

Tualatin Telegraph

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From the Principal's Office -

Tualatin families,

Together we've successfully completed the first two weeks of school. The days have been filled with learning new school expectations, getting to know new friends and teachers and launching into new lessons. It is all very exciting and I hope as parents, you've heard good stories of how school is going from your students.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT: It was wonderful to meet so many of our families. Your commitment to your child's education was visible in so many ways.

ABSENCES: Please call our attendance line if your child is going to be absent or tardy (503.431.4770). If for some reason 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 or it will continue calling all of the phone numbers listed for you or your family until someone confirms that the call was received. This is for your child's safety.

TARDY NOTICES: Please remember that classroom instruction starts at 8:20 a.m. each day. One of my expectations for our staff is that we fully utilize classroom instructional minutes. When your child is on time - **everyone wins** - your child is ready to learn, teachers may teach without interruptions, classes can begin promptly. Thanks in advance for helping your child arrive **on time**.

TIME TO TEACH: You received information at Back-to-School Night or in your child's backpack regarding our new Time to Teach program. Please review this information. We have spent the first few weeks of school reviewing classroom expectations with students and rewarding positive behavior. This is a big part of our behavior system at school. We encourage you to reward positive behavior at home as much as possible. If your child is not following school or classroom expectations and the teacher is unable to continue teaching, he or she will be asked to complete a "refocus" form in a buddy classroom which will help the student problem solve the behavior and come up with more positive behaviors before they return to class. If a child receives 3 refocus forms in one week they will need to attend an after school Expectations Academy. These classes will be held on Mondays, 2:30-3:00 p.m. for kinder-first grade or 2:30-3:30 p.m. for grades 2-5. A parent must come and pick the child up from the Expectations Academy. We believe that this, in conjunction with positive

reinforcement, will allow kids to feel successful and will allow the learning to continue in the classroom.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP TEAF ALIVE!! Our Tualatin Elementary after school arts program is an excellent example of people coming together to provide enrichment classes for **ALL** students. When this program was started 10 years ago, the dream was to offer classes to students that would broaden their experiences, remain affordable to all students, and would meet the needs of many children. It has been entirely funded through grants and donations from both public and private agencies who shared our dream. Over 350 students took at least one class last year and we know it is important to many families. We will no longer be able to offer classes after winter term, unless people step forward to let us know how important it is and share the commitment. If you are able to make a donation to keep our program going through the 2010 school year please contact Lois Haag at 503-431-4804 or lhaag@ttsd.k12.or.us. A donor of \$100.00 will have their name listed in the main hall. Please consider helping us to help all of our children with this unique and very worthwhile program. This donation is completely tax deductible and is appreciated by all of us at Tualatin Elementary. **AND, PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE DAILY FOR THE PEPSI REFRESH FUNDING PROPOSAL DETAILED ON THE NEXT PAGE!**

- Dr. Johanna Cena

**NO SCHOOL -- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
CLASSIFIED INSERVICE**



**PICTURE DAY COMING!
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**

Wireless Telegraph!

If you would like to receive the Telegraph via email instead of paper, please contact Jenny Cryder in the office at 503.431.4801 or jcryder@ttsd.k12.or.us. We are hoping to reduce our paper usage this way!

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.

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!

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 years 2009-2010, this application is only good until October 1, 2010. 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.*

~ 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.

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/helptualatinelementaryartsfoundation>. 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!

Join us on Facebook to receive more information at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Save-Tualatin-Elementarys-After-School-Arts-Program/152243718126818>

****Attention Volunteers****

Do you enjoy helping kids with math? Are you able to spend one or two hours every week in our school? Would you like to work with kids at all grade levels? If so, we are looking for a group of volunteers to work with students on vmath (voyager math) and a math facts program. We will provide training on how to support kids with these programs. If you are interested, please contact Brenda Selby at 503-431-4817.

Math Expressions Site for Parents

Here is a great site for parents regarding our new school math curriculum. Education Place Address:

eduplace.com/math/mthexp/

Parents can select the grade level, then select Unit Overview, Family Letters, Math Background and other activities.

Activities & Events

9/27	Art Lit Meetings, 1:30-2:25 p.m. or 6:00-7:00 p.m.
9/29	Parent Coffee in conference room, 8:30-9:15 a.m.
10/4	Art Lit Meetings, 1:30-2:25 p.m. or 6:00-7:00 p.m.
10/5	Fall Pictures / Vision Screening
10/5	Fire Department visits 2 nd grade
10/5	PTA meeting in Library, 7:00 p.m.
10/7	Ambassador meeting in the art rm, 7:50-8:20 a.m.
10/8	NO SCHOOL – Classified Inservice

Box Tops News

Thank you everyone for turning in your



summer Box Tops collection sheets. We are off to a great start this year earning money for our school through the Box Tops program. If you want to learn more about

Box Tops go to boxtops4education.com. Our first

Box Tops contest will begin soon. Be looking in up-coming Telegraphs for more information. Keep cutting and collecting Box Tops!!

Fall Catalog Fundraiser --

The new school year has started and that means that it is almost time for our annual Fall Catalog Fundraiser! The fundraiser starts Friday, September 24th and runs until Tuesday, October 5th. All orders must be turned in by October 5th. Students who sell \$100 or more win a yummy donut party with Dr. Cena!

This fundraiser is one of our school's major fundraisers. The money raised directly benefits our school and all of our students in a variety of ways including field trips, books in English & Spanish, Art Literacy and family nights. Please help our school and our students by supporting this extremely important fundraiser!!

If you would like to volunteer to help with this fundraiser or if you have any questions, please contact Jean Keck-Buelna at (503) 692-4643 or Cindy Krahnke at (503) 612-0374.

Scrip

Scrip is here! Scrip is gift cards and gift certificates. Place order on Monday by 2:30 p.m. in the office. Receive your order back on Thursday afternoon.

Contact Angela with any questions:

angelatyler7@yahoo.com

WANTED – NIGHT MONITORS

PART TIME NIGHT MONITOR POSITIONS AVAILABLE. 10 – 18 HOURS PER WEEK DURING SCHOOL YEAR. MONDAY – FRIDAY 3PM – 6:30, CAN GO AS LATE AS 10PM AS NEEDED. WEEKENDS AS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS. BASIC DUTIES INCLUDE: TRASH AND RECYCLE PICK UP, CLEANING OF BATHROOMS, SWEEPING AND SPOT MOPPING FLOORS, WASHING WINDOWS, AND MONITORING BUILDING USERS DURING AFTER SCHOOL AND EVENING ACTIVITIES. PAY IS \$11.44 PER HOUR. MUST BE RELIABLE, FLEXIBLE AND HAVE EXCELLENT VERBAL AND PEOPLE SKILLS.

NO PART TIME OR FULL TIME TTSD EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE

