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Message from Dr. Pamela Moore, Superintendent

Tri-Township Families, this time of year reminds us of the importance of connection and togetherness, and I am deeply grateful for the trust you place in us to guide and educate your children. They inspire us every day with their curiosity, determination, and kindness. As we prepare to celebrate the holidays, I encourage you to take time to reflect on the blessings in your lives and the meaningful moments that bring us all closer. Please know that you are an essential part of our Tri-Township family, and we are truly thankful for you.

We Keep Going and Keep Growing! Coming in July 2025!

- 6 lane track
- High jump and long jump

• Inside the track will be a natural turf field finished with soccer layout markings





Family/Community Survey Results Do you feel welcome at our schools?

62% Yes & 38% No

How would you rate the safety/security of our schools? 79% Good to Excellent & 21% Average to Poor How would you rate the communication at our

schools?

44% Good to Excellent & 56% Average to Poor *a desire for more communication beyond social media"

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the **Sound Off** Radio Show Podcast

A conversation with Tri-Township Superintendent Pamela Moore <u>Click Here</u>

<u>K-12 Student Attendance</u> Dates: 10/1/24-11/1/24 Top three grades: 1st=97.8% 7th=97.7% 5th=96.4%



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Family/Community Survey Results

<u>What do we do well in?</u>

Kids and Relationships: A key focus is on relationships. There is a desire for creating a welcoming and supportive environment for students.

Programs and Extracurriculars: Positive mentions of programs like student council, robotics, drama, and elementary music programs, indicating they are valued aspects of the school experience.

Community and Family-Like Atmosphere: A strong sense of community is fostered, with students often feeling like siblings and there is a desire to ensure every child feels known and cared for, both academically and personally.





What makes you proud to be a Tiger?

Community and Support:

"It takes a village" and "community sticks together" highlight a strong sense of community support and collaboration among families, staff, and local stakeholders.

Close-Knit Relationships:

Terms such as "close-knit community" and "family" suggest strong relationships among students, staff, and families, fostering a sense of belonging and connection.

Long-Term Investment:

"Watch the kids grow up K-12" indicates a commitment to long-term educational relationships and the importance of seeing students through their entire educational journey.

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School Calendar



We are planning and preparing our 2025-2026 school calendar. We will continue to include <u>early dismissal days</u> for staff to engage in professional development. In addition to these days, we will be incorporating <u>weekly late-starts</u> to support the implementation of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). PLCs will allow staff to collaborate on data-informed decision making and instructional practices.

Tri-Online -free public virtual school option (grades K-12)

Enrolling in December - Classes Begin in January 2025 Tri-Online courses are designed to give your child a truly personalized learning experience. If your child is struggling in the traditional classroom, learning at a different pace than his or her classmates, or if your family schedule requires more flexibility, Tri-Online may be the right fit. Every student enrolled in Tri-Online will be enrolled as a full-time Tri-Township student. Coursework will be directly delivered using an accredited online third-party curriculum vendor (Edmentum) EdOptions Academy. Students will have direct access to certified teachers who provide instruction. Tri-Township staff will monitor their progress. All students are provided with a device. Interested in learning more, email tigers@tritownship.kl2.in.us or call 219-754-2709 <u>Click Here</u> to fill out a Tri-Online interest form





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Katie Wright Special Education Teacher

How long have you been a Tiger? "I've been a teacher here for 9 years, but I've been a Tiger since Kindergarten (with a few Racer years in the middle)."

What do you like to do when you aren't working? "When I'm not working, I spend time with my family, my boyfriend, Colin, and my two dogs. Colin and I like to watch sports, go to concerts, and play video games."

What's your favorite part about your job and why? " What I love most about my job is seeing my students growing and progressing year after year. Being part of a community and serving as an advocate for my students and others in need is incredibly fulfilling."

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



Alissa Clemons Dean of Students

How long have you been a Tiger? "I attended this school as a student for 9 years and have worked here over 30 years!"

What do you like to do when you aren't working? "I like to spend time with my new grandson, Maverick. I also enjoy traveling on vacations with family & friends, ocean cruises on my favorite Princess Cruise Lines, reading a stack of my favorite novels, involving myself in community service, and lastly, I'm super passionate about celebrating the athletes in the PCC."

What's your favorite part about your job and why? "My favorite part of working at Tri-Township is being surrounded by amazing students, teachers, and staff members. I have been here over three decades, and I can honestly say I still love it now as much as when I started. It truly feels like more than just a place to work, but a Together we support our second home! students and each other, tackle challenges, grow professionally, and share our love for education. I've seen firsthand the impact our work has had on our students and our wonderful school. I feel incredibly grateful to be a part of this, and I'm so glad to be here to play a small role in the lives of these incredible young people."



Lindsay Huhnke School Secretary

How long have you been a Tiger? "I am in my second year of working in the office. I graduated HS as a Tiger."

What do you like to do when you aren't working? "I love going to Cubs games and hanging with my family."

What's your favorite part about your job and why? "My favorite part of this job is greeting the children and staff every morning. I love seeing happy faces."