

Tiger Tales

Taylorsville Elementary Newsletter

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Message from the Principal. . .

Dear Parents,

As we get close to the end of the year, I would like to thank everyone for a successful year. Parents, we appreciate all of you who have volunteered your time to make the school year a success. We couldn't have done it without your help.

I would also like to thank you for helping your children at home during the school year. As we get close to summer break, I would like to suggest that you take time to make reading a part of your child's summer activities. Studies show that children that read during the summer experience less learning loss when school resumes. In fact children who read as little as six books during the summer gain or maintain reading skills achieved during the preceding school year. Students who don't read may fall back as much as a grade level in their reading skill.

Some ways to motivate your children to read are:

- Let your children choose the books they want to read.
- Give your children access to a variety of books.
- Introduces your children to a new book series.

Scholastic offers a free summer literacy program to help motivate children to read. You can go to www.scholastic.com/summer for more information.

I would like to encourage you to make reading a part of your family time during the summer. Read with your children, reading together can be a fun and valuable activity. If you are traveling remind your child to pack books to read in the car.

Thank you,

Message from the PTA President. . .

Teachers and students,

I cannot believe we only have five weeks of school left! We still have a lot going on including Teacher Appreciation week, the Art Start Festival and Field Day.

The Art Start Festival will be held on May 29 in the evening. We need a lot of help both in preparation of our student's art projects and volunteers to help with art classes and activities at the festival. Look for flyers to come home with your children.

Teacher Appreciation is May 18th-22nd. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help us. Our teachers do a lot for our students and we want them to know how much we appreciate them!!! If you want to help, please contact Alison Bateman or myself.

Field day will be June 4th at 9:00 am. Flyers will be coming home to let you know what fun activities we have planned and how you can help!!! Any ideas or suggestions please call 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 every month. The last one for this year will be May 7th at 4:15 pm 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.
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Dear Parents,

I would like to take a minute and introduce myself. My name is Nicole Rasmussen and I will be the new PTA President for the 2009-2010 school year here at Taylorsville Elementary. I am very excited for this opportunity to serve our wonderful children and I am looking forward to getting to know many of you parents of these great kids. I want you to know how much I appreciate your involvement with the PTA. It's because of caring parents like yourselves that the PTA is such a success. I am in the process of putting together a new board of volunteers for the coming year. There are still many positions available, most of them do not require a lot of time. The children love to see their parents in their classrooms and around the school. If you would like to volunteer some of your time, please let me know. I can be reached at the school or by e-mail at stampit@xmission.com. We are looking into some new programs for the children and I know we will have a great year with your help.

Thank you for all you do as parents, you have terrific kids. Have a fantastic summer and I can't wait to see you next year. Nicole Rasmussen

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

Watch for these names to be listed on the calendar in the school foyer. There will be more folks awarded in the coming weeks!!

Looking Ahead. . . Important Dates:

May 1-27	CRT TESTING CONTINUES
May 5	Kindergarten Fieldtrip Thanksgiving Point @ 1:10 pm
May 7	PTA Meeting @ 4:00 pm
May 14	Heart Association Donations Due
May 15	Jump Rope Activities with Heart Association
May 18-22	TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
May 18-21	KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT BY APPOINTMENT
May 18-20	DIBELS TESTING
May 19	2 nd Grade Fieldtrip Clark Planetarium @ 9:30 am
May 21	Spirit Assembly/Star Student Award @ 10:00 am Short Day Schedule Family Fun Night, 5 to 8 p.m.
May 22	Student Recess Day...No School
May 25	Memorial Day...No School
May 27	CRT Testing Ends DIBELS Testing for Kindergarten MCTEACHER'S NIGHT 5-7 pm
May 28	Music Concert @ 2:00 pm
May 29	Art Start Festival
June 1	School Choir Concert @ 2:00 pm Awards Assembly @ 3:00 pm
June 2	Safety Patrol Reward 9-3 pm
June 4	Road to Success Bike Assembly @ 9:15 am Field Day 10:00-12:00 pm
June 5	6 th Grade Promotion in am LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. Lunch served, school dismissed at 1:30 pm

Traffic and Safety

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.

Remember to check in at the office and obtain a visitor's pass before entering the school or the playground. 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.

Road to Success

The Road to Success reading program was a HUGE success this year. Our initial goal of 1,776,000 minutes for the whole school was exceeded months ago. A new goal of 2,000,000 minutes was established, and the students blew that one out of the water with an astounding 2,385,590 minutes read school-wide!! Great job TIGERS!! And – thank you parents for helping your kids do their reading and learn to love it. The Road to Success was sponsored by Ken Garff and WalMart. We also had some individuals who contributed prizes.

Taylorville Elementary will be participating in the Road to Success next year thanks to Ken Garff's commitment to helping kids read. This is great – especially during these stressful economic times. Parents, we can't stress enough how important it is that your children continue to read over the summer. Those students who have worked hardest in reading stand to lose the most – as much as a full grade level. Please, please, please make reading a part of your summer routine so that your child will be reading at grade level at the BEGINNING of the next school year. Take them to the library. Our kids are old enough to have their own library card with your signature. Help them, and set an example for them by reading yourself. Have a fun, safe summer and we'll see you in August.