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From the Principal's Office:

Hello -- what a great first week of school! All our staff have worked so hard to have everything ready for the arrival of your children, and I think we are off to a great start. We look forward to watching students learn and grow this year.

We kicked off the first day of school with a community building assembly and a reminder of how to be safe, kind and responsible in all areas of our school. Our school's wide focus for the month of September is on Friendship.

During our staff training week teachers worked on creating a "Positive School Climate Program" using a curriculum called Time to Teach. The Time To Teach Program involves teaching expected behaviors to students, rewarding those who follow those behaviors and holding those accountable who are not following behavior expectations. Over the first few weeks of school your child will be learning and practicing the expected behaviors in all areas of our school. We will share more information with parents about this program in our next newsletter and at Back-to-School Night.

Thank you for all of your support in making our school such a wonderful place for students to learn. Thank you to all of our families who took such great care of our garden over the summer. It looks so beautiful. I would like to give a special thanks to the Javernicks, Springers, Borgs and Grays who transformed our garden with their hard work. I would also like to give a huge thanks to our 5th grade Student Ambassadors: Lauren Dimick, Katie Richardson, Nathan Erickson, Danny Shell, Taylor Goodhue, Fatima Mendoza, Jasmine Romero, Cassy Carter and Bailey Hanan who helped conduct tours for our new student orientation on the day before school.

I look forward to working with all of you this school year. Please feel free to share thoughts, ideas and insight with me.

-Dr. Johanna Cena



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT! September 16th

This is the perfect time to be introduced to all staff, meet your child's teacher, hear about what is in store for the year, and spend time with neighbors and friends.

5:45-6:30 p.m. Library - School information session in Spanish

6:30-8:00 p.m. Classroom visits and 'Meet and Greet' with the Principal

8:00 p.m. Back-to-School Night ends with ice cream provided by the PTA! ☺

DROP OFF SYSTEM

Here is our parent drop off and pick up system if you drive your students to school. **When you drop off and pick up your students in front of the school please do not leave your car unattended. Please stay in your car along the fire lane curb and pull forward as space allows.** In the morning a teacher will be on duty to greet your child. In the afternoon teachers will let your child know that you are there to pick them up. We will be sending home window name cards that you hold up in your car window to let us know quickly who you are picking up. When your child is safely in the car you pull out of line and leave the parking lot. This is a safe and effective option for getting students transported to and from school. You are welcome to drop your student off anytime after 7:50 a.m. in the morning. We do not have adult supervision for students who arrive at school before that time. Thank you for your understanding.



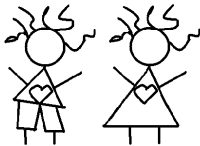
Looking for Translators

We would appreciate anyone who might be able to help with written Spanish translation. If you would like to volunteer in this area, please call Jenny Cryder in the office at 503-431-4801. THANKS!

Pepsi Refresh – Funding for TEAF

Tualatin Elementary has an after-school program called Tualatin Elementary Arts Foundation (T.E.A.F). This program offers classes such as hip hop, homework club, soccer and more to students after school. Some students in our population are not given opportunities to do extra-circular activities, so this program is a perfect way for students to participate. We have been struggling to keep this program at our school alive. We are NOT asking for a monetary donation, all we need you to do is to vote on our "Run an after school arts program at Tualatin, Elementary, Tualatin, OR" idea on the website www.refresheverything.com. We have posted our proposal to Pepsi's grant-based program, called Pepsi Refresh, which awards different amounts of money monthly to proposals. The top 10 proposals during a one-month span will receive their grant!

The website requires you to sign-up, but it is very quick and easy. After signing up you will not be harassed by them or any other spam email. You can find our proposal under the "Education" section for ideas that are "25K". The name of the idea is "Run an after school arts program at Tualatin, Elementary, Tualatin, Or." Or you can use this link that goes directly to our voting page: <http://www.refresheverything.com/help/tualatinelementaryartsfoundation> You can vote at least three times per day. One vote can be in a text message -- text 100321 to Pepsi (73774). A second vote can be through a Facebook account. And lastly, you can vote once per email account that is under your name. So you can vote more than once a day for every day in September. **Every day counts**, so please VOTE daily for this great cause and spread the word to everyone you know!



From Our New Librarian!

Aloha! I am Amy Amano, the new Librarian and computer teacher. I am excited to be here at Tualatin! I grew up here in Oregon, attended Lewis and Clark and U of O, then moved to Hawaii in 1987. I have many years of elementary and middle school teaching experience, and have also served as School Librarian for Elementary, Middle and High School. I earned my Masters in Library and Information Science at University of Hawaii, Manoa in 2008. I moved back to Oregon a year ago, and spent a year as the Media Specialist for Archer Glen Elementary in Sherwood. I love learning, books and computers, and truly enjoy teaching. I look forward to a great year here, and would welcome volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please let me know.

Mahalo, Amy Amano aamano@ttsc.k12.or.us

Mrs. Myers' Music Notes

Hello! My name is Melissa Myers and I am very excited to be the new music teacher here at Tualatin Elementary! I graduated from Warner Pacific College with a degree in K-12 Music Education. Prior to joining the Tualatin team, I taught K-12 music, including general music and band, in Hood River. In music class we will sing, play instruments, dance, listen to music from various cultures, learn music history and much more! I am looking forward to meeting all of you. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know. Thank you. ☺

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PE NEWS FROM MR. HILL

Welcome back! It was good to meet most of the students at the end of last school year and I am excited to come back to Tualatin Elementary as your full-time PE Specialist! A few reminders for PE class: please have your kids bring appropriate footwear and clothes for movement; *NO open-toed shoes, flip flops, etc. Dresses must have leggings*. This year I plan to promote *fit, healthy and active* kids. There will be fitness and healthy living challenges, exercise logs and goals for the kids to reach. Some events to look forward to this year are the *Fun Run* and *Field Day* in the spring. Thanks for your support and feel free to contact me anytime: Travis Hill; *PE Specialist*: thill@ttsc.k12.or.us (503) 431-4807

DON'T FORGET ABOUT VMATH!!

We will have access to the Voyager math (vmath) online math program again this year. Each child will use the same username and password from last year. New students will receive a username and password within the first few weeks of school. Remember that your child can access vmath from any computer with an internet connection (home, library, etc.). This is a fun, easy way for your child to get some extra math practice, so please take advantage of this fantastic resource! If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher or Brenda Selby at (503)431-4817.

Summer Reading Club

All children who read 10 or more books over the summer need to turn in their lists to Mrs. Amano (our new Librarian) with a parent signature. Lists need to be turned in by Monday, September 20th.

~ Healthy Kids ~

Healthy Kids provides FREE or LOW-COST coverage for doctor visits, hospitalizations, prescriptions, dental and vision care and more. Kids up to age 19 qualify, and coverage lasts for one full year. For more information call 1.877.314.5678 or go to www.OregonHealthyKids.gov.

September Activities & Events

9/14 LaPac (Latino Parents Committee), 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Library
PTA Meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Library
9/22 Back-to-School Night, 5:45-8:00 p.m.