

Tiger Tales

Taylorsville Elementary Newsletter

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Message from the Principal. . .

Dear Parents and students,

Beginning a new calendar year is a wonderful time to set goals. Great leaders throughout the world have told us about goal setting and how important it is to keep setting new goals. I have learned by experience that setting goals is an important part of my life if I want to be as productive as possible. I have learned that it simply makes me feel good to write down a goal and then accomplish it. It is a fact that when we work hard to reach a goal, it makes us better at reaching other goals. Here are a few things that may help you to reach your goals.

- **Set daily goals:** Take just a moment to define a goal for the day. Whether it is "getting all of my work done" or "being nice to every person I talk to today", it is important to make it clear what you are going to work on for that day. It is best if you write it down.
- **Celebrate:** At the end of the day, it is very important to think about your goal and decide if you reached it or not. If you reached the goal, make sure you tell yourself "GOOD JOB!"
- **Set weekly goals:** Each week, it can help to set a clear goal such as; "I will do all of my assignments and turn them in on time." Setting a weekly goal will help you to set your daily goals as well!
- **Celebrate:** Don't forget to celebrate what you accomplish each week. If you do not meet your goal, that is a great place to start for the next week!
- **Set monthly goals:** Making goals that are measurable is very important. When you set a monthly goal, make sure you know how you will measure yourself. For example, if you set a monthly goal of getting at least 80% on all spelling tests, you will have an easy way to check your goal.
- **Celebrate:** We often neglect recognition of what we do well. Be sure to feel good anytime you reach a goal. It is even important to recognize when you are getting better just because you are getting close to a goal!

Goal setting will help us do better every day. It is easy to feel bad when we do not do our best. That is why it is very important to simply set a goal and

do better. As long as we are working to be better each day, we can feel good about what we do!

Thank you for being so supportive.

Jon Adams, Principal

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Message from the PTA President. . .

Teachers and students,

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a great holiday. Thank you to all of our students that participated in our food drive. We met our goal and the students were treated to a "bedtime story" from Mr. Adams and cookies and milk. Thanks to Mrs. Jensen we were able to find a local charity to donate to so that it would stay in our community!

The PTA fundraiser will start up next month. We will have more information later this month, so watch for flyers to come home.

Keep collecting your plastic bags and box tops. We have earned \$ 800 so far towards our snow cone machine!!

Our PTA meetings are held every first Thursday of the month. The next one will be February 5th 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

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For Your Information. . .

Safety First

1. Please check into the office and request a VISITOR'S PASS before going into any area of the school. This includes the hallway, playground and the cafeteria. We want to keep all students and staff members safe. Please have photo ID ready when checking out your student.
2. Do not park in the BUS LOADING ZONE located in the front of the school. Please also note that the staff parking lot is NOT A DROP ZONE FOR STUDENTS. You may park your car in the available stalls and walk your student to the building. Please refer to the Taylorsville Elementary School Drop-Zone plan for more information.
3. Please set a good example for your student and use the crosswalks. This will help keep everyone safe.

Looking Ahead. . . Important Items for January:

January 8 P.T.A. Meeting
January 12-15 DIBELS Testing
January 16 Recess Day NO SCHOOL
January 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL
January 21 Fourth Grade Ski Trip
January 29 Fourth Grade NAEP Testing

Community Council Elections will take place during SEP Conferences in March. All candidates must submit the Declaration Page by Feb. 03, 2009. The Declaration of Candidacy Letter will be sent out the week of Jan. 12, 2009.

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.

GE Capital will no longer be printing our newsletter. 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: 9/10, 4:00, 9/11, 4:00, 9/23, 4:00, 10/1, 9:30, 10/7, 4:00 (if needed), 10/14, 8:00 a.m., 2/12, 4:00, 3/11-12, elections, 3/19, 4:00, 4/16, 4:00. You may view the minutes from the meetings under the Community Council Link on our school website.

Congratulations to the following **Star Students** for January: John Ong, Lizette Curranza, Daisey Virgen, Laina Mackay, Mariana Zuniga, Elio Dominguez, Abdirashid Ali. **Staff Stars:** Alisa Parrish, Aubree Blau, Alice Crowther.

Traffic

Thank you for using the Drop Zone instead of the parking lot for bringing your students to school. A BIG THANK YOU to Mr. Watts for directing traffic around the street/parking lot 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.

Top Tigers

Parrish a.m. K
p.m. K
Clinker a.m. K
p.m. K
Crowther 1
Earl 1
Smith 1
Watts 2
Ferguson 2
Sharp 2
Porter 2
Monson 3
Radman 3
Finley 3
Forbyn 4
Madsen 4
Hulet 5
Jeppson 4
Mattucci 5
Jensen 6
Blau 6
Sonnenreich 6

November

Aaron Anderson
Cynthia Rodriguez
Angelique Garza
Natalya Saibo
Kelsey Martin
Cole Nebeker
Martina Cuara
Jordyn Palmer
David Orozco
Jorge Martinez
Trenton Jones
Will Liddle
Bailey Carlson
Quesaya Spradling
Seirra Golavar
Michelle Lizarraga
Kennedy Dalley
Hannah Hardy
Peter Bateman
Jasmine Chidister
Jon Bodily
Jacob Lyman
TJ Tutasi

December

Rylee Madill
Odianna Insixiegny
Hayley Butterfield
Isiac Robertson
Yadder Davis
Nevaeh Olmedo
Lizzy Mascherino
Zachary Jensen
Cali Ivie
Austynn Call
Elizabeth Bodily
Maya Rigby
Taylor Pearce
Paige Porter
Leah Insixiegny
Jordan Tutasi
Ian Moore
McKenna Sly
Claudia Luna
Kaycee Cohen
Linda Schwaar
Ralleigh Cannaday

Do you have great people skills and want to use them in your own community to help make a difference in the lives of children? If so, we invite you to consider this opportunity. The Department of Pediatrics at the University of Utah is hiring multiple part-time positions for Household Interviewers to work on the NCS. The NCS is a long-term research project that will examine the environmental influences on children's health and development to help identify causes for a variety of child health conditions including asthma, autism, obesity, diabetes and learning and developmental disabilities. This landmark study will make a difference in the lives of children for generations to come. If you are energetic, motivated, and interested in part-time employment, this is a great opportunity to be part of this exciting study. For a complete description of this position, please visit <http://www.ped.med.utah.edu/ncs/ncsrecruit.htm>.

How to Apply: Interested applicants can apply by sending a resume to ncsjobs@hsc.utah.edu. To be considered, you will need to attend one of the scheduled information sessions. You will be notified of the available dates/times towards the end of January or in early February 2009.

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