on hand and remain six feet away from people.

•Households handing out candy should be creative to avoid contamination. For example, a candy slide made of PVC pipe could convey treats directly into trick-or-treat bags.

And finally, when it is all over, be sure to sanitize the trick-or-treaters and their Halloween bounty.

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Arbor Day 2020- A Village Tradition Continues

Submitted by Amy Evans

Arbor Day was very interesting this year because the trees were so big that we had to recruit many Garden Club volunteers to deliver the trees to the children. These ladies and a couple of husbands ended up carrying the 49 one-gallon containers over to the flagpole this year since Tami Croll, the principal, and Kristy Gulbin, the lead teacher, had a better idea. The trees were placed there so that parents could come by and help students get them home. We may still deliver some but we are waiting to see if there is a need later on this week.

The tree this year is the Serviceberry, which is a wonderful tree for birders and full of stories from the mountain areas and seashores of our country. It has many names such as the Juneberry and the Shadebush. One story goes that the name Serviceberry is because if Grandma died in the cold of winter a

grave could not be dug so the people waited until the "Serviceberry" bloomed to have the service and dig the grave. I told the children how I had seen Cedar Waxwings passing berries to each other on a

Serviceberry tree near my yard. This tree also attracts bluebirds and is very fairy-like.

In closing, let me say that the Garden Club has continued to do many things during COVID-19. We have planted new gardens (Memorial Bed) and maintained others like the beds at Elm and Wooster near the tunnel and Elm and Given near the Birch and Elm and Wooster near the former Olde Garden Shack as well as our bridge boxes also on Elm. We have had plant exchanges and are currently working on the plant sale of next year's flowers which helps us

so much with expenses. The order form will appear in the Village Views so be sure to watch for that. We all miss the Olde Garden Shack but this sale comes from the store's farm called by the same name, all plants which Laura has grown and so we can again experience her wonderful flowers in the spring.

Thanks again to John McAllister at Little Miami Landscaping for donating our trees for the children for Arbor Day. I hope they all thrive and we have many sightings of birds eating their berries soon.

Bob Ross Quilt Exhibit Coming

Submitted by Susan Austin

The WACCF, affectionately known as "The Barn" in Mariemont, will be one of the few spots in the country to host the much anticipated 150 quilt exhibit of BOB ROSS for two weeks in November. His presence will be felt in the loft at 6980 Cambridge Avenue from November 16-29, 2020. The exhibit is an incredible exhibit and would also make a great family activity, or holiday activity at Thanksgiving. Paintings of Bob Ross inspired themes will also be on display/for sale by Gary Waites and some of his students.

Fiber Art at the Barn is hosting this international quilt competition sponsored by Cherrywood Fabrics.

In 2019 CQC challenged artists around the world were given a packet of nature colored hand dyed fabrics and challenged to create a 20 x 20-inch quilt about the popular PBS painting instructor Bob Ross.

Often children and adults alike had their first themed painting created from one of his inspirational television shows, and then went on to study painting in depth. The collection of quilts is very creative and shows the story of his life in quilts! There are several quilt artists from the Tri State Area that will be featured in this exhibit.

The exhibit has extended hours from

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1-4 p.m. on the weekends.

On site parking is available. All State mandated COVID requirements will be followed. Only ten visitors will be allowed in the exhibit space PER HOUR. Timed one hour ticket reservations are required. Please make your reservation for a free ticket @ <https://thebarn.regfox.com/bobrossquilts>.

In recognition of the exhibition, FAB has also invited local artist and instructor Gary Waites to teach some Bob Ross inspired painting classes. The Barn would love to see more Cincinnatians painting. For detailed information regarding classes and the exhibit please visit www.artatthebarn.org.



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Park general operating fund. If renewed, the levy will continue to cost homeowners \$280 per \$100,000 of Hamilton County assessed property value for five years (assessed property value is 35 percent of market value).

•Maggard said the an-

nual Pancake Supper, a popular community event and major EMS fundraiser, will not be held this fall due to COVID-19 concerns. Hopefully, another fundraiser will be identified to replace lost revenue.

Historical Society Wants Your Quarantine Story

Submitted by Marcia Moyer

Terrace Park has not been the worst place to be during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have comfortable homes, an abundance of green space, the pool was open and now even school is in session. But every one of us has been impacted. The Terrace Park Historical Society would like to know how you have been affected by the pandemic and the Stay at Home, Work from Home, Wear a Mask situations.

In the October issue of Smithsonian magazine, the Smithsonian's Secretary speaks of a mission of the museum - "We collect today so that we can tell the story tomorrow." The Historical Society would like to collect some of your stories of the past few months. Hopefully, at some time in the future others will gain an understanding of what happened in 2020 from your remembrances of this time.

If you would like to be a part of documenting this time in history, send us your story, a family photo taken wearing masks, write a poem, draw a picture, make a short video. Be creative or funny or thought-provoking. And when we finally take off our masks, maybe we will add a few of the special ones as a reminder of this crazy time. If you would like to contribute to this project, contact the TPHS at tphistorical-society@gmail.com.

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Tribute to Jerry Sasson Becomes His Legacy

Submitted by Sue Porter with Excerpts from the Congressional Record

Dr. Jerry Sasson, principal at Terrace Park Elementary from 1990-2001, died Oct. 3 at age 74 of health-related issues following cancer treatment. His career in teaching, education administration and counseling spanned five decades and impacted thousands of lives.

Senator Rob Portman, a Terrace Park resident, entered a tribute to Jerry into the Congressional Record upon his retirement as TPE principal. His words, which so accurately described Jerry then, have stood the test of time and are now part of the beloved principal's legacy.

In the tribute, Senator Portman described Jerry as "a special kind of principal".

He has been called a one-of-a-kind educator, who spends time in the classroom every day, knows the name and face of every one of his 300 students, writes a personal, handwritten birthday card to each student every year, and sends students notes at home ... He encourages kindness and respect among students, teachers and parents, and is aware of each student's specific challenges and talents."

Jerry was well-known for his regular column on parenting that was published in the Mariemont School District newsletter. He wrote about tolerance, assertiveness, morals and responsibility and encouraged home, school and community environments to

focus on nurturing and support for all.

Following his TPE tenure, Jerry served as interim head of Cincinnati Country Day School and later was ordained as a Deacon in the Catholic church and served at St. Columban Catholic Church in Loveland.

Go online to <https://st-columban.org> to watch the recorded Funeral Mass for Dr. Sasson. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to Son-Light Power, 5130 River Valley Road, Milford, OH 45150 or St. Columban School, 896 Oakland Rd., Loveland, OH

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November - Covid & Village Calendar 2020

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| 1 Cook for Your Pets Day | 11 Veterans Day – Thank You to all our residents, past and present who have served. | 21 Red Mitten Day |
| 2 Dynamic Harmlessness Day | 12 Fancy Rat and Mouse Day | 22 Cranberry Relish Day |
| 3 Election Day – VOTE!!! This one is not a joke! | 13 World Kindness Day | 23 Fibonacci Day |
| 4 Stress Awareness Day | 14 Loosen & Lighten Up Day | 24 Sardines Day |
| 5 Men Make Dinner Day | 15 Clean Out Your Fridge Day | 25 Tie One On Day |
| 6 Love Your Lawyer Day | 16 International Day for Tolerance | 26 Thanksgiving aka Eat Too Much Day |
| 7 Numbat Day | 17 International Happy Gose Day (not a typo) | 27 Flossing Day |
| 9 Chaos Never Dies Day | 18 Princess Day | 28 Aura Awareness Day |
| 10 Village Council, 7:30 Community Building | 19 World Toilet Day | 29 Throw Out Your Leftovers Day |
| | 20 Universal Children's Day | 30 Stay Home Because You are Well Day |

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New Logo In Works For School District

From Mariemont City Schools

After extensive research, discussion and public input, the Mariemont City School District Board of Education, has voted to remove the Native American "Warrior Head" image as the district and athletic logo. The decision reflects the desire to respect and honor the perspective of indigenous people. The Warriors name and traditional blue and gold colors will remain unchanged.

A timeline is being developed for phasing out the "Warrior Head" and creation of a new logo. Details will be announced along with opportunities for community feedback and input.

Background and project progress information is available on the district's website: www.mariemontschools.org/DistrictLogo.aspx

Tax Bill (cont. from p.1)

of an annual total tax bill totaling \$10,000, Mariemont schools would receive \$6,500, the 12 Hamilton County levies would receive \$2,000 and the remaining, \$1500 would go to Village operations. Net, the proposed Terrace Park levy renewal (and the two other Terrace Park levies) represent the smallest portion of your overall tax bill.

I've been asked "why are our taxes high?" The answer is that a majority recently voted "yes" on school levies that will continue to provide a strong educational experience for our children. In doing so, we've rebuilt or

infrastructure and operations are on very sound footing for the foreseeable future. As we know, strong schools and educational performance mean strong home valuations. Voters in Hamilton County continue to support renew-

or increases of the 12 existing Hamilton County levies as well. As I shared above, schools and Hamilton County levies represent 85% of your annual tax bill.

I've been asked "what is Terrace Park doing to keep expenses to a minimum and operate as efficiently as possible?" Terrace Park ranks 12th lowest of 14 comparable sized Hamilton County village or communities in spending per resident. We've now operated seven years without a change in our tax base and with disciplined budgeting plan to extend this further. We complete a review of each purchase order and spending line item monthly and annually as part of our budget process. Examples of ongoing cost savings include pre-buying of road salt, our tree-

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MHS Boys Varsity Golf Wins Sectional Championship

Submitted by
Kim Seichter

The Mariemont High School Boys Varsity Golf team accomplished one of their pre-season goals and for the second straight year defeated 14 teams to repeat as Sectional Champions! The tournament was held at The Mill Course on September 30 in windy conditions. The match ended in a three-way tie among Mariemont, Indian Hill and Madeira. The tie breaker was the lowest 5th score, and Mariemont easily broke the tie to take the top spot! "Today all five scores counted, and the team got it done," said Varsity Golf Coach Darrell Calloway.

The team was led by junior Tom Buchert and senior Andrew Getgey, who both shot 81.

After winning Sectionals Mariemont advanced to Districts at Glenview Golf Course where the top three teams would move on to the State Tournament. The team finished in 5th place out of 12 teams to end their 2020 season. Mariemont was led once again by senior Getgey who shot 81.

"We are going to miss our lone varsity senior and team captain Andrew Getgey," said Calloway. "Over the past 3 years Andrew has been a steady force and solid leader and mentor for the other members of the team."



Above: (Back Row - L-R): Wil Glassmeyer (junior), Tom Buchert (junior), Luke Brennaman (sophomore), and Varsity Golf Coach Darrell Calloway. (Front Row - L-R): Drew Seichter (freshman), Captain Andrew Getgey (senior), and Sam Northrop (sophomore).

A Halloween Tale

Submitted by Mike Fitzgibbons

On a beautiful morning in Terrace Park this summer, a tired old pine tree was taken down at 504 Miami Avenue and the stump was left in an overgrown weedy patch.

When the owner went out to clean up the limbs and branches, he thought he heard a whisper come from the stump. "We will return!" This spooked the man and left him

a little scared.

As he raked and cleaned up he noticed pumpkin plants growing where none had ever been before. How could this be? Was the old tree bringing back its spirit in new plants? Was there a Johnny "Pumpkin

-ing seeds in our village? Did the scary pumpkin creature hanging from the tree on Amherst want more ghouls and goblins? Had the Headless Horseman planted them on his ride through town?

The pumpkin garden grew splendidly to the delight of the whole village. Everyone who walked by stopped and counted how many pumpkins they saw. Young and old enjoyed their daily trip past the pumpkin patch.

As of this writing, 22 pumpkins have been picked with a few more left on the vines. While it is still a mystery how the pumpkin patch started, it is obviously a friendly, haunted happy place.



Above: Audrey and Declan Satterwhite with pumpkins at their grandparent's magical pumpkin patch

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Ask Poppy!

Green Thumb Advice from the Garden Club

Dear Poppy,

What is the hardiest, low maintenance type of flowering plant for partial sun front porch planters?

-Planting on Princeton

Dear Planting,

Your question needed advice from the truly knowledgeable Lisa Gross of "Going to Pot".

Lisa does this for a living so if you are too busy to do all the searching for her favorites please look her up. I am going to save this article and look up these beauties next spring. The lovely Mona Lavender (plectranthus) is her first flower to fit the hardy, shade and drought-resistant category. It is purple and lilac like and very pretty. In hot spells it stops blooming but comes back in the fall. Sunpatience is a second favorite with many colors from which to choose. Caladium with its red and green large heart-shaped leaves is a nice bulb to add in the back but be aware they are tropical and die back when cooler fall temperatures arrive. Browalia is an option with purple, blue or white flowers which Lisa mentioned. Verbena is another bright flower and one I used in my pots located under my porch this summer.

Of course, many of us will use begonias like the Angel Wing variety but begonias can be a little tough to figure out - watering is needed. White Dead Nettle or Lamium (White Nancy) are other suggestions. Purple Heart Tradscantia with small purple flowers trails nicely. Since I love to grow from seeds, I would also add Nasturtium for trailing orange and red and yellow flowers as well as an addition to your salads. In general, flowers are like people and they need some care and hate the humidity like most of us.

Dear Poppy,

Can peonies thrive in Terrace Park? What conditions do they need?

-Wondering on Wrenwood

Dear Wondering,

Yes, we can, and many of us grow them very well. They need full sun and some space but will come back every year. One of mine was a light-colored double pink bloomer but over time it deteriorated into two plants, a

a single dark pink and a double white bloomer. Hybridizing goes both ways. One must be patient with perennials. I planted several new peonies a couple of years ago and have not yet gotten a bloom. It could be my location is not sunny enough.

Dear Poppy,

When is the best time to trim boxwoods in the fall. Is it too late?

-Trimming on Terrace Place

Dear Trimming,

It is best to prune them in the spring and summer and try to do limited pruning in the fall. Many other plants also should follow this model. Any blooming bush or tree will prepare its buds in the fall and if you prune you will not have flowers in the spring.

Do you have a question about keeping the village green? Ask Poppy! The ladies at the Garden Club either have the answer you're looking for or know where to get it. Send your questions to tpvillageviews@gmail.com



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Every year the Village Views asks the sixth graders at Terrace Park Elementary to send us their articles on school, family, holidays, and life in Terrace Park. The submissions on the next couple of pages are as varied as the young minds that created them. From Halloween to Covid, here's a look at some of the work from our oldest students at TPE...

A Brief History of Halloween

Submitted by Hailee VanVleet, sixth grade, TP Elementary

We get candy and dress up in costumes for Halloween, but it wasn't always like this. Halloween was started by ancient Celtic. The Celts believed that spirits of the dead would come to earth. The Celts thought that these spirits would cause trouble and make it so the priest could predict the future. Halloween was a festival called Samhain. On Samhain people would dress in scary costumes and have bonfires to scare away spirits. The Celts lived in modern day Ireland. A pope changed it to all Saints day in the eighth century. All Saints day celebrations included some of the traditions from Samhain.

The Christian made a holiday called All Souls' Day that has the same traditions as Samhain. Halloween used to be limited in colonial New England because of the beliefs. The American version came around when the American Indians and the different customs and beliefs European groups messed with got the American version of Halloween. When immigrants came to America they helped spread the holiday Halloween. Halloween has come a long way to be the way it is today.

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NEWS FROM THE SIXTH GRADE (continued)

Halloween is Coming

Submitted by Molly Neville, 6th grade, TP Elementary

Halloween is right around the corner, do you have your decorations out? I know I do, what's going to happen with COVID-19? Is it going to happen, yes it is because the village said yes to Halloween.

This is the best because we don't have to wear a mask which is amazing! I agree with the village because masks are itchy and uncomfortable sometimes,

that's my opinion. If you want to wear a mask then you can wear a mask, it's your choice. You don't have to trick or treat because you may not with COVID-19 going around. I love going to the house where Stanton and Miami collide. They make a haunted house in their driveway, they scare you and then give you candy. Halloween is shaping to be a great day!



left: Some sixth graders have to loosen the tie after a long day of studying

below left: Learning with masks will forever be a memory of the '19-'20 school year

below: Maskin' and multi-taskin' in sixth grade

Which Covid Mask Is Best For Your Child?

Submitted by Camdyn Bogle and Sophie Haugh, 6th grade, TP Elementary

Are you still looking for the perfect mask for your child? We present to you the most worn masks/gators in sixth grade!

And the winner is..... the traditional white cloth mask! We interviewed 42 kids and 2 teachers in both of our sixth grade classrooms.

8 people said that their favorite mask to wear is the white cloth mask. The second most worn gator in sixth grade is the buff gator. 5 people said that their favorite gator to wear is the buff brand.

Some of the least worn masks in sixth grade were the brand Humana and the brand Crayola. Overall, white cloth masks were the most popular mask in the 6th

local Target store or Amazon! It's that simple!



Kindergarteners Thrive Despite Virus

Submitted By Elle Seichter, Katie Senes, and Emma Gibson, 6th grade, TP Elementary

We decided to interview the kindergarteners and see just how their school year is going despite all of the changes. The feedback we got from the kindergarteners told us they are enjoying school. A lot of their favorite parts were recess and snack time where they got to take a break. Most of them felt worried on the first day of school but they were also very excited! They also love free time at the end of the day and the treasure box! The kindergarteners rock at keeping their masks on, and have had a great year so far.



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