
October 2025 Newsletter

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Monthly News & Updates

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Thank you for all Your Efforts for Enrollment on Third Friday!

Total Numbers are 441 TCY students enrolled this year:
El Puente- 107
Escuela Verde - 118
NOVA - 101
Shalom - 115

Sick Day Policy Reminder

With the new school year underway, sick season is right around the corner. Please remember the policy on sick leave from the **HR Handbook**:

Sick days are available to full-time employees who are absent because of personal short-term illness or injury, or necessary medical appointments that cannot be scheduled outside of work hours. TCY trusts staff to use this benefit wisely and not abuse the benefit (taking sick days on a regular basis, using sick days when not actually sick, etc.). If the Supervisor believes sick days are being overused, the employee will receive written notice and be required to submit written doctor's

Important Reminders:

All TCY Staff Off

Nov 27 & 28 - Fall Holiday
Dec 25 - Winter Holiday
Jan 1 - NYD
Jan 19 - MLK Day
April 3 - Spring Holiday
May 25 - Memorial Day
June 19 - Juneteenth

Upcoming Events:

Oct 30 & 31 - Día de los Muertos at Escuela Verde
Dec 6 - Holiday Party
Feb 16th - All Staff Retreat

Did You Know?:

Looking for a convenient and affordable way to get vaccinated? Walgreens offers a wide variety of immunizations. These are often more affordable than

excuses for any days missed for a period of one year. Abuse of sick days will result in discipline up to and including termination.

As allowed by law, all leaves of absence and sick day benefits run concurrently and may not be stacked for more time off than allowed under the most generous policy applicable to the employee's situation. Once sick days and other time off benefits have been exhausted, the remainder of the leave of absence will be unpaid unless otherwise provided in the leave policy.

Certification of Absence Due to Injury or Illness. Certification by a health care provider will be required for any absence of three (3) or more consecutive days due to illness or injury. Certification may also be required for absences of shorter duration when the organization determines it is necessary in light of the employee's attendance record.

Free Canva!

All staff have access to a free Canva premium account. To get your account set up, follow these steps:

1. Go to canva.com/edu-signup
2. Sign up using your school email address
3. Follow the prompts to complete the setup

going to a doctor's office, and you may not even have to pay a copay. You can walk in or make an appointment online. Be sure to check with your local Walgreens to confirm specifics for your needs.

More information here

You can also check the vaccinations you have received **here** on the Wisconsin Immunization Registry.

Wellness Tip:

Find a quiet spot, close your eyes, and take a few slow, deep breaths. Focus on the sensation of the air entering and leaving your body. This simple act can lower your heart rate and calm your mind.

TCY Community - Joy, Inclusivity, Connection



NOVA Shines at MPS Student Recruitment Fair

On Wednesday, September 10, NOVA proudly participated in the inaugural MPS Student Recruitment Fair for Partnership Schools. Not only did staff share valuable information about NOVA, but they also brought along treats and plenty of smiles for the community! This event provided a wonderful opportunity to connect with families and recruit students for the 2025–2026 school year. Go Team NOVA!

Staff: Leon Johnson, Guidance/Outbound Learning Coordinator
Keva Turner, Paraprofessional/Check & Connect



Shalom Canoeing at the Lakefront

Shalom students and staff traded their textbooks for paddles for a hands on experience. For some, it was their first time on the water, but they faced the challenge with courage and teamwork - And almost the whole school participated!



El Puente at Silver City Fest

A big thank you to Jacky Zaragoza, School Support Specialist, and Liz, an El Puente student, for spreading the word about El Puente by setting up a table and hosting a raffle at the Silver City Fest on 9/6/2025!



Thirsty Friday hosted by El Puente

El Puente hosted a happy hour for all staff and Board members on Friday, October 3rd. Next quarter Escuela Verde will host - stay tuned for more information!

Celebrate Día De Los Muertos with Escuela Verde

Take part in the fun activities at Escuela Verde, Newline Cafe, Urban Ecology Center and the Mitchell Park Domes to celebrate Day of the Dead! These activities are free and open to the public.

CELEBRATING
DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS



NOCHE DE ALTARES

THURSDAY
**30
OCT**

URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER | NEWLINE CAFE | ESCUELA VERDE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 5-8PM

- VENDORS, ALTARS, FACE PAINTING, CRAFTS UNTIL 7:30
- FOOD, MUSIC, DANCING

FREE ADMISSION - DRESS FOR THE WEATHER



FRIDAY
**31
OCT**

CAMINATA DE LOS RECUERDOS

FACE PAINTING & COMMUNITY TIME 4-5PM
NEWLINE COMMUNITY CAFE (3618 W PIERCE ST)

REMEMBRANCE WALK 5PM
URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER- MEMONOMEE VALLEY (3700 W PIERCE ST)

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION 6-9PM
MITCHELL PARK DOMES (524 S LAYTON BLVD)

TICKETS REQUIRED || FREE ADMISSION FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE REMEMBRANCE WALK

BY THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COMMUNITY



Community Resources

- Milwaukee-area teens are encouraged to apply to the paid internships available through Teens Grow Greens. **Click here to learn about the many pathways Teens Grow Greens has to offer.**
- The Black Youth Suicide Prevention Summit is on Friday, November 7th from 10a, - 4pm at Mount Mary University. It is a free event open to anyone helping Black youth in the community. There will be speakers and break out sessions and free CEU and lunch will be provided. **Register to attend here.**
- Did you know that at the Milwaukee Public Museum all visitors receive FREE access to the permanent exhibits of MPM on the first Thursday of every month during **Kohl's Thank You Thursday**? Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult to receive free admission.
- Are you, a loved one, or student eligible for a free computer? If you would like to determine your eligibility to receive a computer from the **Techquity Computer**

Program and live in Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, or Waukesha counties, please [click here to fill out the form](#).

- Trueskool's after school sessions begin soon and preregistration is open for teens 14-19. Trueskool offers programming related to art, music, media, and dance. [Click here to learn more complete the preregistration form](#).
- Join **VIA's Spooktacular Day** on October 18, 2025. This event will take place at Arlington Heights Park, [3429 W. Pierce St., Milwaukee, WI 53215](#). Bring your family and friends to enjoy interactive activities, community resources and the annual costume contest. There will be free family activities such as pumpkin decorating, a safe place for trick-or-treating, and a costume contest. *Free candy and pumpkins while supplies last.*

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