



Charles F. Tigard Wildcat Chat



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Greetings from CFT,

It has been great this year to see dads coming to our Parent Support Organization (PSO) meetings. Research by the National Center for Education Statistics indicates that a father's involvement in school "exerts a distinct and independent influence on a child's success in school."

What, then, are the benefits of father involvement? When fathers are involved in school, their children:

1. Learn more.
2. Perform better in school.
3. Exhibit healthier behavior.
4. Have fewer discipline problems.
5. Are more likely to participate in extracurricular activities.
6. Enjoy school more.

Some other characteristics that father involvement models for their child is the importance of education, strong relationships with teachers and good communication with the school personnel in general. All of these are important characteristics to model.

It is also important to note that getting started with our PSO involves only one meeting a month and our meetings range most of the time from one to two hours. Childcare is also provided for the meetings.

If this all sounds good to you dads, our PSO meetings are the first Tuesday of every month in our library at 7:00pm. Showing up doesn't commit you to anything, but my guess is that any dads that make the effort to be there will find all kinds of fun possibilities for getting more involved.

CFT has a strong contingency of fathers already involved in our schools. You would be joining a great team!

Art in the Burbs

Where: Alberta Rider Elementary

When: Oct. 24, 6-9pm

Oct. 25, 10am-5pm

Oct. 26, 11am-5pm

Fine Art Exhibit & Sale

Pottery, Woodwork, Jewelry, Fused Glass, Fiber Arts,
Watercolors, Photography, Outdoor Art, and More!

20% of the proceeds will go to support the arts in Tigard-Tualatin Schools.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 24	Harvest Fest, 6:30pm
Oct. 29	Kindergarten Field Trip: Pumpkin Patch
Nov. 2	Daylight Savings Ends
Nov. 4	PSO Meeting, 7:00pm
Nov. 10	NO SCHOOL: Teacher Training Day
Nov. 11	NO SCHOOL: Holiday
Dec. 5	PSO Holiday Sing-A-Long, 6:30pm
Dec. 6	PSO Barnes & Noble Fund raiser – ALL DAY

PE and Health News



Safety in P.E.....Appropriate Apparel: To ensure a safe environment for learning, students need to wear clothing conducive to movement. Please remind girls to wear shorts under their dresses in physical education class. Also, have your child wear tennis shoes that cover the feet entirely, on their scheduled P.E. days. Sneakers or tennis shoes with laces or Velcro are acceptable, as long as the entire foot is covered for protection. Slip-on-athletic shoes with no heel backs are not safe. Cleats, boots, sandals, crocs, & flip flops are not appropriate.

Limited Participation.....Department Policy: Please bring a note if there are any physical conditions that would limit your child's activity in class. If your child is not able to participate for an entire week (2 days of PE) he/she must have a doctor's note.

Want to help your kids succeed academically?

Start off their day with a school breakfast! Research shows that "children who attend school hungry often have diminished attention spans and are unable to perform tasks as well as their nourished peers. In these cases, the full value of the education provided is lost." On the other hand, school breakfast participation has been shown to improve standardized test scores, make kids more alert in class, and improve classroom behavior. Make sure your kids start the school day with a delicious, nutritious meal; you'll see the results in their report cards!



Families: If your family lives in any of the following situations:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- On the street
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing.

Then, your preschool-aged and school-aged children have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act. If this is the case, please contact Dianne Wilson, Counselor at CFT. Phone number is: (503) 431-4409.

HOJA INFORMATIVA

el 24 de octubre del 2008

¡Saludos desde C.F.T.!

De la consejera: Si Usted no tiene dónde vivir, si vive en un lugar no adecuado o si está viviendo por lo pronto con parientes, sus hijos de edad escolar tienen ciertos derechos y protecciones. Favor de llamar a la Sra. Wilson al (503) 431 – 44 – 09.

Del gimnasio: Para la clase de educación física se requiere que las niñas usen un pantalón debajo de los vestidos o faldas. Además todos los estudiantes tienen que llevar zapatos tennis COMPLETAMENTE cerrados y con cintos o velcro.



Si su hijo(a) no debe participar en la clase, favor de mandar una nota.

Si quiere que sus hijos tengan éxito en los estudios, duérmalos temprano y asegure que tomen un buen desayuno.

Cuando llame a la escuela favor de dejar-

Su nombre,

El nombre de su hijo(a), y

Su número de teléfono.

Así le podemos regresar la llamada más pronto.



MARQUEN EL CALENDARIO

24.10 – Festival de la Cosecha a las 6:30 de la tarde

29.10 – Paseo de Kinder a recoger calabazas.

2.11 – Cambio de hora; el reloj se mueve para atrás una hora

4.11 - Reunión, Organización de los Padres de Familia a las 7:00 de la tarde

10.11 – **NO HAY ESCUELA,**
Entrenamiento para los maestros

11.11 – **NO HAY ESCUELA,** Día del Veterano

5.12 – Canto navideño a las 6:30 de la tarde

6.12 – Día de C.F.T. en la librería Barnes & Noble, todo el día