

the Wildcat Chat

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NOTE these upcoming dates:

- Fri., Jan. 20: PSO meeting 12:45
Fri., Jan. 20: CFT Health Screening
Thurs., Jan. 26: 1st Grade Informance 5:00 pm
5:30 & 5:50 pm (see information article)
Fri., Jan. 27: Prison Ball Night at CFT, 5-8 pm (3-5th graders only)
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. 15: Valentine Bingo!
Mon., Feb. 20: No School (Presidents' Day Holiday)
Thurs., Feb. 23: 2nd Grade Music Performance, "Recycling" 6:30 pm CFT Cafeteria
Thurs. Mar. 15: No School (training)
Fri., Mar. 16: No School (Conferences)
Thurs., Mar. 22: 4th Grade Music Performance, "Native America" 6:30 pm CFT Cafeteria
Mon., Mar. 26 thru
Fri., Mar. 30: No School (Spring Break)

Remember Scrip orders are due every Monday. Just drop them off in the office in the PSO box on Mrs. Anderton's desk!

* 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.foundationforsmartkids.org.

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

It has been brought to my attention that some of our students are using their Facebook page, and their friends' pages, to bully and harass other children. While this is happening away from school, it is concerning because it is affecting our students and the learning environment.

I would like to ask your assistance while we investigate these concerns further. If your student has a Facebook page, please monitor their page and photos often. If there is any bullying from a CFT student, please print it off and bring it to me. If your child has shared their password with anyone, have them change it immediately...they will be held accountable for anything that comes from their page. Please discuss the Student Rights and Responsibilities from our district handbook (see below) around harassment/bullying with your children.

If you have a fourth or fifth grade student, please watch for more information to come home shortly. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe.

Wanda Hennelly

Students have the RIGHT:

- To attend school in a safe environment free of hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing or any threat to personal safety.
- To attend a school that is free of fighting or physical violence.

Students have the RESPONSIBILITY:

- To respect the rights of others.
- To seek the help of authority when they have knowledge of a wrongful act, harassment or a potentially unsafe situation.
- To seek help if needed to resolve personal disputes in a peaceful, responsible manner.
- To seek safe, peaceful alternatives to fighting and physical violence in settling all disputes.

HARASSMENT

Students and adults are entitled to an environment without harassment or menacing. Harassment includes intentionally annoying another either verbally, written, (on paper or electronically), or by physical contact. Menacing includes attempting to place another person in fear of serious injury.

Flyer attached:

- Prison Ball Night at CFT
- SCRIP order form

PAW Winners for Fri., 1/6:

- Isabel in Mrs. Nichols Class
- Bob on Bus 12
- Hewitt in Mr. Arrietta-Waldon's class
- Lily in Mrs. Reed's class
- Daily on Bus 12
- Cyrus on Bus 81

Congratulations to these kiddos - job well done! Be sure to do the right throughout your day and turn your PAWS in to the office for your chance to have your name drawn for a special prize!



Did you know?

There is third grade homework club every Tuesday in Mr. Arieta-Walden's classroom, Room 213. It is from 2:30 to 3:30, and parents are supposed to pick up kids in the lobby promptly afterward. Kids have to have turned in signed permission slips from their parents to participate.

First grade Informance:

Please join us on Thursday, January 26th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, except for Claussen's class which will be at 5:50-6:50. Our first graders will be escorting parents through a fun day of Music and PE. They will be showing parents what a typical day is like in Specials. Parents will also see what students have learned in Media. Please come dressed for participation. Starting at 5:30 pm classes will move from class to class as listed below.

5:30:

- Ms. Mangels PE
- Mrs. Merlino: Music
- Mrs. Reid: Computers

5:50

- Claussen PE

NOTE!! Remember Oregon State OAKS testing is the week of February 6-10. Be certain to have your child come to school well-rested, and with a good breakfast in their tummy each morning. It is ok to send a snack to school with them those days, keeping in mind it needs to be healthy and nourishing. .

**Strengthening Families
Tigard-Tualatin School District
Parents and Youth Ages 10-14**

Improve family relationships, parenting skill and youth social and life skills.

When : Feb. 2 – Mar. 22
Thursdays 6 – 8 pm.

Where: Twality Middle School
14650 SW 97th Ave. Tigard, OR. 97224

To Register: Call the Family Resource Center at
503- 603-1585

Parents learn to:

- Talk to your teen
- Improve problem solving
- Help your teen follow directions
- Set clear limits
- Use positive discipline
- Support healthy behaviors

Teens learn to:

- Manage stress
- Solve problems
- Better understand feelings
- Deal with peer pressure
- Communicate effectively

Dinner is provided. Childcare is also provided. Gift card incentives for families completing the 7-week session.

How do you know if the schools are closed? 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. All of the television and radio stations will also provide that information.

The Foundation for Tigard-Tualatin Schools has a new website address – <http://www.the-fts.org/>

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The Foundation has partnered with Sharing Spree to help raise funds for our schools. They extend LARGE savings on products and services PLUS they donate at least 5% of their sales to The Foundation. Check it out!!

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Lost & found:

Have you lost a set of keys in the past few months? If so come to the CFT office to identify the set we've found.

Tigard-Tualatin School District Parent TAG

Meeting:

The Tigard-Tualatin School District has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 31 between 6 and 7:30 pm to hear parent comments on proposed revisions to the district's TAG plan. The meeting will be held in the Commons at Fowler Middle School, 10865 SW Walnut St. in Tigard. It is open to all interested parents.



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.