



# The Tiger Times

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## International Baccalaureate Programme making an exciting splash at Thompson

**By: Lilianna Zarko**

**Staff Writer**

International Baccalaureate coordinator, Mrs. Kolobaric, sat down with Lilianna to discuss this new program at Thompson Middle.

**Lilianna-** How has or are things that have changed since we became an IB candidate school?

**Mrs. Kolobaric-** Well, we offer more courses, the curriculum is more internationally focused, and we are exploring the individual IB learner profile.

**Lilianna-** Are there going to be any additions to this IB candidate school?

**Mrs. Kolobaric-** We hope to continue more electives in line with IB philosophy.

**Lilianna-** Do you think every student has the capability of becoming an IB student?

**Mrs. Kolobaric-** ABSOLUTELY!

Students are greatly impacted by the IB program. New electives, block scheduling and extra class time have all worked together to give a different look to the day of a Thompson student.

Eighth grader Devin'Nay Dunlap-Sisco shared her thoughts about IB with the Tiger Times.

**Lilianna-** How has being in an IB candidate school help you?

**Devin'Nay-** Being in an IB candidate school has helped me because if we are in an IB candidate school, when we get older, we all have a

better chance at getting a job we want.

**Lilianna-** Do you like how we've become an IB candidate school?

**Devin'Nay-** Yes, I like how we became an IB candidate school, because before we were on the failing schools list. Now we are no longer on that list.

Many more changes are on the horizon for Thompson as the IB program is expanded and developed. Students will participate in thematic units in core classes, and benefit from the expanded offering of elective classes.



## Lockers: home away from home

**By: Brandon Canales**

**Staff Writer**

34...2...6 is a very important combination of numbers in order to get in to your locker. If you don't remember your combination, you'll be stuck out of your locker.

It's important to remember your locker combination. If you don't remember your combination, you might be late for class, be tardy and you would lose a chance for perfect attendance.

Another reason to be able to use your locker is so teachers won't worry about

**Candy, here we come!**

a lot of book bags blocking the floor in the classroom.

If students didn't have lockers, carrying stuff around all day would be a pain! Having a locker will save your back from back pain when you get older.

Many students spend time decorating the inside of their lockers. Pictures of Justin Bieber, mirrors and family photos are taped inside many lockers around Thompson.

"I have lots of pictures of Justin Bieber taped in my locker," 7th grader Bailey Farnar commented.

## Halloween Fun!

**By: Isaiah Stone, Brandon Bill & Sergio Zamora**

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Halloween is a candy lovers dream day! Kids can get enough candy to last for months, all from a couple hours of trick-or-treating.

Many children dressed up as Power Rangers, hoboes and princesses walk through neighborhoods, the mall or the YMCA and gather bags full of sweet treats.

"My favorite costume is a hobo," 7th grader Corjhani Walmsley said.

Most of the seventh graders said they prefer Snick-

ers and KitKats as their favorite candy. For many kids, candy is candy and it doesn't really matter!

There are other ways people have fun on Halloween. A lot of people have been to a scary haunted houses, or stay at home and watch horror movies.

"My favorite scary movie is 'Scream 4,'" 7th grader Chris Ledesma said.

Remember, stay safe and pay attention when you're out there getting your supply of candy!



## Think Pink! Donate money for cancer research

**By: Allana Killingbeck**

**Staff Writer**

This month is breast cancer awareness month. The YES club is selling different things to make a donation to the research.

For \$1, kids can sign a pink ribbon paper that will be hung in the cafeteria. Many staff members and kids have signed the paper.

Also for sale are pink stretchy bracelets that are one dollar. Temporary tattoos are 25 cents, and pink ribbon pins are \$2.

Please see a YES club member if you want to donate.

The YES club is in the process of electing a president, vice president, secretary, and a treasurer.

YES Club bake sales are every week on Thursday after school.

## First Annual TMS Back-to-School Carnival

**By: Shannon Stack**

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The first annual Thompson carnival was August 25, 2011. It was held at Thompson Middle School.

The reason they had the carnival was to welcome students back to school. The carnival was for TMS students and family.

There were many fun activities at the carnival.

"I liked the face painting the most," said

7th grader Tehya Demeritt.

There was also a giant Plinko game, snow cones, ring toss for two-liter bottles of soda, arts and crafts and giant inflatables.

"The giant tiger slide was the most fun thing there!" said 7th grader Katelyn Atchley.

Families and students were treated to hotdogs, chips and lemonade.

"The carnival was so much fun," said 7th grader Arneysa Caldwell.

Stay tuned for next year's carnival, sure to be double the fun!

