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From the Principal's Office -

We have VERY exciting news to share with you. Tualatin Elementary has gone from a satisfactory school rating to an OUTSTANDING school rating which is the highest rating possible in the state. Each fall, Oregon releases the federal Adequate Yearly Progress report required under No Child Left Behind. The school report cards offer the most complete look at how schools are performing because they include a more thorough review of school quality. Included in Oregon's school report cards is information on student test performance, school improvement, attendance, dropout rates, class size, teacher education and experience. I am very proud of our staff and students and this rating reflects the hard work and dedication shown by our entire school community. You will be receiving the report card in the mail.

We look forward to seeing you at Parent/Teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on October 21st and 22nd. If you haven't scheduled a conference time please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. Parent involvement has a critical effect on children's learning, attitudes about school and aspirations. Parents and teachers working together make an unbeatable team. Conferences help build that team. Some suggestions that may help for a successful conference:

Before the conference --

- Write down any questions you want to discuss.
- Ask your child how they feel about school and if there are any problems or questions you should discuss with the teacher.
- Consider sharing an important event that may affect your child's performance. Be sure to let the teacher know important life changes at home.

The day of the conference --

- Arrive on time and stay only for the amount of time scheduled for your appointment. If important questions have not been discussed, ask for a future appointment.
- Make notes about the discussion during the conference.
- Ask questions about the information you get from the teacher. What does it mean?
- Sign the parent compact if you haven't done so already.
- **VISIT THE LIBRARY, meet our new librarian Ms. Amano and shop at the BOOK FAIR!**
- Introduce yourself to the music and P.E. teachers, counselor, TAG teacher and the principal. There are many support staff that would like to get a chance to say hello. It's an excellent time to learn about the programs planned for this year and your child's progress.
- I am available during these two days and would welcome meeting you as well. If you would like to see me, please schedule a time with the office at (503) 431-4800.

After the conference --

- Follow up on any plan of action agreed to by you, your child's teacher and your child.
- Stay in touch with the teacher. If you think of additional questions later, send a note or leave a message on the teacher's phone.
- Discuss with your child what was said during the conference. Be sure to emphasize any positive comments the teacher made.
- Use this as a chance to praise your child!

At Tualatin Elementary, we have several important groups that contribute to our school. For instance, we have a garden planning committee, safety committee and PTA. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight one of those committees – our site council.

The school site council is a group of teachers, parents and classified employees that work with the principal to develop, review and evaluate school improvement programs and school budgets. Our goal is to increase student achievement, improve instructional programs, plan for professional development and foster family involvement.

Our site council meets for an hour each month to review our school goals and student achievement data. We also discuss school needs and enrichment opportunities such as assemblies and parent nights. Council members are elected and serve a two-year term. Several council terms will expire in November and we are looking for interested parent volunteers to participate in site council. If you are interested, please contact Linda Blackwood at 503.431.4769, by October 15th. I would like to thank our outgoing members for their service.

Outgoing Members:

- Maria Herrera – Secretary/Parent
- Lori Janetski – Parent
- Kimberly Richardson – Parent
- Paula Bjork – 1st Grade Teacher

Returning Members:

- Gloria Esparza – Parent
- Rocio Sixtos – Parent
- Angela Frezza – Learning Specialist
- Tricia Hoppe – 4th Grade Teacher
- Jodi Platt – 2nd Grade Teacher

- Dr. Johanna Cena





Friday, October 8th
NO SCHOOL
 (Inservice)



Thursday, October 21st
 Friday, October 22nd

NO SCHOOL (Parent Conferences)

Please make sure you have scheduled an appointment with your child's teacher.

Book Nook Winners – 10.1.10

Ella Aldridge	Jordan Mahaffy
Edgar Alletore-Sanchez	Joanna Mena-Perez
Owen Baldwin	Tommy Mendiola
Rena Ball	Braden Moore
Abby Beers	Oscar Negrete-Bravo
Bryan Beltran-Arredondo	Hayley Parsons
Trevor Cadwell	Asia Petrus
Aaliyah De La O-Pena	Ramses Piza-Gonzalez
Kyle Dixon	Miles Saucedo
Tiana Donham	Kyra Scardina
Nathan Erickson	Milo Schneider
Estafani Gomez	Andrea Serrano
Saul Gutierrez-Medina	Erin Shadel
Rosemary Hernandez-Rodriguez	Marco Torres
Kimberly Jones	Vladimir Turcios-Rymer
Taylor Jordan	Sandra Tzintzun-Hernandez
Zach Katsuda	Carlos Villegas
Kameron Koslowsky	Ramiro Yaasiel-Moreno
Giovanny Lopez-Martinez	Pedro Zaragoza

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held October 21-22. Please sign up with your child's homeroom teacher **immediately.**

****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.

Free and Reduced Lunch

If your student was on the Free and Reduced Meal program last year, you must fill out a new application for this year. If you do not have a new application approved by October 14, 2010, or if you have not received a notice of Direct Certification, your student will change to paid status. If you have any questions, please call 503-431-4103.

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.

PEPSI REFRESH

We are NOT asking for money but what we are asking for you to do is VOTE!!! Tualatin Elementary is a part of the Refresh Everything Project which awards different amounts of money to the proposals that receive the top ten most votes during a month-span.

Vote up to THREE ways EACH DAY for our project. "Run an after school arts program at Tualatin Elementary, Tualatin, Or.":

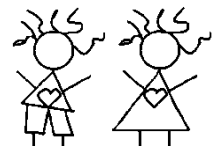
1) Text to Pepsi (#73774) and then put our code in the message. Our code is 100321.

2) Vote online by signing up with no hassle for each e-mail account at <http://biglalliance.org>. You can also vote online at <http://pep.si/octten>. Please vote for our Tualatin Elementary project as well as our nine alliance members.

3) Use your Facebook account to download the Pepsi Refresh Application to vote for Tualatin Elementary's after school program through Facebook.

Help us support the school, our students and the community of Tualatin! For the whole month of October VOTE all three ways daily for this great cause and spread the word to everyone you know! Every vote counts so help make a difference in these students' lives!

Thanks for your support. If you have any questions or comments or ideas on ways for me to promote more, please contact, Kathryn LePore at klepore@ttsd.k12.or.us.



Activities & Events

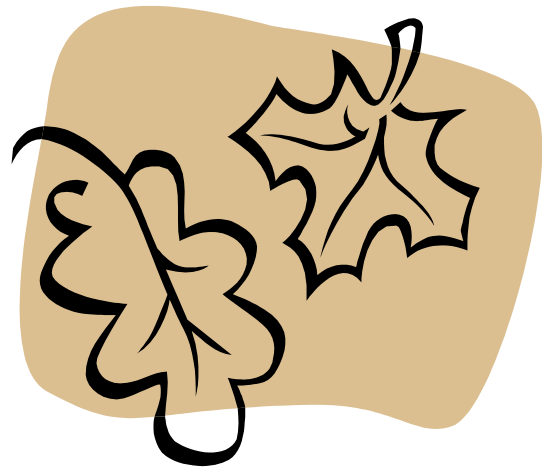
10/8	NO SCHOOL – Classified Inservice
10/11	Mrs. Peterson's class canoe trip, 8:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dental Van, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
10/12	Mrs. LB's class canoe trip, 8:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
10/15	Box Tops Contest begins
10/13	Latino Parent Meeting, room 218, 6:30 p.m.
10/19	5 th Grade Portland City Tour, 8:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
10/19	Site Council meeting, conf room, 2:45-3:45 p.m.
10/20	Harris & Haynie classes to Lee Farm, 8:45 -10:15 a.m.
10/20	Hildebran & Rahier classes to Lee Farm, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
10/21	NO SCHOOL – parent/teacher conferences
10/22	NO SCHOOL – parent/teacher conferences

FALL FUNDRAISER UPDATE . . .

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR FALL CATALOG FUNDRAISER!! THE MONEY RAISED WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL AND STUDENTS IN A VARIETY OF WAYS INCLUDING FUNDING FIELD TRIPS, BOOKS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH, ART LITERACY AND FAMILY NIGHTS.

THE MERCHANDISE ALONG WITH THE EARNED PRIZES WILL BE DELIVERED TO OUR SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE HOME IN EARLY NOVEMBER. THERE WILL BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ONCE THE EXACT DELIVERY DATE IS SET SO THAT PARENTS WHO WISH TO PICK UP THE MERCHANDISE CAN DO SO.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CINDY KRAHNKE AT (503) 612-0374 OR JEAN KECK-BUELNA AT 503-692-4643.



Caring Closet

Our district Caring Closet is now open! If you are in need of assistance from our Caring Closet please contact our school for a referral.

Scrip

Scrip is here! So, what is Scrip anyway? Scrip is gift cards you purchase from the PTA to use for your weekly shopping needs: groceries, dining out, entertainment, home improvement, etc. The retailer of the gift card gives a percentage back to us. It costs nothing extra to you! It is a free way to earn money for our school and there's a great selection of cards to purchase! Place your order on Monday by 2:30pm in the office. Receive your order back on Thursday afternoon. Contact Angela with any questions: angelatyler7@yahoo.com.

Box Tops News

Our next Box Tops Contest will begin on October 15th. The class that brings in the most Box Tops will win a fun treat! Be looking for the Box Tops Collection Sheet coming home on Friday, October 15th. Any questions, just visit BTFE.com or email Clarice at clariceweeks@comcast.net. Start collecting Box Tops now!



Art in the BURBS

~ October 22-24 ~

It's that time of year again! The Foundation's Art in the Burbs Art Show and Sale is October 23-25 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 22, 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 23, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 24, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tualatin High School

FUN RUN

Join us for our 1st annual fun run event to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Early Packet pick up: Saturday, October 16th at Tualatin High School commons - 12:00-1:30 p.m. Questions: tualatinfunrun@gmail.com