



**Charles F. Tigard**  
**Wildcat**  
**Chat**



12855 SW Grant Avenue, Tigard, OR 97223  
 Welcome back to CFT everybody,

(503) 431-4400  
 Dates to Remember

Kirk Sherrill, Principal  
 September 12, 2008

We are off to a fantastic start! Thank you for putting up with the construction on our campus. I know that occasionally it is a real hardship for our parents with limited parking and traffic flow. The good news is that the construction will be complete some time in February. The Broadway Rose will be leasing the facility, but we will have access to the parking lot during the day for overflow parking. We will also have access to the facility and lot for most evening events that don't conflict with the Broadway Rose scheduled events. Our district will also use the facility for district-wide meetings that occur during the day and some evenings. It is all very exciting!

For all new parents, please make sure you drop-off and pick-up your child in the parking lot to your immediate right upon entering our campus. This is the "parent drop-off" lot. The other lot is primarily for staff and if you enter that lot you will be competing with buses and foot traffic.

Finally, please remember that teachers aren't ready to receive parents and students in their rooms until 15 minutes prior to the instructional day starting. Therefore we will need to stop you from going into the classroom hallways until 8:05 every morning. The teachers really do need those early minutes from 7:50-8:05 to prepare their rooms and get ready for the students. Further, if you drop off your child at the school prior to 7:50, there is no supervision available for them. It is just too dangerous to drop them off prior to supervision being available.

Thanks so much for helping us keep students safe in and outside of our school. If we all work together, we will have another accident free year.

Kirk Sherrill  
 Principal

- 9/16 Back to School Night, Kinder-2nd Grade – 6:30pm
- 9/17 Back to School Night, 3rd-5th - 6:30pm
- 9/26 PSO Ice Cream Social – 6:30pm
- 10/3 Jog-A-Thon
- 10/7 PSO Meeting
- 10/14 Picture Day
- 10/24 Harvest Fest - 6:30

**JOG-A-THON**

Mark your calendars for October 3, for our annual Jog-A-Thon fund raiser. This year kids will run on our new PSO funded running track. If you are interested in volunteering to help the day of our event, please contact Julie Smith at [Smith.Julie@verizon.net](mailto:Smith.Julie@verizon.net).

**Free & Reduced Price Breakfast & Lunch**

An application for Free and Reduced Meals must be filled out in order for your child to receive these benefits for the 2008-2009 school year. We have applications in the office.

**CFT's On line Calendar**

CFT has an on line calendar with all of our events on it. Check it out at [TTSD.K12.or.us](http://TTSD.K12.or.us).

**ATTENDANCE LINE**

Please call our attendance line at 503-431-4405 if your child is going to be absent or tardy. Your call to us saves us a call to you. Thank you.

**Lost and Found**

CFT's lost and found is located in the cafeteria next to the stage. Please mark your child's lunch box, coat, or any personal items with their name, that way it will be easier to return it to them.

Music notes from Mrs. Kravitz::

What a great start to the 2008-2009 year. We will be starting Holiday Choir on September 30th with our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders. The 4th and 5th graders will be starting on October 2nd. We will meet in the music room from 2:30 to 3:15. If your child is interested in participating, please have them pick up a permission slip in the music room.

The 4th and 5th grade will be playing the recorder beginning the week of September 15th . If you need to buy a recorder, I do have a few left for sale. The cost is \$6.00. Make checks payable to CFT; cash is also accepted.

The 3rd grade will be performing a musical called "The Unity Tree" on November 20th. There will be a dress rehearsal during school and a night performance for parents at 6:30pm. Third grade will start playing recorders after their performance in November. Please wait to purchase your recorder.

At the beginning of November I will be sending an order form for 3rd graders to purchase a recorder. If you have any questions, please call or email Mrs. Kravitz: 503-431-4357 or contact me at [dkravitz@ttsd.k12.or.us](mailto:dkravitz@ttsd.k12.or.us).

At Charles F. Tigard we value your child's attendance not only at school, but at our music performances as well. The kids work hard to prepare for the evening performances and the performance is the end result of their classroom work.

Attendance of these after school activities isn't always possible; this is understandable. We encourage all CFT students to be responsible students, and for this reason we ask that they bring a note from home explaining their absence. In both sports and music, practice leads to a performance that involves other members of the team, choir, orchestra or band, and we want the children to learn the importance of communication when missing events that will affect the final outcome for others.

Diana Kravitz  
Music Instructor

News from the Lunch Room

Welcome back! This is your lunch lady Mrs. Carolyn. I was so happy to see your hungry faces. I just have a few reminders to tell you about. Lunch fee has gone up to \$2.40 and breakfast is up to \$1.50. Please be sure to turn in lunch money to your teachers or the cafeteria before lunch time. Place it in an envelope or sandwich baggie with your first and last name and include your student ID number if you know it. If you were on our free or reduced lunch program last year, your benefits will continue until October 2008. If you would like to continue to receive benefits or think you now qualify for this program you need to turn in a new 2008/2009 application as soon as possible. Applications can be found in the main office or in the cafeteria. If you have already turned in an application and have questions about it please call Cathy Clark @ the administration office: 503-431-4063.

If your child comes home with a red dot on their hand it is time to add money to their lunch account. Thanks.

Carolyn Ericksen  
CFT Lead Cook  
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