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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a peaceful holiday break. We have had a great first half of the 2009-10 school year and we are looking forward to continuing this hard work and enthusiasm for the rest of the year. Thank you again for all of your support and please don't hesitate to give us a call if you have any questions or concerns.

Time to Teach

We have seen great results from our new behavior program, Time to Teach. Our overall number of major discipline issues is significantly lower compared to last year's numbers at this time. I credit this success to the hard work by students and teachers in implementing this new program. The support from parents has also been critical.

As you are aware, any student who receives three or more refocus forms in one week needs to attend our Expectation Class which is held the following Monday. We are adding a new piece to this system. If a student is required to attend the Expectation Class four times (starting from this point on) it will result in an automatic one day out-of-school suspension.

We want to make sure our students understand their classroom behavior has a direct impact on the teacher's ability to teach. For this reason, disruptive incidents cannot be tolerated.

DO THE RIGHT THING:



Nicole Anez, Alex Antonov, Yatzari Camacho, Tyler Coder, Caden Dickson, Bryce Dull, Jaden Flicker, Emily Gonzales, Erica Gonzalez, Jesus Hernandez, Brooklyn Hinrichs, Kennedy Hjelte, Taylor Hylands, Megan Kindle, Hudson Knakal, Kelsie Lokteff, Peter Mark, Nazarin Mendoza, Brayden Michael, Anna Olson, Annie Pegis, Katie Reynolds, Zulema Romero, Teren Rotmark, Alexandra Ruiz, Nick Sarka, Sophia Sienkiewicz, Austin Stewart, Max Test. Felipe Valdovinos-Rodriguez, Yasmine Wahed, Christopher Young

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Jan. 11	2:45pm: Site Council
Jan. 13	IDEL Testing
Jan. 15	DIBELS
Jan. 18	NO SCHOOL: MLK Jr. Day
Jan. 21	5:30-7:45pm: Family Literacy Night: "Read Around The World"
Jan. 25	2:45pm: Site Council 7pm: PTA Night 7pm: Art Literacy Meeting
Jan 26	First Day of After School Clubs
Jan. 28	Home Court Celebration (Compassion/Kindness)
Jan. 29	Spirit Day

ATTENDANCE HOT LINE:



If your student is going to be absent from school for any reason, please call our attendance hot line and leave a voicemail message. Please do not call the teachers' voicemail number with this information. Thank You!!
503-431-4220.

AUCTION PARKING SPOT:

We have a parking spot with a reserved sign on it for one of our families This is a paid parking spot from our annual Auction. **PLEASE** do not park here, as it becomes frustrating for this family to not have a spot when they come to the school. If you are interested in this spot, please attend the Auction and bid on this item. The Auction this school year will be Saturday, May 8, 2010.

SCHOOL HOURS:

Class officially begins at 8:20am and classrooms open at 8:10am. The students should be in their seats and ready to learn at 8:20am. **The school day ends at 2:20pm for grades K-2 and 2:25pm for grades 3-5.**

BRIDGEPORT AUCTION:

When: Saturday, May 15, 2010
Where: Crowne Plaza in Lake Oswego
Why: To raise \$35k for a mobile laptop computer lab

The committee is already gearing up for another great event. The theme this year is "Tailgating for Technology." Attendees can show their school spirit by dressing in their favorite team's colors and show spirit for Bridgeport by raising money for our incredible school. This is always a fun night and a great way to meet other parents in your school community so don't miss out!

FOOD SERVICE UPDATE:

TTSD families recently received a letter about the new Meal Time Pay Online program. Please be advised the new program charges you 4.9% of the dollar amount you deposit into your student's lunch account. The deposits need to be done 24 hours in advance, as they are downloaded into our school computer system twice a day.

We still have a few students bringing 50 cents for milk. Please remember, milk increased to 60 cents at the beginning of the school year.

INTERESTED IN SKIING OR SNOW BOARDING?

Join the Tigard-Tualatin Snoblasters Ski Bus for fun and fitness on the slopes of Mt. Hood Meadows! The day consists of a round-trip on a teacher/parent-chaperoned motor coach-style bus and 4 hours of lessons with Mt. Hood Meadows instructors with a lunch break in the middle. All skill levels are welcome. Teachers and parents from the community have been organizing and chaperoning the ski bus since 1995. The four fun-filled Sundays are happening this February! Sign up early for the lowest cost. For more information, or to sign up, please call 503-771-2499 (Dan or Lisa), email ltilney@hotmail.com or go to www.beonthebus.net.

LEGO CLUB:

Congratulations to this year's Lego Robotics team--The Nerd Herd. They finished 4th in the qualifying tournament in December and will be going to the FLL Championship tournament on Jan 16th at Liberty High in Hillsboro.

The tournament and the entire FLL program is run by volunteers. If you would like see what the kids learn and do within this great program, consider volunteering at the tournament Jan 16 and 17 at Liberty High in Hillsboro. Our team competes on the 16th and I will be volunteering on the 17th.

LEGO CLUB, continued:

FLL Championship Volunteers (note from ORTOP)

We need volunteers for the championship! Calling all neighbors, friends, teachers, parents of next year's team: would you like to give a few hours of your time on tournament days? We need lots of day-of-the-event volunteers; door queuers, registration people, security posts, and practice table monitors. High school students – 99 years old are encouraged to volunteers. Please visit volunteer.ortop.org/reg_lgstc_ct.php#RegFrm to sign up. People who are closely associated with your team cannot be referees, judges, or scorekeepers, but they can be day-of-event volunteers. We only have 25% of the needed volunteers signed up at this time.

P.E. NEWS:

SPEEDSTACKS SCHOOL GROUP ORDER

Bridgeport students have been having fun incorporating Speedstacks cup stacking activities into the P.E. curriculum. Many families have asked where they can purchase the Speedstacks to have at home.

Students soon will have the opportunity to order their own cups through a school group order with Mrs. Pretty-Boulton. If you are interested in learning more about Speedstacks and the benefits to our students, please go to www.speedstacks.com and click on the parent tab. Order forms will be made available during P.E. classes in the next week or so and must be returned to Mrs. Pretty-Boulton by Feb. 4. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pretty-Boulton at: jprettyboulton@ttsd.k12.or.us or 503-431-4215.

This is a CHOICE which is being made available to Bridgeport families. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Pretty-Boulton at: jprettyboulton@ttsd.k12.or.us or 503-431-4215.

TUALATIN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:

GREASE...a family style musical production suitable for all ages

WHEN: Feb. 5-6, 12-13 at 7:30pm
Feb. 14 at 2pm
WHERE: Tualatin High School Auditorium
COST: Adults and children 12 and older - \$10, Senior Citizens - \$8, Children under 12 - \$8, TuHS students w/ASB card - \$8
Tickets may be purchased in advance. Contact Tualatin HS at 503-431-5613.

