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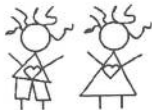
From the Principal's Office:

We had a very successful Back-to-School Night, and I enjoyed meeting many of you during that evening. I enjoyed sharing some important information and the latest draft version of the Black Bear logo. I also have appreciated the feedback that has been shared to help us improve this event for next year. Together we have successfully completed our first three weeks of school. Teachers and students are well into their regular routines now with reading groups, math lessons, new science curriculum and continual teaching of school and classroom expectations. Please continue to read for information about absences, tardies, TEAF after-school programs and Google Apps for Education.

ABSENCES: Please call our attendance line if your child is going to be absent or tardy (503.431.4770). If your child has an unexcused absence you will receive an automated phone call at 9:30 a.m. letting you know that your child is not at school. You simply need to acknowledge the call by responding to the directions given in the message. The system will continue calling all of the phone numbers listed for you or your family until someone confirms that the call was received. The automated calling system helps us communicate with families to ensure your child's safety.

TARDY NOTICES: Please remember that classroom instruction starts at 8:20 a.m. each day. One of our school's goals is that we maximize classroom instructional time. When your child is on time, **everyone wins** – your child is settled in for the day and ready to learn, teachers may teach without interruptions and lessons can begin promptly. Thank you in advance for helping your child arrive **on time every day**.

TEAF: Tualatin Elementary Arts Foundation after-school arts and enrichment programs are excellent examples of people coming together to provide enrichment classes for **ALL** Tualatin Elementary students. When this program was started 11 years ago, the dream was to offer experiences to students that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in. TEAF classes remain affordable to all students and meet the needs of many children. TEAF has been entirely funded through grants and donations from both public and private agencies that share our dream. Approximately 350 students participated in at least one class last year. If you are able to make a donation to keep our program going please contact Lois Haag at 503-431-4804 or lhaag@ttsd.k12.or.us. We look forward to recognizing all of our donors throughout the school year. Please consider helping us to help all of our children with this unique and very worthwhile program. All donations are completely tax deductible and directly support these additional learning opportunities at Tualatin Elementary. Thank you for your continued support!



Google Apps for Education: Beginning this school year, Tigard-Tualatin School District is allowing students in grades 3-12 to use Google Apps for Education for classroom work. **Google Apps for Education** is free, flexible, highly secure and provides a lot of

efficiencies to the school(s) and classrooms. In order for students to use Google Apps for Education, parent permission is required.

By completing the Google App permission form online, you are sending your permission directly to Tigard-Tualatin School District staff. Questions like grade and birthdates are received **ONLY** by Tigard-Tualatin School District staff and will be used to match your child's name with your student in our record keeping system. This information is not being sent to Google, we are only using the flexible, secure Google "form" app to efficiently collect this information for the school and district.

Google provides teachers a framework for embedding technology standards within the core subject areas. By filling out the Google App permission form, your child will be able to participate in classroom activities that teach the following skills: **communication and collaboration, demonstrate creativity and innovation and use technology effectively and productively**.

We will be collecting Google parent permission throughout the school year. Students can log into Google accounts to show their parents throughout the month of September, as a demonstration period.

TTSD Google FAQ site:

<https://sites.google.com/a/ttsd.k12.or.us/technology-for-parents/home/google-apps-faq>

- *Google's Google Apps for Education:*
<http://www.google.com/apps/intl/en/edu/k12.html>
- *National Educational Technology Standards for Students:*
<http://www.iste.org/standards/nets-for-students/nets-student-standards-2007.aspx>

The link to the **Google Parent Permission form** can be found here: <http://www.ttsd.k12.or.us/google> and on all of our Tigard-Tualatin School District school websites.

One last thing – Parents, if you wait for your children in the rotunda after school, would you please stand as close to the bleacher seating as possible? This is a very busy hub when school is dismissed, and this will help the traffic flow easier. Thank you.

-Mr. Jamie Kingery

~ Messages from the Office ~

- 1) To minimize classroom interruptions, please make sure your child knows how they are getting home before they come to school. Thank you for your assistance.
- 2) **PLEASE** remember to call our 24 hour attendance line (503.431.4770) when you know your child is going to be tardy or absent. That way information will be recorded and an automated call will not be generated.

Teacher Qualifications

Our school receives federal funds for Title I programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Throughout the school year, we will continue to provide you with important information about this law and your child's education. You have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the school will provide you with the following as soon as possible:

- a) If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction.
- b) If state licensing requirements have been waived for the teacher on a temporary basis.
- c) The type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degree or certificate.
- d) If your child is receiving Title I services from paraprofessionals and, if so, his/her qualifications.

If you would like to request this information, please contact the office.



**PICTURE DAY COMING!
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4th**

Free and Reduced Lunches

Your child might qualify for free or reduced price lunch and breakfast. Please fill out a confidential form in the office. It is important to count the number of students who qualify, to ensure that our school and community get the resources we need. Also, **families must re-apply for free or reduced priced meals every year.** If your child was approved for the school year 2010-2011, this application is only good until October 1, 2011. Families must re-apply if they want their children to continue to receive benefits. Applications can be picked up in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Clark (503.431.4103) in the Food Service Office.

Reminder of Meal Prices

Breakfast	\$1.55
Reduced	Free
Lunch	\$2.55
Reduced	\$.40
Milk	\$.55



Cool News from the Literacy Center

Calling all volunteers! Our math and reading interventions programs are looking for people who are willing to help give students extra practice in a one-to-one setting. For our math interventions, we use an individualized program called Carnine to help students increase fluency and confidence with their math facts. Carnine introduces only four new facts per session, and does not require any detailed instruction on the part of volunteers. Ideally, we would like to see our Carnine groups receive at least two sessions per week. For our reading interventions, we use a one-on-one reading fluency program called Read Naturally. Ideally, we would like to see our Read Naturally groups receive one to two sessions per week. Volunteers need not be "experts" in math or reading to help with our programs; we will provide the training necessary to work with our students!

If you are willing to volunteer 30-60 minutes of your time each week and would be willing to come in for a short "training" and informational meeting, please contact Caitlyn Tucker at 503-431-4794 or ctucker1@ttsd.k12.or.us. We are looking to get started with these intervention programs in the next few weeks. We have several groups that need a volunteer. Our students and staff appreciate your support & we look forward to working with you!

MORE Literacy Center News!

All students recently participated in fall DIBELS. DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy and is screening measure designed to help us identify students who would benefit from additional reading supports provided by the Literacy Center (often call "intervention"). DIBELS is done in the fall, winter, and spring for all students and traditionally parents receive a letter from their child's teacher after each testing period indicating how he/she did on the assessment. This year, however, those letters will be delayed in coming as the district has adopted a new DIBELS assessment called DIBELS Next. We are currently revising our parent informational letters to reflect the new assessment as it contains some new and different scores. In the meantime, if you would like to know how your child's scored on DIBELS Next for this fall, feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher. If you have questions about the new assessment, feel free to contact our Literacy Specialist – Christy Shaver at 503.431.4794 or cshaver@ttsd.k12.or.us.

Paper Telegraph!

If you would like to receive PAPER copies of the Telegraph instead of via email, please call the school office at 503.431.4800.

Garden Work Party

Our next garden work party will be THIS Sunday, October 2nd, 1:00-4:00 p.m. We will be rebuilding our compost bin, among other things. Hope many can join us!!



Tualatin Elementary Sustainable Garden

Activities & Events

- 10/2 Garden Work Party, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- 10/4 Fall Picture Day
PTA Meeting in library, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 10/5 PaLa Meeting in library, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 10/7 Fun Run (see details below) 8:35 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
- 10/21-23 Art in the Burbs

BEAR FUN RUN!!

BEAR FUN RUN IS COMING UP ON OCTOBER 7th!! The Fun Run is our MAJOR fundraiser for the fall. Fun Run envelopes were sent home with students on 9/23 and are due by 10/7. Envelopes can be turned in at the Fun Run table in the rotunda each morning between 7:45 -8:20 a.m. Ribbons for the Teacher Race will be on sale before school each morning Sept. 26th – October 7th in the rotunda. Ribbons are 5 for \$1 or \$.25 cents each. Pick your favorite to win the race! Will it be Goldilocks (Mr. Hill) or the Black Bear (Mr. Kingery)?

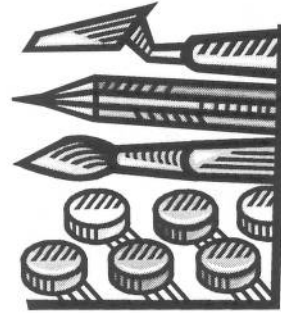
Schedule for the day:

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| 8:35-8:50 | Mr. Kingery vs. Mr. Hill |
| 9:00-9:25 | Kindergarten |
| 9:30-9:55 | 5 th grade |
| 10:30-10:55 | 1 st grade |
| 11:30-11:55 | 2 nd grade + Mrs. Heath's class |
| 12:30-12:55 | 4 th grade |
| 1:00-1:25 | 3 rd grade |
| 1:30-1:45 | Clean up |



Scrip is Here!

What is Scrip? Scrip is a fundraiser that takes advantage of everyday shopping without any extra cost to you. It is gift cards and gift certificates you purchase from the Scrip order form to use for your weekly shopping needs: groceries, dining out, entertainment, home improvement, etc. We receive 2%- 43% back from the retailer for our school, no extra cost to you. The next order is Monday, October 3rd. Orders are due by 2:30 p.m. in the office on Monday, and you will receive your order back Thursday afternoon. Feel free to contact Angela with any questions: angelatylar7@yahoo.com



Art in the BURBS

~ October 21-23 ~

It's that time of year again! The Foundation's Art in the Burbs Art Show and Sale is October 21-23 at Alberta Rider. It gives us great pleasure to donate 20% of the artist's proceeds to fund the Arts and Music in all 15 Tigard Tualatin Schools. You can find more info at www.artintheburbs.org. Details:

Friday, October 21, 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 22, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 23, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

City of Tualatin Upcoming Activities (Call 503.692.2000 for more info)

- 10/3-12/14 – "Art is Cool" classes at the Van Raden Center
- 10/5 – International Walk + Bike to School Day
- 10/22 – 8th Annual Giant Pumpkin Regatta, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Tualatin Commons
- 10/21, 22, 29, 30 – Tualatin Youth Advisory Council Haunted House, 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Van Raden Community Center



Tualatin Elementary Academic Agreement 2011-2012

Student Responsibilities

I will...

1. Complete my grade level homework nightly (approx. +10 min. per grade level):
 - Guidelines for how much time I should spend doing homework nightly:
 - 10 min Kinders
 - 20 min 1st graders
 - 30 min 2nd graders
 - 40 min 3rd graders
 - 50 min 4th graders
 - 60 min 5th graders
 - Homework means activities assigned by my teacher and OFTEN includes reading or being read to nightly at home.
2. Do my BEST work both at school *and* at home.

Student signature _____

Parent Responsibilities

I will...

1. Read with my child at home or find another adult to read with my child.
2. Support my child with completing and returning his/her homework as much as I am capable.
3. Contact my child's classroom teacher if I have any concerns (including if I think my child's homework seems to be too much/little or too hard/easy).
4. Make sure my child attends school regularly and on time.

Parent signature _____

Teacher Responsibilities

I will...

1. Know my students' skills and interests so I can better support each child's individual growth.
2. Differentiate instruction to support the needs of ALL my students.
3. Use data to help plan and implement meaningful classroom instruction.
4. Work to ensure that ALL children and families feel welcome in my classroom.

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Principal Responsibilities

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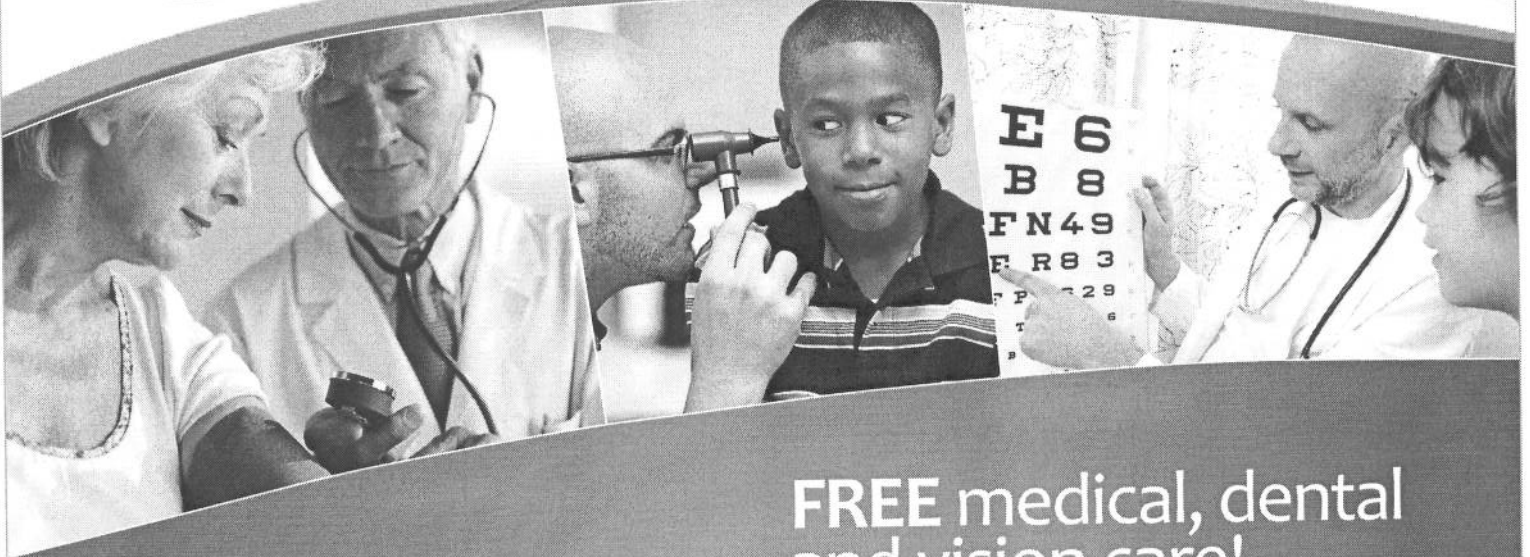
1. Support academic programs, at all grade levels, both in the classroom and after school.
2. Support staff in meeting the academic and behavioral needs of their students.
3. Welcome and encourage ALL families to be involved in our school programs.

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Sat.
Oct. 8

FREE One-Day Health Clinic

For the whole family!



Saturday, October 8
8 am - 3 pm

Tigard High School
9000 SW Durham Rd.

For more info:

503-603-1585

FREE medical, dental
and vision care!

Services provided to all residents in the Tigard-Tualatin School District.

Limited time slots available. First come will be first served.

Childcare provided. Free lunch served. Se habla español.

Hosted by Compassion Connect in collaboration with the Tigard-Tualatin School District Safe School/Healthy Students Initiative.



TUALATIN PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Be sure to check out the "Afternoon Adventures for Kids" programs at the Tualatin Public Library this fall! These programs, developed for ages K-5 are conveniently scheduled after school, from 3:30-5:00pm. Check out one of these FREE upcoming programs! For more information, visit www.tualatinlibrary.org.

Art-Works!

October 20, November 10

(Ages 5-11) Registration required. Have you ever wondered how picture book artists make their artwork? This program offers an introduction to art techniques using some of literature's most beloved picture book authors. Each session will introduce kids to an art concept, a story that demonstrate it, and art supplies that will allow kids to explore their creativity.

Paws & Read

November 1

(Ages 4-8) Registration required. Are you learning how to read? Do you want to practice your reading skills? Come read aloud to Christopher the Dog! He is a soft, white, medium-sized dog ready to hear any story read by you. Bring your own book or choose one from the library.

Lego Brick-Works!

October 13, November 17

(Ages 5-11) Through this program we hope to build enthusiasm for the library while stretching kids' imagination through books, building, and social interaction. Come to this program and learn new building techniques, make friends and have fun building with LEGOS®. No registration required.

Fairytale Ball (Ages 3-8)

October 27

(All ages) We're celebrating the harvest month with a Fairytale Ball. Come dressed as your favorite prince, princess, or beast. We'll play games, make crafts, and dance during this afternoon program. No registration required.



September 26, 2011

To: All Tigard-Tualatin School District Parents and Guardians
From: Tigard-Tualatin School District Administration
Subject: Changes to Christmas holiday help for families

Help for our families for the Christmas holidays will be coordinated differently this year. Rather than coming from our schools, help will come from community groups and churches.

Families will still apply for this help through their local elementary schools. (To eliminate duplication, families whose students attend middle and high school must pick up and turn in their applications at their local elementary school. *No applications will be available at middle or high schools.*)

Application deadlines will vary by school. The earliest deadline is November 4th so make sure to go to your local elementary school as soon as possible to fill out a form. The churches and community groups coordinating Christmas giving are requesting early application deadlines because of the time involved in filling the requests.

Applications turned in after the deadline may not be accepted.

If you have any questions or need help finding other community resources, please call the Tigard-Tualatin Family Resource Center at 503-603-1585.

We appreciate your patience as churches and other groups take over coordination of Christmas giving.