

Board Approves Bond Election With No Tax Increase

At the August 11th meeting, the board of education places a bond question before voters on the November 3rd ballot. IT WILL NOT result in ANY increase in taxes. If bonding is approved, the district would sell \$256 million in general obligation bonds to air condition all remaining schools, build three schools and replace five existing school buildings.

The bond payments will be paid from the portion of existing capital outlay funds, since 1996; have funded the facilities master plan. Capital outlay funds cannot be used for other purposes such as the day to day operations of the district and salaries. Current economic conditions are favorable to bonding since construction and interest costs are very low. The district's pay-as-you-go strategy can no longer keep up with the needed facility improvements and construction.

The board also approved a project list associated with the bonding proposal, including air conditioning of 51 schools, replacement of Granger and Olympus High Schools and Hartvigsen School plus Woodstock and Oakwood Elementary Schools. Proposed new schools to accommodate growth include an elementary school in Magna, another in West Valley City and a junior high school in the northwest quadrant of the district.

The Board based the project list on public input from a series of network meetings held last year in each network. Results of a Dan Jones survey were also considered. Citizens were strongly in favor of air conditioning, replacing aging schools to improve the learning environment and building new schools where needed.

Tiger Tales

Taylorville Elementary Newsletter

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<http://www.graniteschools.org/el/taylorville/>

Message from the Principal. . .

Please see attached letter.

Our annual Gifted Testing for 2-6 grades will be administered on Tuesday, November 3rd and Wednesday, November 4th. Students may be recommended by their teacher or a parent for this testing. It is not necessary for your child to be tested on a yearly basis. Alternate yearly test scores may be used for placement. Kindergarten and First grades will be tested in January. We will post those dates in an upcoming newsletter.

6th graders who wish to be tested and are scored highly will be considered for placement in Accelerated Classes during Jr. High registration. If you have questions concerning your child and his/her abilities please use the following guidelines to evaluate the characteristics that might place them in this category.

**verbal Fluency *enjoys adult conversation *good auditory memory
*quick to grasp wit *dramatize stories/poems *use words appropriately
* remembers plot/sequence well *enjoys fantasy/fairy tales *creates new characters
*possesses lots of info on *shows logic in thinking *makes patterns/categories *long
concentration specific things *avid collector with objects *unusual early
leadership *often emerges as the leader *shows great compassion and
*rich/interesting use of words abilities *good listening skills concern for others
*uses humor in language *early interest books/reading *spontaneously creates
rhymes *reads constantly *asks critical questions plans well/independently
*makes skillful * finds creative solutions to problems*

**vivid
imagination *designates tasks to other*

Message from the PTA President. . .

Teachers, Parents and Students,

It's been a great school year so far! We have such great teachers and parents at our school. I want to take a minute and thank all of you that came to the Art Start Orientation and Room Parent Tea. It was so encouraging to see so many parents want to be involved with teaching the Art Start lessons and volunteer to help in their child's classroom. The PTA is always looking for volunteers, if there is something you would like to help with, please call me and let me know.

It's that time of year again for the Reflections contest. This is a great way for your child to express their artistic abilities. The Theme for this year is "Beauty is..." Every child will receive an award just for participating, so please encourage them to do so. Rules and entry forms will be available at the office and entries will be due by November 3, 2009.

The Vision Screening has been scheduled for November 11, 2009. More detailed information will be sent home with your child later in the month. It takes a lot of advanced prep work and help during the actual screening to make this successful. If you are willing to help in any way, please call me and let me know. We could really use some translators to help the Spanish speaking children understand what they need to do. Anything you can do to help is greatly appreciated.

We are collecting Box Tops/Soup Labels and Milk Lids again this year. Please have your child bring them to their classroom for collection. Box Tops can be found on so many items so be sure to watch for them and cut them out so they can be brought in to school. The dollars really add up fast when everyone contributes. Thank you for your enthusiasm and support of the school programs.

PTA Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be October 8th at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. If you have any ideas/suggestions we would love to see you there.

Thanks for everything you do for our Tigers!

Nicole Rasmussen

PTA President

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Sept. 30: School Dismissed @ 1:30 pm

Oct. 1-2: Fall Recess, No School

Oct. 5: Professional Development (Student Recess Day)

Oct. 6: Cookie Dough Fund Raiser Begins

Oct. 7: Bond Open House @ Taylorsville High School 6-8pm

Oct. 9: Award/Spirit Assembly @ 9:20am

Oct. 14: Safe Walking Assembly @ 2:30 pm

Oct. 15: Community Council Meeting @ 4:00 pm

Oct. 20: UBSTC Testing All Week

Oct. 20: Cookie Dough Sale Ends

Oct. 29: Halloween Parade @ 9:20 am

Oct. 29: School Dismissed @ 1:30 pm

Oct. 30: Professional Development (Student Recess Day)

Nov. 3: Bond Voting Today, For More Information Call (385) 646-4529 or

Go To www.graniteschools.org

Nov. 6: Award/Spirit Assembly @ 9:20 am

Nov. 13: Picture Make-Up Day

Nov. 19: School Dismissed at 1:30 pm

Nov. 20: End of Term (Student Recess Day)

Nov. 23: SEP Conferences

Nov. 24: SEP Conferences, School Dismissed at 1:30 pm

Nov. 25: Compensatory Day, No School

Nov. 26-27: Thanksgiving Recess, No School

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 Nicole Rasmussen. Thanks.

