

# Tiger Tales

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## Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents,

Thank you for a great beginning of a new school year! We are fortunate enough to have such wonderful students and staff at Taylorsville Elementary!

I have the privilege to attend the Utah Principal's Literacy Institute this year. I would like to share with you seven key elements from the Utah Literacy Model that will enhance student achievement.

- Curriculum: We are fortunate to have a new reading and math program this year. Teachers have been and will continue to be trained in the program to meet the needs of all students.
- Assessment: Students will be assessed using the DIBELS test, YPP and Acuity programs. Data will be used to help differentiate the need of every student.
- Instructional Delivery: Our staff is highly trained professionals. The staff will continue to receive Professional Development training. We will be using PD360, a website created as a resource for teacher training.
- High Quality Instructional Materials: Students are instructed with current textbooks. We have a wonderful balanced leveled library with decodable text, expository/narrative text and text at appropriate instructional levels.
- Environment: We set high standards and expectations for all students. We encourage and reward accomplishments through: 200 clubs, Star Student, Top Tigers, Green Day activities and Character Education.
- Family Involvement: We ask families to read together for at least 20 minutes every day. Taylorsville is participating in The Road to Success program which celebrates reading. We ask parents to be involved in your students' education.
- Intervention: We will continue to give additional support, extended learning and differentiated instruction as needed.

Thank you for your continued support in making Taylorsville Elementary School wonderful!

Sincerely,

Jon Adams, Principal

## Message from the PTA President. . .

Teachers and students,

Its been a great school year so far. Hopefully everyone is back in the groove!!! We have turned in our order for Tiger tee-shirts and will have an assembly soon to introduce our new "Tiger Spirit" program. Each student/teacher will receive a tee-shirt so everyone will be able to participate. We have started to organize our Art Start program but we still need volunteers. The art classes are taught once a month starting in October. Everything is provided for you, all you have to do is show up! Please call me if you can help.

Thanks to all who helped make our Fall Festival a great success!!! We had great turn out from our students and their families. Thanks to Natalie Zimmerman who planned and organized this for our school and thanks to all those who volunteered their time.

October 23rd we will be sponsoring PTA movie night. A flyer has been sent home with details. All you need is your PTA membership card. If you haven't joined yet you still can. Membership is only \$5.00 and you can pick up an envelope at the schools front office or at the theatre on movie night!

October 27th-31st is Red Ribbon Week. We have some great activities planned to help the students remember to be drug/alcohol free. We plan on having a door decorating contest with the classrooms. If you would like to help or have any ideas, let your children's teachers know.

Our PTA meetings are held every first Thursday of the month. The next one will be November 6th 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  
Wendy Koehler  
963-1834

## Hey Everyone. . .

Don't miss the chance to see your **favorite teachers working at McDonald's on Monday Night – October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m.** They will be there to cook, serve, and clean up after you and your family. Bring the whole family for dinner, and let our teachers wait on you!! **10% of the profit earned from 5 to 7 p.m. will be donated to Taylorsville Elementary.** The more you spend for dinner, the more money our school will receive. Let's show McDonald's that we appreciate all that they do for our school, and let's support our teachers who are volunteering their time for our school. Our teachers are GREAT!! Thanks McDonald's – Taylorsville Elementary appreciates all that you do for our school, our teachers, and our community.

## Did You Know?

Taylorsville Elementary has a school website! This valuable resource for parents and students provides links to important school information such as name and phone number of our Principal, secretaries, and teachers. Many of our teachers also have their own web pages where you can find our information that is important for their class. You will also find a link to our school Community Council. Posted on the Community Council link are the Community Council members, the schedule of meetings for the year, and the minutes of the meetings that have been held.

Each school newsletter will be posted on the website so that parents can always have access to information about the school and PTA activities. A calendar of events for the month will be included with the newsletter containing important school events and days off of school. Take some time to browse the website and find out how easy it is to use. **Once you have found it, be sure to bookmark it!**

The website can be found by typing in "graniteschools.org" on the web address line at the top of your screen. Select the Granite school District home page. Once the home page is loaded, look to the far left of your screen for a list of options. Choose "Schools", then "School Directory". Search through the section of Elementary schools until you find "Taylorsville Elementary". The list is alphabetical. Click on Taylorsville Elementary and you will come to a new page with our logo in the top left corner. Right above the tiger logo in blue print you will see "School Webpage". Click on this link, and you will have arrived at our school webpage. Again, Don't forget to bookmark it

## For Your Information. . .

Halloween: We will have a school wide parade Friday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Please have your students come to school dressed in costume with make-up pre applied. Absolutely no masks, weapons or facsimile of weapons are allowed for students or adults. Students will parade from class to class and then through the multipurpose room. Seating for guests will be available in our multipurpose room. Please be sure students and guests are dressed in modest costumes according to the Granite School District dress code standards.

Star Student: Congratulations to the following students and staff members: Aaron Anderson, Alaya Lopez, Cambree Sanford, Kalo Taukeiaho, Gina Garza, Alonzo Barnes, and Ronny Giron.

Star Teachers/Volunteers: Mrs. Sellers, Mrs. Mattucci, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Bateman.

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., 12/11, 4:00, 2/12, 4:00, 3/5, 5:00. You may view the minutes from the meetings under the Community Council Link on our school website.

Fund Raiser: Please support our Fund Raiser! The students are selling Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough. 50% OF EVERY PURCHASE SUPPORTS TAYLORSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! We are selling cookie dough to earn money for educational software, fieldtrips and student incentives. Please return orders and payment to the school by OCTOBER 10, 2008. Thank you for your support.

Literacy and Math Tutoring: We will begin AFTER school Literacy Tutoring and BEFORE school Math Tutoring this month. Please watch for letters regarding these special programs coming home with your child.

U.E.A. On October 15<sup>th</sup> school will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. School will not be held October 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> due to U.E.A. School will resume on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

SEP Conferences: Our fall conferences will be November 24<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>. Schedules to meet with your students' teacher will be sent out the week of November 17<sup>th</sup>. November 26<sup>th</sup> there will be no school due to a compensatory day; therefore, on November 25<sup>th</sup>, school will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. There will be no school November 27-28<sup>th</sup>...HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

Picture Retakes: Retakes for school pictures will be November 10th from 11:30-1:00 p.m. More information to come.

## Looking Ahead. . .

**Sept. 25 - Oct. 10 SCHOOL Fund Raiser**  
**Oct. 13 Taylorsville Elementary night at McDonald's from 5 to 7 pm.**  
**Oct. 16 – 17 UEA – No School**  
**Oct. 31 Halloween, Parade at 9:30 a.m.**

## The PTA Needs YOUR Support

The PTA will be collecting Box Tops, Soup Labels, Milk Caps and CLEAN plastic grocery-type bags again this year. We would love to earn enough money to purchase a snow cone maker for the school so that we can offer snow cones to students as rewards for outstanding performance at school. These items are to be brought to the classrooms, and will be collected the last school day each week. There is a contest going on – Mr. Watts seems to be the one to beat, but everyone wins if we reach our goal. Thanks for your enthusiasm and support of the school. Box Tops are on many items so be sure to watch for them and cut them out so they can be brought to school. The dollars add up fast when everyone helps. Thanks.

## Business Partners

Thanks to **GE Capital Financial** for printing our school newsletter each month.

**McDonald's** provided Happy Meals as awards for students, meal cards for teachers, and also provided meals for our teachers during SEP Conferences at the end of August. THANKS McDonald's.

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