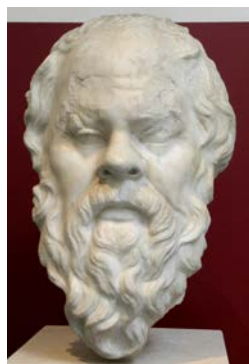


# Palmarium

The Classical Academy exists to assist parents in their mission to develop exemplary citizens equipped with analytical thinking skills, virtuous character, and a passion for learning, all built upon a solid foundation of knowledge.



## Thoughts on Education from Socrates and Plato:



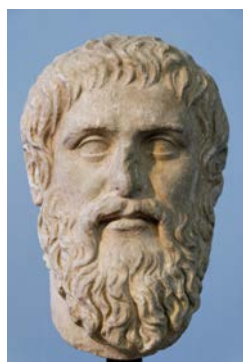
Socrates

“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.”

*Socrates*

“Employ your time improving yourself by other men’s writings so that you shall come easily by what others have labored hard for.”

*Socrates*



Plato

“Ignorance, the root and stem of every evil.”

*Plato*

“Do not train a child to learn by force or harshness; but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each.”

*Plato*

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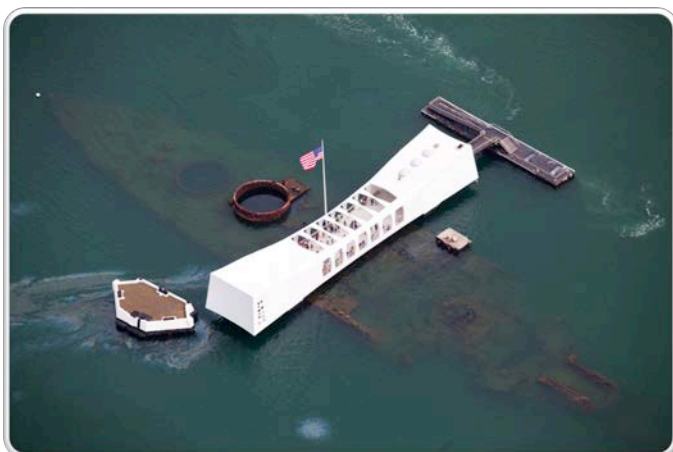
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## Pearl Harbor Survivor Shares with East Elementary

On Friday, January 24, students at East Elementary were able to listen to James Downing, a Pearl Harbor survivor assigned to the USS *West Virginia*, talk about his experiences on that fateful day. Mr. Downing turned 100 years old last August, and is the oldest survivor of the December 7, 1941 attack. After his remarks, Mr. Downing took questions from the student audience. The depth of the questions posed would make all at TCA proud. As a history teacher myself, I count this as one of those rare opportunities to be able to interact with those that have been involved in a critical juncture of our history. A hearty thanks goes out to Mr. Downing for taking the time to share with the students at TCA, and for Dr. Coulter, TCA's Executive Director, and Amy Nelson, our East Elementary Principal for arranging this special opportunity.



USS *Arizona* Memorial at Pearl Harbor

As I reflected on that day two statements from TCA's Core Values continually came to the forefront of my thoughts:

We value the fact that *freedom isn't free* and honor the sacrifices made by the men and women who serve or have served in the Armed Forces.

We value the wisdom and life experience of the senior citizens in our community.

by Wesley Jolly

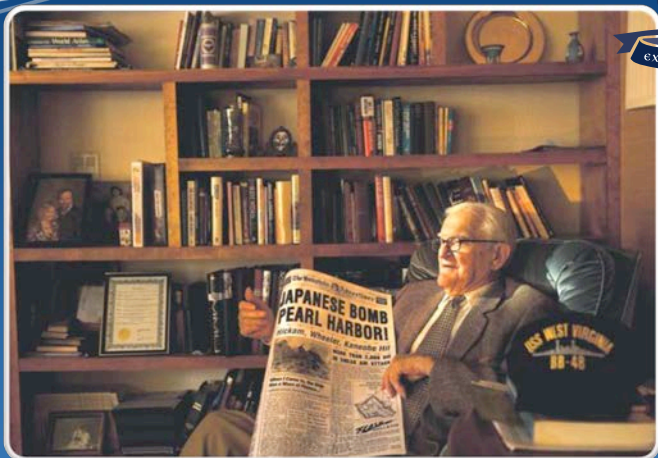


Photo of James Downing included with *The Denver Post* article from December 2013 (photo taken by Cyrus McCrimmon)

see article at:

[http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_24673595/pearl-harbor-survivor-100-shares-story-that-fateful](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_24673595/pearl-harbor-survivor-100-shares-story-that-fateful)



Dr. Coulter introduces James Downing

## "Subjects" an Excerpt from Dorothy Sayers' *The Lost Tools of Learning*

presented at Oxford in 1947



Dorothy Sayers

"But I am not here to consider the feelings of academic bodies: I am concerned only with the proper training of the mind to encounter and deal with the formidable mass of undigested problems presented to it by the modern world. For the tools of learning are the same, in any and every subject; and the person who knows how to use them will, at any age, get the mastery of a new subject in half the time and with a quarter of the effort expended by the person who has not the tools at his command. To learn six subjects without remembering how they were learnt does nothing to ease the approach to a seventh; to have learnt and remembered the art of learning makes the approach to every subject an open door (emphasis added)."

*Dorothy Sayers*

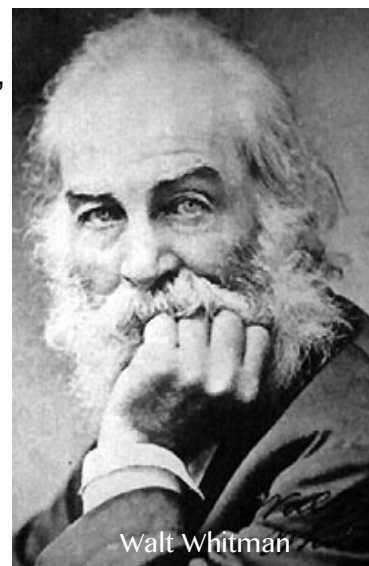
## "When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer" *a poem by Walt Whitman*

written in 1865, published in 1867



When I heard the learn'd astronomer,  
When the proofs, the figures, were ranged in columns before me,  
When I was shown the charts and the diagrams, to add, divide,  
and measure them,  
When I sitting heard the astronomer where he lectured with  
much applause in the lecture-room,  
How soon unaccountable I became tired and sick,  
Till rising and gliding out I wander'd off by myself,  
In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time,  
Look'd up in perfect silence at the stars.

*Walt Whitman*



Walt Whitman

## TCA COMMON CORE TOWN HALL

On Wednesday, February 19, TCA will be conducting a town hall meeting at the North campus in rooms 2213/2214 concerning the Common Core standards and the impact of implementation. The meeting is scheduled from 5:00-6:00 pm. Dr. Leland, *TCA Board Chairman*, Dr. Coulter, *TCA Executive Director*, and Wesley Jolly, *TCA Director of Academic Services*, will be available to provide an update and answer questions you may have regarding the Common Core and associated standardized testing. Details will be provided on the actions TCA has taken to this point and how we, as a community, can continue to remain involved in this important issue.

## New TCA President Selected by Board

At the February 10, 2014, TCA Board Meeting the board members unanimously approved Dr. Russ Sojourner as the next TCA President. Dr. Sojourner returns to TCA from his current position as the Director of Leadership Development at the Character Education Partnership based in Washington, D.C. Please congratulate and welcome Dr. Sojourner.



## THREE TCA STUDENTS RECEIVE MILITARY ACADEMY NOMINATIONS



Congressman Lamborn presents (from left to right) Ben Hook (USFA), Conner Wilburn (USFA), and Joe Lemmond (West Point) with their congressional nominations in early February.



# Upcoming DAS Meetings and Due Dates:

## ALT Meetings (11:00 am-12:30 pm):

- Feb 26: ALT Meeting - Blake's Office
- Mar 12: ALT Meeting - Blake's Office
- Apr 2: ALT Meeting - Blake's Office
- Apr 23: ALT Meeting - Blake's Office
- May 7: ALT Meeting - Blake's Office
- May 28: ALT Meeting - Blake's Office

## Due Dates and Upcoming Events:

- Feb 19: TCA Town Hall on Common Core (5:00-6:00 pm)
- Feb 20-21: Colorado League of Charter Schools Conf (DAS)
- Mar 5: Board Working Session - Strategic Plan
- Mar 10: TCA Board Meeting (6:00-10:00 pm)
- Mar 12: *Strategic Plan* - ALT input (led by ELT and SLT)
- Mar 14: 2014-15 Student Fee Changes Due (to Cheri Birkey)

Mar 24-28: *Spring Break for Staff*

- Apr 9: Board Working Session - Strategic Plan
- Apr 14: TCA Board Meeting (6:00-10:00 pm)
- Apr 23: ACT Testing (Juniors)

May 11: Mother's Day

- May 12: TCA Golf Tournament (Advancement)
- May 12: TCA Board Meeting (6:00-10:00 pm)
- May 14: Senior Breakfast
- May 23: TCA Graduation

May 26: Memorial Day

Jun 9: TCA Board Meeting (6:00-10:00 pm)

Aug 1-2: Annual TCA Board Retreat

*Please stay aware of the due dates listed on this page of the newsletter. It will help us make sure we are up-to-date on all upcoming requirements/suspenses. See compliance and accreditation specifics in the next column.*



## Compliance and Accreditation Corner

Check here for updates on compliance and accreditation items as we move through the year:

### SAC BUSINESS TO COMPLETE:

- SAC minutes to Cheri for Absolutes notebook
- SAC to approve bylaw changes

### ITEMS DUE IN FUTURE:

- **Site Plan Training with D20** in *Spring 2014* (coordinate with Cheri)
- **Final Contact Time** - Cheri will submit *April 30, 2014*
- **Update Site Plans with new D20 Format** - Cheri to complete by *April 30, 2014*
- **Updated Site Plans** due to Cheri by *May 28, 2014*
- **Absolutes Notebook** – Cheri will streamline process & gather appropriate information – due *May 31, 2014*

