



# TCP TIMES

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## ANOTHER FANTASTIC SCHOOL YEAR!

We've made it! Another school year has come to an end and I can truly say it has been fantastic! From the introduction of our new science lab, staff members and the *25 and Counting* reading program in August, unexpected extended school closings due to wind storms in the second quarter, and snow storms in third quarter, to the highly anticipated state and national achievement testing and a superb science fair in fourth quarter. It has all led to an exhilarating finish!

As in years past, this school year, teachers have worked tirelessly teaching new lessons, helping students master new and old skills, taking them far above the required state standards, and preparing them for state and national achievement tests. Although test results have not yet been returned for grades 3 through 5, we are pleased to announce the results of the nationally normed Terra

Nova testing for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.

Overall, our young students performed very well. You can take a look at their test results which have been posted on the upcoming pages.

While we are extremely pleased with the results, we do not have time to rest on our laurels so we are already preparing for next year. Summer school will be offered June 15<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> weekdays from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm, followed by lunch. If your children are registered, simply drop them off and they may proceed to their assigned classrooms. Students participating in the You Can Read Summer Camp, will be picked up by their counselor from the lunchroom. The You Can Read Summer Camp will once again offer activities for students weekdays from 1:30 pm until 5:30 pm.

It is with much gratitude that I extend a special thank you to Ms.

Joyce Elkus for all of her support, bright ideas, community connections and love extended to our school program, students and families.

Thank you very much for the support you have given the staff and your children this school year. It has truly been a pleasure teaching, training, nurturing and watching each and every child grow physically, mentally, and emotionally. As we look forward to next year, starting August 19<sup>th</sup>, we will continue to improve ourselves for the purpose of helping your children maintain their status of excellent achievers in a school of excellence and a global society.

--Karen Y. French  
Principal/Superintendent

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## SOARING TO EXCELLENCE!

Take a look at how well our Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students performed on this year's nationally normed Terra Nova test. Remember, each grade level tested at an accelerated level, meaning they took the test designed for the next grade level. Kindergarten students took the 1<sup>st</sup> grade test, 1<sup>st</sup> graders tested at the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade level and the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders took the test designed for grade 3. Each group was tested in Math, Reading and Language Arts. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders were also tested in Science and Social Studies. The following scores reflect the performance of each current grade level as a whole. Individual test results will be mailed to parents when they have been sorted.

## TERRA NOVA TEST RESULTS

TerraNova for Standard 1.0

CAT COMPLETE BATTERY

### Assessment Summary, Part I

School: T C P WORLD ACD

Grade: KG

#### Purpose

This report provides summary information about your group's performance. Part I provides a graphic representation of the distribution for each content area, clearly noting the Median National Percentile. Together with other sources, this information can be used to evaluate, plan, and establish educational priorities.

Number of students: 42  
 Number of students with accommodations: 0

Population: CAT	Score: PART I (111)
1st Grade: 42/42	Mean: 78.200

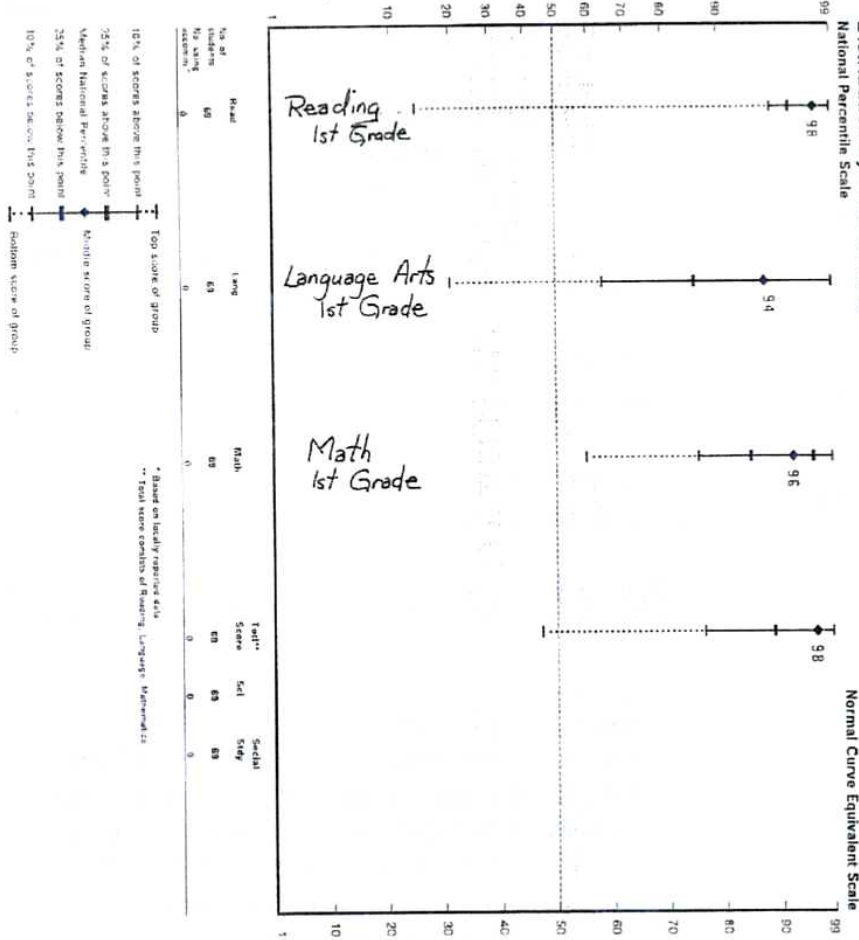
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### Success of

TerraNova  
 The Second Edition

### Distribution by Content Area



10% of scores above this point  
 25% of scores above this point  
 Median National Percentile  
 25% of scores below this point  
 10% of scores below this point

\*Based on locally reported data  
 \*\*Total score consists of Reading, Language, and Math

TerraNova for Special Edition

CAT COMPLETE BATTERY

## Assessment Summary, Part I

School: T. C. P. WORLD ACD

Grade: 1

### Purpose

This report provides summary information about your group's performance. Part I provides a graphic representation of the distribution for each content area, clearly noting the Median National Percentile. Together with other sources, this information can be used to evaluate, plan, and establish educational priorities.

Number of students using accommodations: 0

Formulas: C-2

Test Date: 05/20/09

Scoring Pattern: JBT

QRI: 30

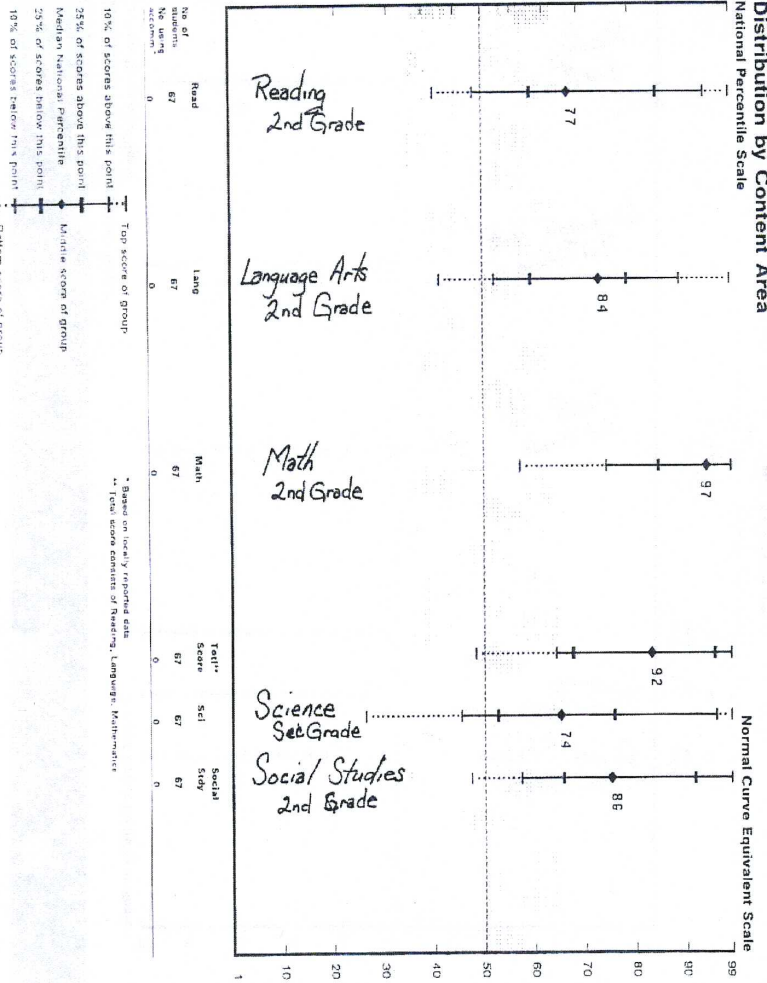
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The Measure of Success  
 TerraNova  
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TerraNova for 3rd Graders

**CAI COMPLETE BATTERY  
 Assessment Summary,  
 Part I**

School: T. C. P. WORLD ACD

Grade: 2

**Purpose**  
 This report provides summary information about your group's performance. Part I provides a graphic representation of the distribution for each content area, clearly noting the Median National Percentile. Together with other sources, this information can be used to evaluate, plan, and establish educational priorities.

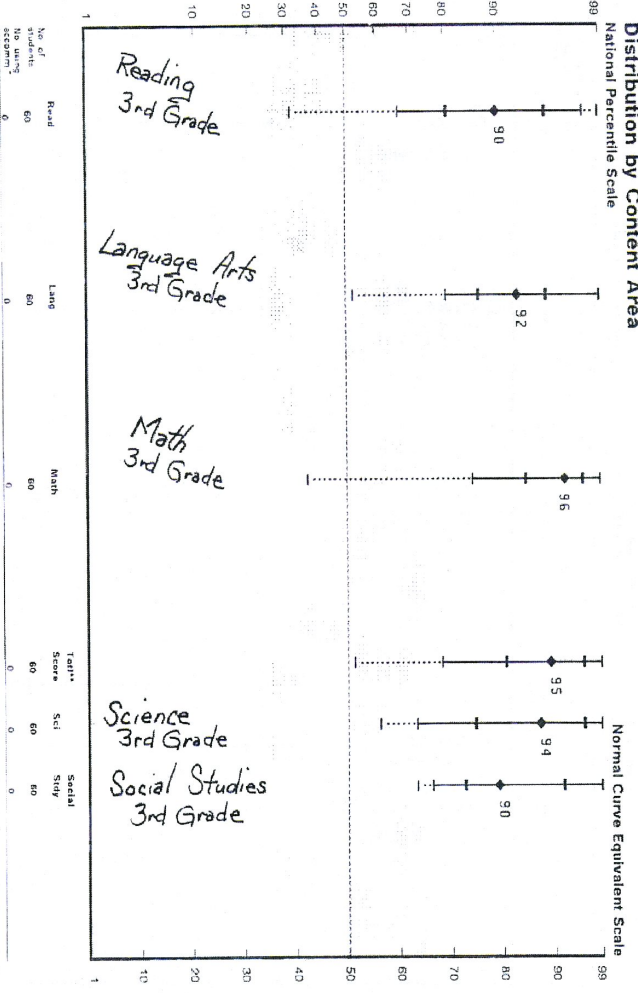
Number of students	83
Number of students using accommodations	0
Form Used	C-13
Test Date	05/20/09
Spring Pattern	10411
OM 15	None, Data, 200
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**The Measures of Success**

TerraNova  
 THE SECOND EDITION



10% of scores above this point  
 25% of scores above this point  
 Median National Percentile  
 25% of scores below this point  
 10% of scores below this point

Top score of group  
 Middle score of group  
 Bottom score of group

Based on total y-scoring scale  
 Total score range of Reading, Language, Math, and Science

## Letter from the White House



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 17, 2009

Ms. Smith  
Fifth Grade Class  
Technological College Preparatory World Academy  
6000 Ridge Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45213-1624

Dear Ms. Smith's Fifth Grade Class:

Thank you for writing me in the White House! Your letters are so wonderful, and I appreciate the effort each one of you put into your note. As I say to my daughters, it's important to always do your best.

Many of you asked about Malia and Sasha, and I want you to know that they really enjoy living in the White House and discovering the history that surrounds them in our new home. But it's not just our house – it's yours too! The White House is a place that all Americans should treasure and enjoy. You can learn more about it at [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov) or take a look through the rooms at [www.whitehousehistory.org](http://www.whitehousehistory.org).

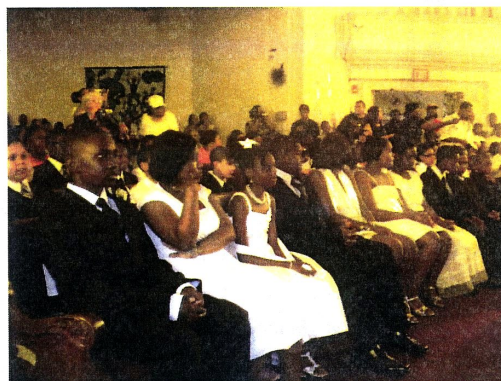
So keep up the good work, and know that everything you need to accomplish your dreams is inside of you. With a lot of hard work, you can do anything!

Sincerely,

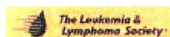
*Michelle Obama*



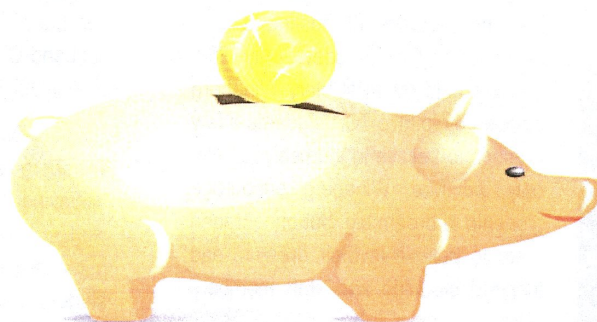
## T.C.P. World Academy Class of 2009



## Pennies For Patients



Pennies  
for  
Patients



Pennies  
for  
Patients

Proving that children at TCP World Academy have big hearts, for the second straight year, students and staff joined the fight against blood cancer! Led by Senora Oneida Sierra, TCP World Academy teamed with *The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society* to help find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

Students raided their piggy banks for pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollar bills to meet their individual class goals. Overall, students cashed in just under five thousand, three hundred dollars; nearly two thousand more than their projected goal!

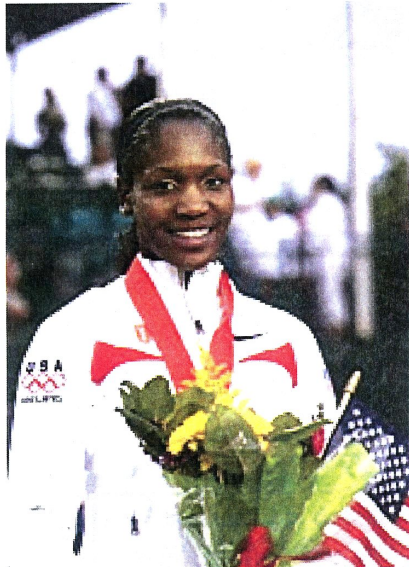
For their achievement and generosity, students were presented a *Lifesaver* award from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The classes who raised the most money were rewarded with classroom pizza and ice cream parties. In the end, each student walked away with the satisfaction of knowing he or she made a difference in the life of someone who needed their help. Well done TCP students!

### 25 and Counting

Did you know that over-all success in school and life depends on successfully learning to read and write? Thankfully T.C.P. World Academy students are on their way to bright and successful lives! Over the past 8 months, more than 218 students met or surpassed the *25 and Counting* reading challenge. Some students went way above and beyond the call of duty by reading 50 or more books over the course of the school year. Thanks to generous donations by our faithful "anonymous" supporter and the Kentucky Speedway, students who completed the challenge were treated to a day at the bowling alley with their classmates and

given *Horsepower* bobbleheads, the official mascot of the Kentucky Speedway. A heart felt thank you goes out to Ms. Elkus for her continued support of TCP World Academy students, and the Kentucky Speedway for providing an incentive to help motivate our students to read. Students don't stop reading. Be sure to spend time during your summer break to explore the exciting world of reading. Try to spend at least 30 minutes each day reading and challenge yourself to read at least one full book each week! Remember: Reading really is fun!

## Olympic Visit



Olympic Gold Medalist Mary Wineberg

TCP World Academy recently had the pleasure of hosting a true champion! On Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, Olympic gold medalist Mary Wineberg stopped by to give TCP students a few reasons to believe in themselves. Not only did Mrs. Wineberg encourage students to dream big, but encouraged them to believe in their dreams, and inspired students and staff members alike.

Since winning a gold medal in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing,

Mrs. Wineberg has taken time out of her busy schedule. She and her husband Chris are expecting their first child in July!

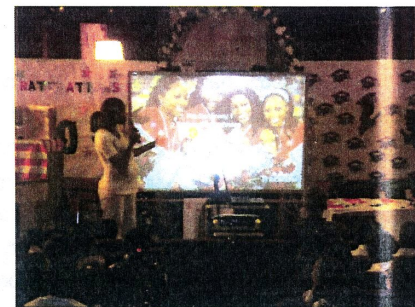
During her visit, Mrs. Wineberg reminded TCP students that achieving your dreams requires hard work, dedication and much perseverance. Her best advice to students (of all ages) is to be the best that you can be on and off the field at all times. Continue to work hard and strive for your dreams!!

### Following My Dreams

By Anesha Crawford  
 Ms. Roche's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

When I walked into the auditorium this morning, I was surprised to see an Olympic runner standing right before my eyes! Mary Wineberg, a 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist track star lives in Cincinnati and visited TCP World Academy today to share her life journey in becoming a gold medalist. She shared stories about how she became a runner and stayed focused even when some days were hard. She reminded me that whatever I put my mind to; I can achieve my goals while believing in myself. She can motivate students just like myself and remind them that anything is possible.

My favorite part of Mary Wineberg's presentation was the video clip she showed from the Olympics. Standing in the auditorium in normal clothes, she didn't seem like a superstar. However, watching her race on the video clip was amazing! We even got the opportunity to hold her gold medal and take pictures with her. Today was a memory that I'll never forget. I will carry with me inspiration from Mary Wineberg and always follow my dreams!





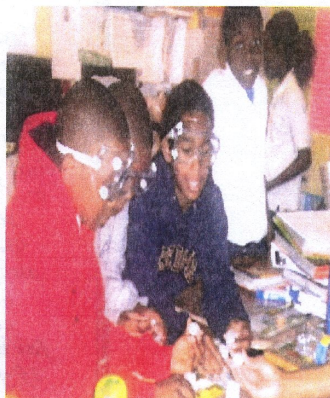
## Blasting Off With Science!

This year's Science fair blasted off and soared to great heights! Students and teachers alike got involved and presented a spectacular showcase of experiments, demonstrations, models and presentations. Students shared their extensive knowledge about a wide variety of science-related topics including the Amazon Forest, Volcanic eruptions, a cure-all for stinky shoes, magnetic fields, chemical versus physical reactions, Komodo dragons, and the secret to a diapers' capacity for holding water!

A favorite of the fair was the Volcanic Geyser, which exploded straight up into the

cafeteria ceiling! Although it was messy, neither students, teachers, staff, nor judges seemed to mind! Hats off to the Science Chicks for sharing that awesome demonstration!

Mrs. J. Sierra, Ms. Bosley and the Science Fair committee would like to thank each and every judge who took on the difficult task of judging the projects. A special thank you is also extended to each team of student participants and the TCP World Academy staff for being willing, active and enthusiastically involved in making this year's science fair a success.



Mrs. Burton's Fizz Kidz and their 1<sup>st</sup> place Alka-Seltzer Rockets!



Mega Volcano



Diaper Science



Snow in May

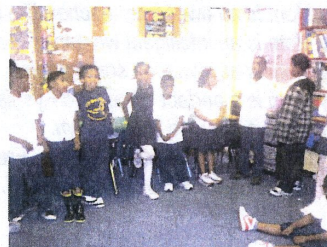
## Science Rocks!



Amazon Rain Forest



Amazon Chart



Amazon Explained

**Heaven**

Heaven is a gift  
 Something like a special kiss  
 Wrapped in fluffy clouds.

-Antonio Wooten Jr.  
 Ms. Smith's 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Birth**

Animals gather  
 The baby's eyes are open  
 Pretty a child of God is.

-Makayla Gentry  
 Ms. Smith's 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Why I Love My Mom**

*My Mom is as charming as gold.  
 My Mom is as funny as a bunny.  
 My Mom is gorgeous like the sun.  
 My Mom is as lovely as a heart.  
 My Mom is faithful like heaven.  
 My Mom is a hard worker like the river.  
 My Mom is great like God.  
 My Mom is caring like Mary.  
 My Mom is smart like Jesus.  
 My Mom is the best mom ever.*

-Kadyn Dudley  
 Ms. Jones' 1<sup>st</sup> grade

**Why I Love My Mom**

*My Mom is pretty as Mrs. Jones.  
 My Mom is the greatest.  
 My Mom is as perfect as a princess.  
 My Mom is an awesome teacher, like Mrs. Jones.  
 My Mom is an intelligent woman of the world.  
 My Mom is as sweet as some honey.  
 My Mom is a perfect singer like Kyshia Cole.  
 My mom is talented like a clown.  
 My mom is a hard worker, like Ms. French.  
 My mom is the best artist in the world.*

- Makaria Harris  
 Mrs. Langford's 1<sup>st</sup> grade

**Believe**

*Believe in yourself,  
 in the power you have  
 to control your own life,  
 day by day.  
 Believe in the strength  
 that you have deep inside  
 and your faith will help  
 show you the way.  
 Believe in tomorrow  
 and what it will bring,  
 let a hopeful heart  
 carry you through,  
 for things will work out  
 If you trust and believe  
 there's no limit  
 to what you can do!*

Poll:

What has been your favorite memory  
 of the 2008-2009 school year?

- Skating / Field Trips
- Wind Storm & Snow Days
- Achievement Testing
- Science Fair
- Field Day

**Dates of Importance**

End of School Year	May 29
Last Day of School	May 29
Summer School Begins	June 15
You Can Read Summer Camp Begins	June 15
Summer School & Camp Ends	July 31
2009 – 2010 School Year Begins	August 19

*Have a Great  
 Summer!*