

the Wildcat Chat

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NOTE these upcoming dates:

- Wed., Jan. 11: Dining night out at Baja Fresh & Cold Stone Creamery! (see flyer)
- Mon., Jan. 16: No school (Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Holiday)
- Fri., Jan. 20: PSO meeting 12:45
- Fri., Jan. 20: CFT Health Screening
- Thurs., Feb. 2: End of school quarter
- Fri., Feb. 3: No School (Workday)
- Mon., Feb. 6 thru
- Fri., Feb. 13: OAKS Testing (Gr. 3, 4, 5)
- Fri., Feb. 10: Valentine Bingo!
- Mon., Feb. 20: No School (Presidents' Day Holiday)
- Thurs. Mar. 15: No School (training)
- Fri., Mar. 16: No School (Conferences)
- Mon., Mar. 26 thru
- Fri., Mar. 30: No School (Spring Break)

* TTSD entire year calendar can be found at www.ttsd.k12.or.us, News, Calendars, 2011-12 School Calendar.

* Information for The Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools can be found at www.foundationforsmarkids.org.

Order your CFT Recorder!!!
See attached flyer.

Fliers attached:

- Baroque Recorder information & order form
- Baja Fresh & Cold Stone Creamery 1/11 Fundraiser (2)
- Drawing & Cartooning Art Class
- ArtWaves Sculpture Class
- Workshop Series, "Strengthening Families"

A message from our Principal, Mrs. Hennelly.....

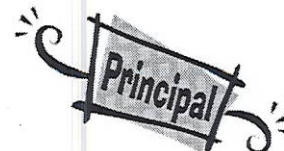
Happy New Year and Welcome Back! I can't believe how fast this year is going and that we are beginning 2012 already. It has been a great start to the year, and I am so enjoying working with everyone at CFT!

As we move into the new year, one of our focuses will be on the Oregon State Testing. In Oregon all students in grades 3 through 8 must take the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) tests in the areas of Reading and Math. Students in grades 5 and 8 must also take Science. Students may have up to three opportunities per year to pass these tests. For the purposes of measuring your student's growth and the effectiveness of the school's program, your child may be asked to take the test again at a later date, even if they have previously passed. If you would like to exempt your student from taking further assessments after having demonstrated proficiency, please contact the school's office.

Third, Fourth, and Fifth graders will be starting our first round of the OAKS assessments in February. Watch for the testing detailed schedule in the next newsletter.

As a reminder, we have a couple of volunteer opportunities at CFT for interested adults. We are looking for help during our lunch periods in Café Charles. We also could use some indoor recess help in the library on Mondays and Fridays. And one more new position...we are going to start using students to help with bus patrol in the mornings and we need an adult to be the coordinator. Please let one of us in the office know if you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions.

Wanda Hennelly



Interested in skiing or snowboarding?

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 contact Lisa Helm at 503-781-5272 or email ltilney@hotmail.com.



School Closure Information

The most current school closure information will be found on the TTSD website. You may also sign up for the Flash Alert, which will contact you via e-mail or text message with any changes to school schedules. You are encouraged to use that system – it is easy, convenient and it works! www.ttsd.k12.or.us, then go to Emergency Closure Information on the top, right.

Chess Tournament Reminder

The Metzger Winter Classic is back! January 7, 2012 Metzger Elementary will host the 2nd Annual Chess Tournament. The tournament fee will be \$10 for Metzger Chess Club members. This year I would like to donate a percentage of the proceeds to Doernbecher Hospital in Portland. All ages are welcome and volunteers will be needed! For information please contact me at 503.431.4614 or jrisher@ttsd.k12.or.us. You can also find more information and register at www.oscf.org.

TIGARD YOUTH TRACK INFO MEETING

Is your athlete interested in track this spring? Come to an Information Meeting for Tigard Youth Track Club this coming Sunday, Jan 8th, 3pm in the Tigard High School Commons. Our philosophy, practice schedule and meet schedule will be discussed. Apparel for sizing will be available.

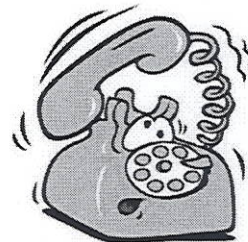
NO REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON JAN. 15th.

Questions? Email tigardyouthtrackclub@mac.com.
Web: http://web.me.com/tigardyouthtrackclub/TYT_2011/Tigard_Youth_Track_2011.html

Reminder!!!

If your child is going to be late to school, or is sick and won't be attending school please call our Attendance Hot Line and leaving a message any time of the day or night. It is appreciated if you could please spell your child's name, and if you could please provide the teacher's name. Thank you!



CFT Attendance Hot Line: 503-431-4405 (24 hours)

Would you like to submit a piece for our newsletter? Please contact Brenda Anderton at 503-431-4400, or at banderton@ttsd.k12.or.us. Deadline is noon on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays.