Much research has been done on the awesome and terrifying roar of the tiger as it is capable of totally paralyzing its prey. The deep resounding roar, capable of fifty repetitions over a ninety second span, can be heard over a distance of two miles away. At the close distance of a few feet the decibels of sound produced are twenty-five times greater than that of a typical lawn-mower. And whether or not the big cat relinquishes the title of “King of the Jungle” to the lion one thing is perfectly clear; within the jungle of the NCASB the roar of the TSB Tiger Cheerleaders in recent years is unsurpassed! On Friday January 25th the Tennessee School for the Blind Tiger Cheerleaders, along with the Tiger Wrestling Team, traveled the nearly three hundred miles to Indianapolis, Indiana to defend their title of NCASB 1st Place Champions. Affirming what in their hearts they already believed, the squad returned to Tennessee again in first place. Winning in 2013 extended their current consecutive championship winning streak to four, having won each year since 2010 against schools from seven other states making up the NCASB. In addition to the team competition each team has the opportunity to enter one cheerleader into individual (continued on page seven)
New Kids on Campus

Parker Daniel came to TSB last fall shortly after turning three years of age. His daily commute is from the nearby suburb of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. Parker loves to jump, walk in his walker, interact with adults (especially making noises with Mr. Delk) and eat. Parker continues making good progress by learning to entertain himself playing with the classroom toys.

Audrina Pray lives in Clarksville, Tennessee and turned four in December. She likes to be held and likes swinging or bouncing on a small therapy ball. Audrina has greatly improved the art of entertaining herself and now explores the room playing with toys, and throwing a ball. She is learning to communicate with beginning sounds and gestures.

Tiernan O’Meara lives in Clarksville, Tennessee and is five years old. He is learning to use a communication device and is adding to his vocabulary daily. He loves cars, lawn-mowers and vacuum cleaners. Tiernan has done great in building up his endurance for walking with his walker by pushing the bye-bye buggy. He also loves to e-mail his Dad who is serving in Afghanistan.

The Bye-Bye Buggy Boogies Beyond Class Boundaries

If you are in the halls at TSB as lunch is dismissed in the junior cafeteria you may see the preschool class taught by Ms. Leister and Ms. Morris. They will be on their Socialization Ride and working on communicating and greeting skills. They learn to properly greet those they meet in the hallways and often make special stops to visit staff members such as Ms. Cashon. Audrina and Parker work on vocalizing or waving hello and good-bye. Tiernan practices in the same way and may also practice using his communication device telling about anything that comes to mind. In addition to social and language skills, you may see Tiernan or Audrina helping Ms. Morris to push the Bye-Bye Buggy to improve their walking. As you are able, they would love to add you to their regular list of folks to meet and greet.
Royalty Crowned at Valentine Dance

In the weeks leading up to Valentine’s Day, campaigns of sorts were being conducted by many of the students at TSB. The goal of the campaigns was to gain the title of “Royalty” at the Valentine’s Day Dance. The students had the opportunity to become King/Queen of Hearts or Prince/Princess of Hearts depending on if they were in elementary or high school. A vote for your favorite King/Queen or Prince/Princess could be made with a contribution of a quarter (25 cents) to their cause. The event was sponsored by the TSB Student Council and the Tennessee School for the Blind.

Class of 2014, as a fund raiser and also as a means to make a charitable contribution to the American Heart Association, Posters and banners embellished the classes and hallways with photos and faces of those seeking the highest positions at the upcoming dance. Clever slogans and promises of sweet treats attempted to persuade those with money in their pockets that a vote for them made the most sense for their cents. And seeing their smiling faces who could resist? When all of the quarters were counted, Lillian Norris enjoyed the honor of Princess of Hearts. Parker Daniel, although absent for medical reasons, had earned the title of Prince of Hearts. And seeing their smiling faces who could resist? When all of the quarters were counted, Lillian Norris enjoyed the honor of Princess of Hearts. Parker Daniel, although absent for medical reasons, had earned the title of Prince of Hearts.

Hunter Lynch enjoyed being crowned the Queen of Hearts and Brooks Gardner was crowned King of Hearts. Additional winners were those benefitting from the services of the American Heart Association and the members of the TSB Class of 2014. In all, nearly twelve hundred dollars was raised. The American Heart Association will receive a contribution for half of that amount. The dance, for all of the students and staff, was held in the school gymnasium towards the end of the school day on February 14th. Fresh baked sugar cookies with red, white and pink icing along with red fruit punch and soft drinks were provided courtesy of the home economics classes. The result was exciting and “heart felt” entertainment was experienced by those who attended.
French Class Makes Trip to Cheekwood Mansion and Café

Students in Mrs. Newman’s French I class took their first group outing on Tuesday, December 18. The day was sunny and bright at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens. The group visited the train display first and then made their way through the Howe Gardens experiencing the European charm of manicured gardens. They learned that a pergola is a covered patio space. The kids then climbed into a tree house that was placed in the gardens in 2002. Students received a family pass enabling them to return again. Everyone was invited to touch the items on each tree while the guide described the decorations in detail. This year’s theme was “Storybook Christmas.” They also learned that Christmas trees and Santa Claus are of a Germanic origin. After visiting with guide Sarah, students and faculty visited the artwork upstairs where they discovered a complete library of art books written totally in French. The day trip activities finished with French cuisine for lunch in a modern French styled café in downtown Nashville named Marché Artisan Foods. Students experienced the sweet or savory flavors of the authentic Provençal French Food and enjoyed the dining atmosphere.

Pictured left to right: Mishon Breland, Anthony Townsend, Cody Spicer, DeShawn Turner, Brittany Wolfe, Shelby West, and Caleb Freeman.

Guide Sara describes the first tree to students while Aaron Patrick pays close attention to her description of the tree.

Students Aaron Patrick and Mishon Breland examine a “train” ornament from the Polar Express.

(above) Students were happy and ate heartily when the food arrived.

Students are able to identify the tune for the theme of the “Nutcracker” tree. (left to right) Cassidy Sneed, Carrie Carlisle, Brittany Wolfe, Caleb Freeman, Shelby West, and our guide Sara. (below) Carrie Carlisle experiences the soft texture of Frosty.

Corgan Waters discovers an Astrolabe (sundial) in the gardens.

Students pass ornaments around to better understand the concept of decorating the tree. Dr. Whittington explains to Cassidy Sneed what the stocking contains.

Student Cassidy Sneed climbs the stairs to the large tree house with Mrs. Newman.

Pictured left to right: Mishon Breland, Anthony Townsend, Cody Spicer, DeShawn Turner, Brittany Wolfe, Shelby West, and Caleb Freeman.
Nothing brings satisfaction like starting the year out on the right foot, and here are six examples. These new faces join the current group of eighteen students honored so far this school year for displaying great character. The TSB Person of Character recipients for the month of February 2013 are; Abbey Pace, Jacob Mitchell, Jesse Gimple, Corgan Waters, Sydney Little, and Taylor Runion. Congratulations to each recipient for being students of character and for the recognition they have received! Abbey Pace has been recognized for being diligent in completing her assignments. When she has any issues with an assignment Abbey expresses her difficulty in order to work things out prior to a due date. Jacob Mitchell has demonstrated respect to adults by assisting a substitute in the teacher’s absence. Jesse Gimple has greatly improved in demonstrating respect to adults, and voluntarily participating in class activities. Corgan Waters exemplifies the traits of a Person of Character at all times. She is respectful, hard working, strives to do her best, is responsible, punctual, organized, and helpful to others. This character has been especially noticed recently in her English classes. Sydney Little has been recognized for being helpful to others, participating in class discussions and reading out loud to her friends. Taylor Runion has demonstrated respect to peers by helping his classmates without being asked. A TSB dog tag is given to each recipient to display. The tag becomes a reminder that as they wear it they are to be demonstrating the good character for which they were awarded. This includes speaking and behaving as a student who has been honored with this award. TSB staff are encouraged to recognize these students and to prompt the student as to why they receive their honor.

TSB Places Talent in Showcase and in Live Streaming

Make plans now to be at Tennessee School for the Blind on March 7th and 14th. The annual Elementary Talent Show will be held on Thursday March 7th at 7:00pm and the High School Talent Show will be a week later on Thursday March 14th at the same time. Auditions for both shows were scheduled for the last week of February. For those unable to travel to the school and experience the excitement first hand a live streaming of the program is being made available over the world wide web. By going to http://www.ustream.tv/channel/tsbevent during the time of the programming a live viewing of the school can be seen as the event is being video recorded. An email will be sent out by the school on the day of the show as a reminder of the event, and will include the http:// address for viewing. If you, or those you know, would like to be added to the email list making you aware of this and future streaming events, please forward your email address and request to: martin.monson@tsbtigers.org
Marie became a residential student at TSB in 2009 having come from Dresden, TN. She has been involved in recreational activities and has enjoyed learning to cook with Ms. Ann. Marie has made fond memories attending the proms, dances and also going on the senior trip to Aspen, Colorado. After graduation, Marie plans on attending and finding employment at T.R.C.

Laura Burnett

From the banks of Cell Creek Tennessee in Hamilton County, Laura Burnett came to TSB in 1994. For eighteen years Laura has resided in the residential cottages and has enjoyed eating breakfast in the cafeteria. Recreational, school activities and trips to the clinic are among favorite things of Laura’s. In the future she would like to assist in a clinic.

Sara Granneman

Baxter Tennessee in Putnam County is home for Sara. In 2009 she became a cottage student and over the past four years has enjoyed swimming, bowling, cooking and dancing. Her memories at TSB center around making friends and going to the proms. After graduation Sara hopes to work as a receptionist to staff or assist in a daycare.

Spreading the Sounds of Love

On Valentine’s Day the TSB Choral Ensemble performed for the residents of Trevecca Towers Retirement Community. Students learned, to their amazement, that two of the residents who played hymns together on piano and on guitar, were both over ninety years old and had recently been married. This was a valentine reminder for them that love, like music, is timeless. In keeping with a Valentine’s theme, the program included songs dealing with the theme of love and friendship. At the conclusion of the program Ms. Denning was presented with red roses. The students were given a generous donation of games with Braille labels. After leaving Trevecca Towers the group enjoyed lunch together at a Wendy’s restaurant.

The 2013 TSB Choral Ensemble go on the road to spread positive messages of love.
Roar of the Tigers Again Affirmed as Unsurpassed (continued from page one)

competition for the most Outstanding Cheerleader. This year the Tigers selected to have returning senior Elizabeth Harden do the honors, and an honor it was as Elizabeth brought home the trophy. These awards are a result of months of practice and perseverance. The team’s winning routine included lots of cheering, choreographed dancing, and building a pyramid at the end of the routine. New members to this year’s squad include: Alexandria Williams, Chris Cook, Ben Waddell, Brooks Gardner and head coach Susan Yarbrough. Returning to cheer from last year’s championship squad are: Taylor Grenier, Elizabeth Harden, Derrick Manning, Michael Ward, Corgan Waters, Alisha Whitehead and assistant coach Vicki DeSalvatore. The coaches are very proud of all the students’ hard work. They also are appreciative and give a special thanks to volunteer coaches, Mike Hargis and Kennah Mason.

Awards won by the TSB Cheering Squads over the past five years include:

- **2013** NCASB Cheerleading 1st
  - NCASB Outstanding Cheerleader - Elizabeth Harden

- **2012** NCASB Cheerleading 1st
  - NCASB Outstanding Cheerleader - Emily Green* (shared honor)

- **2011** NCASB Cheerleading 1st
  - NCASB Outstanding Cheerleader - Hannah Willis
  - NCASB Most Spirited Mascot - Chris Cook

- **2010** NCASB Cheerleading 1st
  - NCASB Most Spirited Mascot - Chaz Whitsett

- **2009** NCASB Cheerleading 2nd

- **2008** NCASB Cheerleading 2nd
  - NCASB Cheerleading Team Spirit Award
  - NCASB Most Spirited Mascot - Jonathan Johnson

With arms raised in victory the squad poses after winning the fourth consecutive NCASB Championship Title.

Wearing a smile and medal makes the job of holding the first place trophy much easier than the hours of practice.

Steven Owens was the face behind the face of the TSB Tiger during the 2012-2013 season.
Recreation Offers Festive Activities and Student Interaction

February has been an active month for students participating in TSB’s recreational activities. With the sending and receiving of greeting cards, flowers and candy, one could only imagine Cupid with his bow and arrow being flung across the atrium as students began gathering on February 11th for the Valentine’s Dance. Amongst the decorations and refreshments that included heart-shaped cakes, love songs filled the airways being played by D.J. Tony Rippetoe and M.C. Caleb Freeman. The spirit of the holiday spilt over into Couple’s Night held on Wednesday evenings during February in the Life Skills Center. Students came and played cards, Wii games, and air hockey. They mingled in the music room and canteen enjoying pizza, snacks and each other’s company. Many additional activities have been provided for the student’s relaxation and entertainment. Thursday evenings in February are designated Movie Night. “Descriptive movies” shown on the big screen in the auditorium included; Night at the Museum, We Bought a Zoo, Percy Jackson and the Olympians and Rango. The bowling lanes have been active as students have enjoyed competing to be among the top scorers. Students learning additional ADL skills, with the assistance of Ann Frensley, have focused their attention on making One Bowl Meals. There has also been increased interest in learning the skills of basket weaving. Both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have had their collective meetings on Monday evenings at the Life Skills Center. The students have made great progress toward completing their scouting goals. On Tuesday afternoons, weather permitting, tandem bike riding has continued on the oval track at the state fairgrounds and has been a source of enjoyment for many.
Silent Auction to Benefit TSB Class of 2014

The Tennessee School for the Blind Class of 2014 is holding a silent auction with proceeds going towards the Junior/Senior Prom and the Senior Trip. Incredible items are currently on the list! Please join us for this exciting fundraiser, March 14th from 9am to 3:30pm. If you are interested in making a donation, we are accepting items for the auction until Monday, March 11th. Contributions coming to the school should be earmarked to the attention of Mrs. Bush or Ms. Murtagh. Email bids specified for a particular item and placed prior to the end of the auction at: robin.bush@tsbtigers.org will also be accepted. Hope to see you there! -The Class of 2014

List of Donated Items Currently for Auction

- Necklace from Chico's of Mt. Juliet
- Maggiano's- $50 Gift Card and Two Carmike Movie Passes
- TSB Backpack
- Reebok Gift Set
- McNamara- dinner for Two, up to $50 (not including alcohol and tip) plus Two Carmike Movie Passes
- Gondolas
- Chuy's Restaurant- Dinner for Two and Two Carmike Movie Passes
- Evette Renee Parrish Painting
- Mary Kay Gift Basket
- Custom Blue Prints by Steve Sloane
- Jewelry by Tammie Murphy
- Jewelry by Ann Frensley
- Jewelry Bracelet from Sheer Elegance
- Jewelry Silver Necklace
- Shirt from Sheer Elegance
- Hair Cut, Style, and Blow Dry by Stacey at Sheer Elegance Hendersonville
- One Dozen Cupcakes from The Cupcake Collection in Germantown
- Oil Painting
- Ruby Tuesday's- Gift Card
- Lunch for You and Two Friends Complements of Mrs. Nannemann
- Phil Ponder Art- Two Matted Prints and Four Boxes of Stationery
- British Tea and Biscuits Basket
- J. Alexanders - Dinner for Two and Two Carmike Movie Passes
- Tool Set
- Reclaimed Coffee Bag Purse "Rustic Buckets"
- TSB Goal ball Bag
- URU Thermal Tote
- Blake Shelton CD- signed
- Big and Rich CD- signed
- Picture of Blake Shelton- signed
- Gloriana- signed photo
- Jana Kramer- signed photo
- Three Jana Kramer Calendars
- Golf Passes- 4 Rounds of Golf
- Blue Mountain Coffee
- Parking Spot in Donelson- a Great Place to Park While Flying Out of Town
- Doubletree of Nashville- Overnight Stay
- Marriott in Memphis- Overnight Stay
- Paralympic Athletes Jacket
  (used in press conferences and when receiving awards)
- Predators Autographed Mini Stick by #12 Mike Fisher
- TPAC Tickets- to Flashdance
- Hanging with Hagar- (Hagar is Jay Stiteley’s sighted guide dog)
- $200 Gift Certificate for Maid Brigade