This will be the final issue of the TMS Times for this school year. That means end of the year activities will be coming fast and furious. Our Chorus and Band groups are preparing for their final concerts (May 12 and 19 in the THS PAC) as well as for the Band BBQ and Awards on May 26. Promotion Awards Night is scheduled for May 20 at 7 pm in the PAC. This evening will honor student achievement in many areas. An invitation will be sent to the parents of students receiving awards. On May 28, we will be holding a Volunteer Tea to honor all the volunteers who have given hours and hours of their time helping with supervision and activities at TMS. 7th and 8th grade students who are eligible are invited to attend the Promotion Dance at 7 pm on Friday, June 5 at VES. The next evening, June 6 is the Kennedy Club Fitness Party for 8th graders at the KCF in Atascadero. Rehearsal for Promotion will take place the morning of June 10, with the ceremony being held at 6:30 that evening in the Templeton Eagle Volunteer Stadium. Information about these last three events detailing cost and appropriate dress, along with promotion tickets will be mailed home shortly. Although 8th graders are promoted on Wednesday, June 10, the official last day of school is Thursday, June 11. Regular attendance will be taken that day so 8th graders need to be present. There will be activities planned for that day as well as time for signing yearbooks.

Endeavour Events
Congratulations to our TMS Team #2 for making it to the finals of the Team America Rocketry Challenge on May 16 in Plains, VA. Team members are Jon VanHarmelen, Joe Brown, and James Greenway. This is the largest rocket contest in the world. The TMS team is one of only 6 from California and the only middle school team from California. All the rockets are completely designed, engineered, and launched by the students. Anyone interested in making a donation for the trip can write a check to TMS Endeavour. Check out www.Rocketcontest.org for more information. The Endeavour program will be sponsoring a Tesla coil demonstration presented by UC Santa Cruz professors and students on Friday, May 8, in the high school gym at 4 pm. The public is invited and all science students and teachers are greatly encouraged to attend.

STAR Testing will take place the first 2 weeks of May. It is very important that students attend school each day for those 2 weeks and arrive on time, well rested, and having had a good breakfast. The dates of testing are May 4-7 and 11-13 with make-ups on May 8, 14 & 15.

Track and Field - Our Track Team participated in their first meet on April 23 with Atascadero and Laguna. Upcoming meets are scheduled for Saturday, May 2 at San Luis Obispo High School (9 am); Wednesday, May 6 at Cal Poly (3 pm); Saturday, May 9 at Atascadero High School; and Thursday, May 14 at Paso Robles High School. Parents and students are encouraged to come out and support our team. There may be a small entry fee ($2-3).
Summer School

The end of the school year is fast approaching and preparations are being made for Summer School. Classes will begin at 8 am each day and conclude at 11:45, with a 20 minute mid-morning nutrition break. The session will be held at TMS and run from Tuesday, June 23 until Friday, July 17, with no school on Friday, July 3. All students will be enrolled in both language arts and math classes. Due to state budget cuts, a minimum of 25 students is required to start a class. Regular student attendance will be required to keep classes open. Classes that have insufficient enrollment or low student attendance will be cancelled or combined with another class. These measures are necessary in order to generate sufficient income to cover program costs. Please consider these factors before you enroll your student. We are counting on you to help with maintaining good attendance. Forms are available in the TMS office or on Schoolloop. Please complete one form for each student and return it to the TMS office by May 15. Any questions can be directed to Summer School Principal Paul Jacobs at 434-5875.

PTO Student Recognition Lunch

The following students were recognized as the PTO Students of the Month for April: Sarahi Garcia, Marina Wesner, Sierra Schwartz, Alegar Colwell, Avery Shannon, Jace Bernal, Renden Boyan, Ali Einolander, Sabrina Dunn, Charlotte Reames, Cassidy Suan, Paxton Torrey, Michael Escalle, Chris Love, Lacy Evans, William Woods and Darien Tyler.

Book Fair

The book fair is coming! It will be in the Library from May 7 to May 15. Bring your wallets and get your summer reading. Hours are 7:45-8:10 a.m., during break, lunch and every day after school until 4 p.m. It will also be open during Open House on the 13th - so parents can visit. All proceeds from this year’s book fair will go to keeping the library open next year for the same hours it is now. See Barb Wiggins for details.