



Tualatin Telegraph

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From the Principal's Office -

Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, April 22nd. Please contact your child's teacher with any follow up questions.

Thank you to all the families who joined us for DMSI night. It was so fun to see so many families enjoying the hands-on museum together. We also have a few exciting events coming up this month. On April 29th we will have a Children's Day or El Dia del Nino complete with food, games, music, dancing and a raffle offering a DS Kinnect and many other great prizes. We hope to see you there. We are also looking forward to our earth day assembly on April 22nd and our 4th grade music performance about the Oregon Trail on April 28th at 6:30.

~ NO TV WEEK - Monday April 18 - Friday 22nd ~

NO TV week is April 18-22. Please think about encouraging your child to break this habit next week. Here are some reasons why we support this week: On average, children spend more time in front of the television (1,023 hours) than in school this year (900 hours). Children in households where the TV is on "always" or "most of the time" are less likely to read than are children in other homes. *Zero to Six: Electronic Media in the Lives of Infants. Kaiser Family Foundation and Children's Digest 2003* Research indicates that for every hour of television children watch each day, their risk of developing attention-related problems later increases by ten percent.

How much television do you think you and your children watch in a day? How about a week? Or a month? Think about all the hours that someone in your household is sitting in front of the television and you may start to wonder how you can turn TV time in to productive time. Have you ever thought about going TV-less? Most people haven't. After all, it's a hard habit to break. However, choosing just one week where you can unplug the television can result in some real **family time** <http://affordable-family-fun.suite101.com/article.cfm/family_fun_on_a_budget>. Here are some great things you can do instead of watching television.

Take Up a Hobby

Chances are you probably have some type of hobby that you enjoy, but how about finding a hobby that everyone in your family can take part of during your week of no television? Perhaps you can put together some large jigsaw puzzles or put together a model. How about trying one of the newest and hottest family hobbies out there...geo-tracking? What about making a family scrapbook of the last vacation you took? Get everyone involved with the fun. There are many hobbies that you and your children can pursue together, and you never know when your children will look forward to that more than watching TV!

Get Out and Exercise and participate in Shape Up Across Oregon

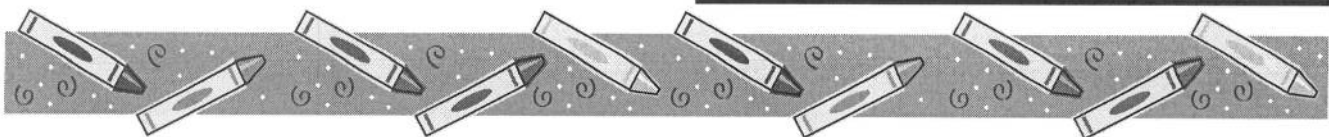
Everyone knows that being a couch potato in front of the television means that you get less exercise. How about using this week to get back in shape? Most students in our school are participating in Shape Up Across Oregon during the month of April. They will be completing a map of Oregon by filling out a map segment for every 30 minutes of exercise they do. If the weather is nice, use those hours to walk the dog, ride bikes, or just kick the soccer ball around with the kids in the yard and keep track of the time. Adding just a few minutes of **exercise each day** can lead to big health benefits that will extend way beyond the "no television" for a week goal.

<http://parentingtwteens.suite101.com/article.cfm/family_fitness_idea>.

As we ease into our final quarter this school year, please remember to help your students arrive to school on time. Also, please do not park in the fire lane when you are dropping off or picking up your students, it causes traffic to back up. Thank you so much!

-Dr. Johanna Cena

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW
Friday, April 15th
Teacher Workday





Spring Pictures

Spring picture day will be Friday, April 29th. **NO MONEY IS DUE ON PICTURE DAY.** You will receive your child's portrait proof to preview before you make a purchase. Flyers will be sent home on April 18th. Please look for these as you have many backgrounds to choose from.

3RD QUARTER REPORT CARDS

3RD QUARTER REPORT CARDS WILL BE SENT HOME ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND. PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK.

TEAF

There is a bit confusion on how the registrations are now handled. It is now a lottery system. After the first three days, forms are drawn out of a box, one at a time. Students are placed in only one class (exceptions: homework club; they can also be in a "fun" class). After every registration form is drawn, we go through them a second time for the student's 2nd choice. After the first batch is gone through twice, we start going through the late registrations, again on a lottery basis. At this time, 239 students are in at least one class. Reminder: students cannot take more than 3 days of classes, and only 3 days if space is available after all registrations are processed. Further questions, please call Lois Haag at 503.431.4804.



CHILDREN'S DAY!

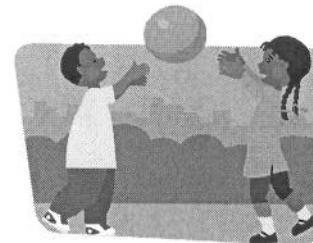
Everyone is invited to celebrate Children's Day at Tualatin Elementary on Friday, April 29th, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. We will have food, games, dancing and a raffle for an Xbox 360 Kinect that includes a game. A bicycle and many other items will also be raffled. The raffle tickets are \$2 each. If you would like to help, make a donation, sell tickets or buy tickets please contact Africa Ramirez at 971-322-4779, or aramirezlopez@ttsd.k12.or.us.

Will your Student Return Next Year?

Flyers went home last week asking if student will be returning to our school next year. Please be sure to return them to school by Friday, April 22nd. This will give us an idea of how many students to expect next year and will help us in our planning. Thanks!

Literacy Center

Does your child participate in a Literacy Center intervention group? Curious about what goes on during that time? On Wednesday, April 27th you will have the opportunity to observe your child in action. Contact Christy Shaver at 503.431.4765 or cshaver@ttsd.k12.or.us for more information.



Koins for Kids

This month we are having a coin drive to support Children's Cancer Association (CCA)! We are proud to be raising money for a local organization that brings joy to kids experiencing serious illnesses. Our goal is to raise money to help support the four major programs at CCA. **LifeSupport Family Enrichment Program** helps families pay for essential needs (like fixing a car, paying an electric bill or a tank of gas), "wishes" when other organizations cannot, and end of life assistance. **Music Rx** - This is a special program that soothes and delights hospitalized children by infusing the hospital with the healing power of music. **Chemo Pals** are compassionate adults who offer support and fun during cancer treatment. They are a friend to the child when all their friends are at school or can't be in the hospital. **The Caring Cabin** is a secluded retreat on the Oregon Coast built for the purpose of accommodating seriously ill children and their families free of charge.

We have turned our coin drive into a class competition! The class that fills their jar the most times by April 29, 2011 will win a pizza party!!! Please consider helping us raise money for CCA. More information about this incredible organization can be found at <http://www.iovr.org/>

Book Nook Winners, 4/8/2011

Jeylee Ayala	Athena Larsen
Brenden Bales	Aimee Lopez
Kessley Bassett	Riley Lynch
Brooklyn Blanchard	Natalie Murray
Emma Brockway	Joe Nims
James Ceciliani	Mauleen Petrus
Johan Cortez-Tzintzun	Marina Resendiz
Nikki Drotenko	Angel Rodriguez-Garcia
Leanne Emmi	Eric Ruiz-Cortes
Kiera Enriquez	Evelyn Sanchez-Vargas
Tyler Goodell	Jaden Smith
Taber Gourde	Diego Torres
Josue Gutierrez	Elizabeth Tyler
Camille Hansen	Dakota Villanueva
Kortne Jerome	Taylor Wallace
Makana Johnson	Drake White-Waller
Julio Larios	Alicia Zaragoza

Healthcare for all TTSD Students!

The School-Based Health Center offers healthcare for all students in the Tigard-Tualatin School District.

Located on the southeast side of the Tigard High campus, the facility provides physical, mental and preventive health services. Appointments are made for sick children, vaccinations, or sports physicals. Most health insurance plans, including Oregon Health Plan are accepted. No one will be turned away due to inability to pay. The clinic is open school days --
Monday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Call 503-431-5775 for an appointment.

Activities & Events

- 4/15 **NO SCHOOL** – Teacher Workday
- 4/18 No TV Week begins!
- 4/20 PTA Spring Fling at Lake Oswego Burgerville, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 4/22 3rd quarter report cards sent home – please remember to check your child's backpack
Earth Day Assembly at 1:30 p.m.
- 4/27 Literacy Center Day at Tualatin Elementary
- 4/28 4th grade Oregon concert, 6:30 p.m., Tualatin Elementary gym (including Miss LePore's class)
- 4/29 Spring Picture Day
Last day of Koins for Kids Drive
Children's Day at Tualatin Elementary, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- 5/3 LaPac Meeting, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
PTA Meeting in Library, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 5/4 Fun Run Kickoff Assembly, 1:45 p.m.
NNAT testing for 2nd grade students

Bond Measure would fund repairs, textbooks and computers

The Tigard-Tualatin School District has placed a \$20 Million bond measure on the May 17 ballot. It would fund building repairs and improvements that have been delayed due to budget reductions.

Among the repairs and updates that would be made are:

- Roofs at two schools would be replaced to prevent structural damage. Portions of roofs at other schools would also be repaired.
- Repairs and updates would be made to electrical, lighting, energy and heating and ventilation systems throughout the district.
- Some floor coverings, equipment and furnishings would be replaced in older buildings.
- Handicapped accessibility would be updated at every school.
- Leaking windows would be replaced.
- Emergency lighting would be installed and exterior pavement would be repaired.
- A small facility would be constructed for bus parking.
- Tracks at several schools would be resurfaced or repaired.

It would also pay to replace outdated textbooks and for computer technology replacement and upgrades.

The district's high school and middle school science textbooks are 14 years old; the elementary curriculum is 9 years old. These books and materials need updating and replacement. Similarly older computers need replacement and additional computers/technology are necessary to give greater student access to computer technology.

Because the school district is facing a \$9.5 Million budget shortfall, neither science textbooks nor computer technology has been included in the district's proposed 2011 - 12 budget.

Impact on 2011-12 Budget and Bond Cost information:

Using bond dollars to pay for these facility repairs and improvements would make it possible to complete deferred projects while allowing more of the district's operating budget to be used for classroom instruction and to keep class sizes smaller.

For property owners, the cost of this \$20 million bond measure is expected to be about 36 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value or about \$6 a month on a home assessed at \$200,000.

To reduce interest costs, this bond measure would be repaid in 6 years. If approved at the May election, \$10 million of the bonds would qualify for interest-free financing which would also reduce the cost to taxpayers.

NNAT for SECOND GRADE STUDENTS

The Tigard-Tualatin School District, in an effort to identify intellectually gifted students, gives each second grade student a Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT). Students complete 39 multiple choice questions. The components of the test include: Pattern Completion, Reasoning by Analogy, Serial Reasoning, and Spatial Visualization.

An intellectually gifted individual has a highly developed ability to solve problems, find connections, or "think outside the box". This qualification is different from qualification as an academically talented student in reading and/or math.

The assessment will be given on Wednesday, May 4th. To do their best, students need to be rested and have had a good breakfast.

Prescription Drug Turn-In

Tualatin Police Department
8650 SW Tualatin Road
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The abuse of prescription drugs by our youth is a growing problem. Because prescription drugs are often kept in the medicine cabinet long after they are needed, they are easily accessible by our youth. One way to reduce the availability of these drugs is to properly dispose of them at the Prescription Drug Turn-In event at the Tualatin Police Department on April 30th from 10 am to 2 pm. Coordinated with the Office of National Drug Control Policy, this service is free and anonymous with no questions asked. A drive-up window is provided for convenience. For more information: www.dea.gov.

**NOTE: YOU CAN FOLLOW US ON
TWITTER @TUALATINPTA!**

Upcoming Contest in May!

Box Tops for Brownies -and-
Campbell's Soup Labels for Cinnamon Rolls
YUM!!

Help earn money for our school by turning in Box Tops and Campbell's Soup labels the first 2 weeks in May. This will be our last collection of the school year! The class that turns in the most Box Tops receives a brownie party, and the class with the most Campbell's soup labels wins a cinnamon roll party. Two separate forms will be handed out. Please be sure to place the correct label on the corresponding form!

SCRIP News

The April classroom contest is under way! The winning class will receive a coupon for each student to use at the student store. In addition, the teacher will receive \$20 in Scrip credit. Remaining order dates for the contest are: April 19th and 26th, due in the office by 8:30am Tuesday.

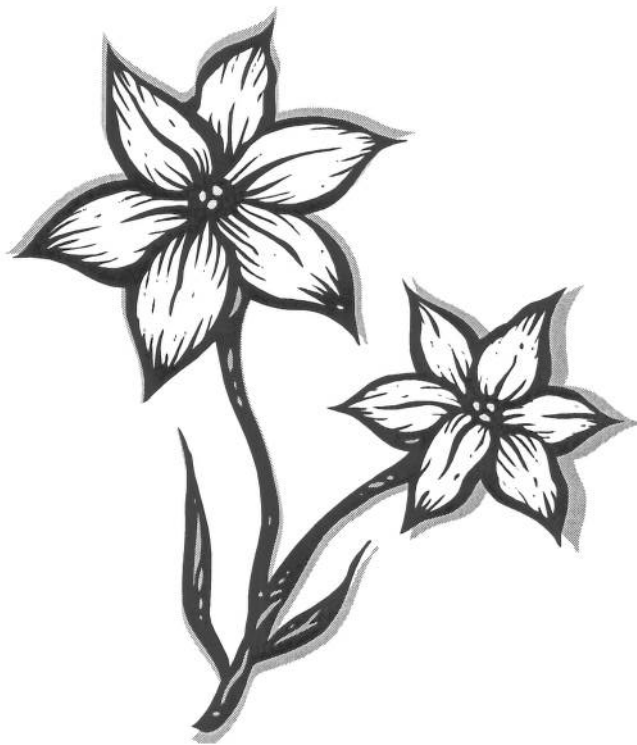
Introducing the Scrip Recurring Order Program. Would you be interested in having a recurring order - an order you receive repeatedly throughout the school year without always having to fill out a new order form? Contact Angela at: 503.855.3546 or angelatylor7@yahoo.com for info.

Bee-Bop Bingo for Bucks

Bingo Night was a fun night for all! Thank you to all who made it so fun and successful! The funds raised will allow the PTA to fund handicap-accessible playground equipment and help fund OMSI Science Night, as well as other important school needs. The night exceeded our expectations. Look for a special flyer to come home regarding Teacher Experiences!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following winners of our Special Auction Items!

- Reserved Front Row seats to 5th Grade Graduation – Springer Family
- Principal for the Day – Atkinson Family
- Reserved Parking Spot – Schultz Family



SUPPORT US BY VISITING BURGERVILLE!

COME JOIN US FOR TUALATIN
ELEMENTARY SPRING FLING!

ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 20, 2011

VISIT LAKE OSWEGO BURGERVILLE
15650 SW UPPER BOONES FERRY RD.

5:00 – 9:00 P.M.

10% OF ALL SALES

WILL BE DONATED TO

TUALATIN ELEMENTARY PTA

FUN, FRIENDS, AND FOOD

THE CLASS WITH THE GREATEST

ATTENDANCE WINS A SHAKE PARTY --

DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL!

HELP US DOUBLE OUR PROFIT BY VISITING

THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND PURCHASE

BV SCRIP PRIOR TO THE EVENT!



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Would you like more information about programs and resources offered in our community? Are you interested in parenting classes, accessing the Caring Closet, or information concerning dental or medical referrals? If you answered YES to any of these questions, or you would like to volunteer or share your ideas about future school events call Linda Muñoz Blackwood at 503.431.4769. You may also complete the form below and return it to school.

YES, I am interested in learning more about community resources and other school information.

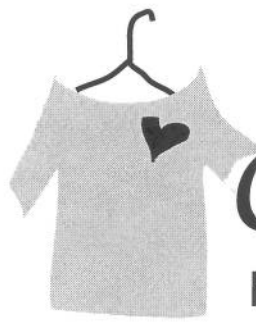
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Phone Number _____

Student(s) _____

Grade(s) _____



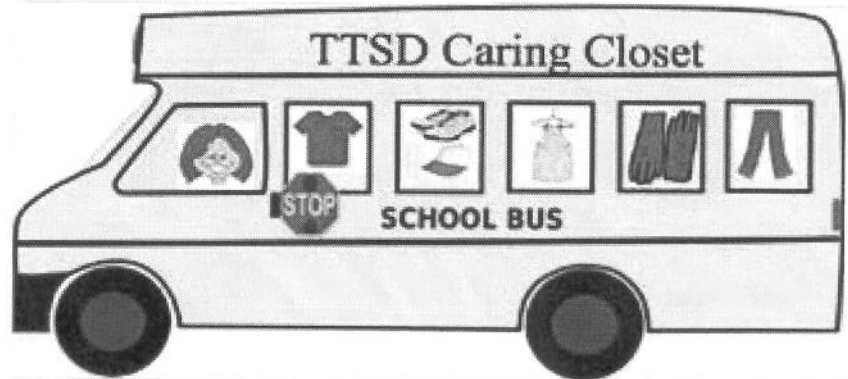


Caring Closet

Helping hands with a heart for kids

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Stuff the Bus!



Drop off your donations of any new or gently used clothes, new shoes, new hygiene items, pajamas, or linens, to any of the participating schools: Mary Woodward, Alberta Rider, Templeton, Durham, Deer Creek, and Fowler, between now and April 29. Students at the schools will literally be stuffing a school bus with all of the donations, the event will truly be a celebration. If you are interested in helping sorting and unloading the clothes when they arrive please contact the Closet at the information before.

What we need:

Toiletries:

Bar Soap & Shampoo

Towels

Twin Bedsheets

Anything new or gently used!

Princesses in Pajamas



This spring the Caring Closet partnered with Oregon International Junior Miss royalty to do the Pajama Project. The Pajama Project was a pageant that asked contestants to donate pajamas to help out the Caring Closet.

The winners of the pageant were determined by how many pajamas the girls donated. Bailey Grace Dick from Gresham was this year's Ambassador winner, donating 178 pajamas. Cara

Caldwell from Washington was the Jr. Amassador and donated 118 pairs of pajamas. The grand total was 575 pairs of pajamas donated to the Closet, 100 more pairs than last year. This year's Oregon Royalty are: Deja Fitzwater - Western Oregon Jr. Princess, Lilyan Duckett - Oregon Princess, Madeline Decker - PreTeen, Alexandra Perry - Jr. Teen and Pacific Northwest Jr. Princess - Lily Bennett.

• HOW TO CONTACT US •

phone: 503.603.1576 • fax: 503.603.1578 • office hours: Wednesday and Thursday 10am-4pm

online: <http://www.foundation4smartkids.org/caring.php>

location: 9000 SW Durham Road (We are in a portable at THS between the school and the pool).