

Tiger Tales

Taylorsville Elementary Newsletter

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Message from the Principal. . .

Dear Taylorsville Elementary Parents:

The end of year testing is rapidly approaching. CRT's will begin on April 20th and will continue until May 29th for some students. These tests are what our students prepare for during the whole school year. We cannot stress enough just how important it is for ALL of our students to do their best on these tests. It is a reflection on how well they have learned, and how well our teachers have taught. Your student's performance on the CRT's also demonstrates the support given at home, and how much your family values education.

You can help your child to do their best on the CRT by doing a few key things each day. Look at the homework, or papers that come home each day with your child. This will help you to know what they are learning about, and show you how well they understand the material. Try to provide opportunities to practice those skills – it is fun, and helps them to see the value in learning the concepts. Encourage them, and support them in reading 20 or more minutes each day. Kids who are great readers are great students in other subjects as well. Reading is important to understanding math, science and social studies. And those who love to read love to learn.

In order for your student to do their very best, you should try to make sure they get plenty of sleep each night before school, and a good breakfast to start off the day. Exercise is also very important. Kids need to wiggle and move, but can't get enough exercise in the short recesses at school. By including exercise in your family's daily routine, you will see an increased ability for your child to focus on schoolwork, reading and other activities. It will also help improve their sleep. All of this together will help your child to do their best, and show just how hard they have worked this year.

Mr. Adams and the PTA would like to make small snacks available for our students during CRT testing. We are asking for donations from families that can be pooled together so that our students don't enter into a test session feeling hungry, or needy in any way that might affect their performance on the exam. Snacks that provide complex carbohydrates will be the best source of nutrition for this setting. Since warmer weather is on the way and our school has no air conditioning, water bottles will be appreciated by the students as well.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, would you please send your donations to school by April 14th? The snacks do not need to be expensive, and since the testing will take place over four to five weeks, you can donate at any time during the testing period. We would like to provide each student with one water bottle at

the beginning, which can be refilled at the school. Cash donations are acceptable as well. Snack suggestions include granola bars, fruit snacks, pretzels, Goldfish Crackers, graham crackers, dried fruit, trail mix, string cheese, nuts, cheese and crackers or peanut butter crackers. The snacks can be small in portions – we are not trying to provide or replace meals. Our largest classes have 33 or 34 students, and the smaller classes have around 20 students. Items can be purchased in bulk at Costco or Sam's Club. Napkins would be useful since items purchased in bulk will not be individually packaged.

Let's pull together for our kids, and support them during this important time. Please have your child at school EVERY day, avoid scheduling appointments during school hours so that tests will not have to be made up. Thanks for your support. Our students and teachers have worked so hard this year – lets show everyone how grrREAT!! **OUR** Tigers really are.

Sincerely,

Jon Adams – Principal, with Alison Bateman, and Wendy Kohler, for the PTA

Message from the PTA President. . .

Teachers and students,

Wow!! I cannot believe it is already April!! The school is almost over and we have a lot going on these last two months.

First, a big THANK YOU!! to all those who participated in our PTA fundraiser. Thanks to all the parents and students for their hard work. Our fundraiser profits make it possible for us to provide great programs and activities for our students. We will be sending home an evaluation flyer to show parents what programs and activities we provide, and how much we budget for them. We really do want to know what you think so please take the time to fill the flyer out and let us know what you think. We had 8 students who earned a turn in our Money Machine!! Congratulations to Shylee Williams, McCaffrey Bishop, Makenzi Hays, Breann Shillington, Christopher Lyons, Dylan Braithwaite, Kaitlin Niblack and Braden Guymon. Each one of these students sold more than \$250. Thank you!!!

Our current bag contest is over. We earned more than \$1400!! Awesome job everyone! Keep sending your bags and box tops!!! We will continue to collect bags and box tops for next year.

Teacher Appreciation week will be May 18-22. We have great things planned for our teachers and staff and we will need our room parent's help. Watch for information to come home with your students, and if you would like to help, please contact Alison Bateman or me.

Nicole Rasmussen has been elected to be our PTA President for the 2009-2010 year!! She is very excited and has already started to put together our board for next year. If you would like to participate in any way let us know. Remember, a lot of our positions take only a little of your time but our Taylorsville Tigers love it when their parents volunteer!!!

Our PTA meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. The next one will be May 7th at 4:15pm in Mr. Watt's room. Everyone is invited. If you have any ideas and/or suggestions, we'd love to see you there. Thanks to all our volunteers!

Suggestions or ideas please call me,
Wendy Koehler
963-1834/wendyswrl@aol.com

TIGER TUNES CHOIR Every Wednesday from 4:00 to 4:30 (in the gym) for 4th, 5th and 6th Grade students who want to participate.

Star Students, Teachers, and Volunteers

Kindergarten – Bevhut Sharma
First Grade – Jahmaine Greigo
Second -
Third -
Fourth – Leo Makalio
Fifth -
Sixth – Sierra Hays
Star Teachers in March were Mrs. Earl, Mrs. Finley, and Ms. Sharp. Our Star Staff were Susan Law, Celeste Alvarez, Diana Miller and Charla Schwaar. Way to go Tigers!!

Looking Ahead...

Important Dates:

April 1: P.T.A. Fund Raiser Arrives
April 4: P.T.A. Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
April 6: Mill Hollow Registration Opens
April 8: State and Country Fair 5th/6th Grade 11:10 am
April 8: Short Day School will be dismissed at 1:30 pm
April 9: Spring Recess - NO SCHOOL
April 10: Spring Recess - NO SCHOOL
April 13: Spring Recess NO SCHOOL
April 16-23: IOWA READING TEST 3rd Grade
April 16: School Community Council Meeting at 4:00pm
April 17: Mill Hollow Registration Closed
April 20: CRT TESTING BEGINS

Safety First...

There is concern about parents entering the playground area during lunch recess and approaching their children. Please do not do this without checking into the office and obtaining a **VISITOR'S PASS** first. The duty's job is to keep our kids safe on the playground. The duty doesn't know that you are an appropriate visitor unless you have obtained a visitor's pass from the office. This is true of the **hallway, playground, and the cafeteria**. We want to keep all students and school staff safe. Please remember to have photo ID ready when checking your child out of school.

Traffic

Thank you for using the Drop Zone in front of the school instead of the parking lot when bringing your students to school. A BIG THANK YOU to Mr. Watts for directing traffic at the end of the day. To those who use the parking lot: Please exit the lot by turning right. Traffic flows more smoothly and quickly if we turn right. This makes it possible for everyone to leave safely and in a timely manner. We don't want anyone to get hurt, so please be courteous, and cautious to the adults and students who are directing traffic. Please set a proper example for our students and use the crosswalks. THANKS!

Business Partners

McDonald's provides Happy Meals as awards for students, meal cards for teachers, and also provides meals for our teachers during SEP Conferences. **EVERYBODY** Loves McDonald's!
Little Caesar's Pizza - provides coupons
University of Phoenix - provides donuts for Parents and Pastries
Mountain America Credit Union – provides the refreshments for the Art Start Family Festival in May.

If you work for a business that might be willing to help our school by copying our newsletter, please talk to Mr. Adams, or Wendy Koehler. Thanks.

School Community Council

We will hold meetings on the following dates: 3/19, 4:00, 4/16, 4:00. You may view the minutes from the previous meetings under the Community Council Link on our school website.

Top Tigers -February

Parrish	AM	Kimberly Alcantar	Monson	3	Haris Masic
	PM	Alison Powell	Radman	3	Kaytlin Kaighn
Clinker	AM	Dayza Salcido	Finley	3	Miriam Martinez
	PM	Isaiah Chavez	Forbyn-West	4	Alex Colunga
Crowther	1	Brittney Carlson	Madsen	4	Colby Jessop
Earl	1	Christian Duran	Hulet	5	Alonzo Barnes
Smith	1	Melissa Contreras Ortega	Jeppson	4/5	Brittini McCandless
Watts	2	McCaffrey Bishop	Mattucci	5	Arianna Castro
Ferguson	2	Jayde Shaw	Jensen	6	Tina Nguyen
Sharp	2	Daisey Vergen	Blau	6	Amar U
Porter	2	Ariail German	Sonnenreich	6	Jon Virgen