

Pack 642 PG or PG-13 Movies:

The Ultimate Gift (2007) is rated PG for thematic elements, some violence and language.

The Ultimate Gift is the story of a young man of privilege (Jason) who must learn the true value of wealth after his grandfather passes away. Instead of inheriting his grandfather's money outright, Jason must earn his inheritance after completing a series of tasks; tasks which his grandfather fondly refers to as "gifts". The movie teaches important lessons about life, the value of hard work, and what it means to be a true friend and hero to someone else. This movie ties in nicely with our school's character education themes of empathy, respect, responsibility, integrity, caring, and charity. There will be a written assignment during the movie, where students will be asked to analyze the life lessons the main character learns from each gift and how he grows and develops throughout the movie.

A Wrinkle in Time (2018) is rated PG for thematic elements and some peril.

This novel is read in Language Arts class. A compare/contrast activity via Venn diagram along with a written summary will be completed after viewing the movie.

From www.commonsemmedia.org/movie-reviews/a-wrinkle-in-time

This "tween-friendly movie follows brilliant 13-year-old Meg Murry, her genius little brother, and her friend on an epic, perilous journey to find her long-missing father. They're guided on their dangerous voyage across time and space by three supernatural beings. The movie, which is remarkably diverse, promotes positive messages about trusting in your abilities, asking for help, and believing in the power of love. Courage, perseverance, and teamwork are also themes.

Hidden Figures (2017) is rated PG for thematic elements and some language.

Hidden Figures exemplifies Timberview's HOWLS Habits of Mind and is, of course, full of brilliant math connections as well as an introduction to STEM related occupations.

From www.commonsemmedia.org:

Hidden Figures is based on the inspiring true story of three brilliant African-American women who worked at NASA in the 1950s and '60s as "human computers" -- making calculations and contributions that helped launch the manned spaceflight program. ... [These women are] excellent role models, and their story is full of positive messages and themes, including integrity, perseverance, teamwork, and communication.

Akeelah and the Bee (2006): rated PG for mild language.

Akeelah and the Bee is about a young girl's journey to the National Scripps Spelling Bee. Akeelah has a natural gift for spelling, but is at first reluctant to participate in her school spelling bee for fear of what other kids may think of her. Ultimately, she connects with a college professor, who becomes her coach and mentor. Akeelah discovers that spelling words is a lot more than just rote memorization - she must truly understand the words in order to know how to spell them. Akeelah learns that if she understands a word's language of origin, in addition to understanding the word parts (prefixes, root words, and suffixes) she can learn almost any word. This is a great movie about perseverance, friendship, and courage.

Dear Parents of TMS Pack 642 Students,

Throughout the school year, the Pack 642 teachers will occasionally be showing movies to the students that relate to our academic curriculum and/or our character education program. These movies may have a rating of PG or PG-13. As per district guidelines, movies that have these ratings must have parent permission. We have included descriptions of three movies we plan to show this school year. Please decide if you will allow your child to watch these movies and return the permission slip by Friday, September 15th. Thank you in advance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Ms. Alexander for clarification.

Sincerely,

Pack 642 Teachers
Ms. Alexander, Mr. Moricle, Mrs. Peak, Dr. Spence

Student Name _____

I give permission for my student to view the following movie(s) with Pack 642. Please indicate your choice:

The Ultimate Gift (rated PG)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
A Wrinkle in Time (rated PG)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Hidden Figures (rated PG)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Akeelah and the Bee (rated PG)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Parent Signature _____

Date _____