



# Tonasket Elementary

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Dear TES Families,

April 28, 2023

Spring has been a busy time here at Tonasket Elementary. Run Club began just after spring break, and students have completed over 3,000 miles cumulatively! Run Club provides an opportunity for students to run the track at recess. They can set personal goals and earn prizes for the number of laps they run. It is a fun and healthy activity for our students, and provides an opportunity for parents and volunteers to interact with students as well.

This week our amazing PTO hosted the Fund Run, a fundraising event for our school, and it was a huge success. They were able to raise over \$20,000 in donations thanks to our generous community. We are thankful for our hard working parent volunteers for making this event so successful.

I am very excited to announce that Grandparent's/Grandfriend's Day will be returning this year. This is an opportunity for students to invite their grandparents or a special friend to visit them at school. The event will be held on Friday, May 5th at 9:00 AM. Additional information is being sent home with your child.

We will be offering a summer learning program for students again this year. Students who qualify will attend three days per week for four weeks beginning June 22nd. Please be on the lookout for invitations in the coming weeks.

Finally, I'm looking forward to our final First Friday Coffee of the school year. It will be held on Friday, May 12th at 8:45 AM in our conference room. I hope you can join me!

Although this time of year is always busy with after school activities and summer just around the corner, rest assured that our wonderful teaching staff will continue to keep learning at the forefront as we enter this final stretch of the school year.

Warmly,  
Lilly Martin



Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Don't forget to say thank you to your child's teacher!

Soar to New Heights with us on

## Grandparent's & Grandfriend's Day



May 5th at Tonasket Elementary

### Our Schedule

We will have the gym open throughout the morning with various presentations scheduled.

8:45 Coffee & Doughnuts  
9:00 Welcome & Presentations  
9:30 Kinder, 1st & 2nd grade classes open  
9:45 3rd grade recorders in gym  
10:00 3rd grade classes open  
10:15 Kindergarten performers  
10:15 4th & 5th grade classes open  
10:30 4th grade orations

Grandparents are welcome to stay for lunch. You may purchase a meal for \$5.00.

### Grandparent Parking

Please help us save our front parking lot for those who have a hard time walking and need more assistance.



Happy May!

Can you believe that this is our last full month of school?! I have loved getting to hear from students what their summer plans are. I myself, with my boys will hopefully be doing a lot of camping and fishing. This last month in the classroom I have begun an introduction on careers and goal planning. It has been so fun to hear the different things students want to be when they grow up. I also shared with students that the average adult changes jobs or careers about 6x's in their lifetime and it is totally okay to not know exactly what you want to be. We then shifted our focus to the question of what we can do now to prepare for the future. Some of the suggestions from students were to have good attendance, practice, work hard in school, job shadow, learn more, etc.

This last month was Autism Awareness Month. Autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder also known as a difference in the brain. These differences can cause social communication and interaction to be more challenging. I would like to recognize that different doesn't mean bad. We as human beings are unique and our differences are what makes each of us who we are. The spectrum and severity of a diagnosis of autism is very broad and can be very challenging for those with a more severe diagnosis. Here at Tonasket Elementary School the goal is to be inclusive and to teach our students that we come in all shapes and sizes and with differences. We work hard to educate them on these differences and how to interact in a positive and kind manner with each other. There are many famous people who have a diagnosis of autism who are quite frankly more successful than most of us. People are more than their diagnosis and while it's important to recognize different disorders and be educated on them it's also important to teach self-awareness, kindness and compassion. If you are interested in learning more about autism here are some reliable resources...

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0166223622001667>

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/facts.html>

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/autism-spectrum-disorders-asd>

<https://autismsociety.org/the-autism-experience/>

In conclusion, I wish all of you well and continue to look forward to working with our students. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out. Happy May!

Sincerely,

Cayla Monroe-Sellers

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/Spanish/autism/facts.html>

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/espanol>

# Counselors

Corner

## ★★★ PTO News ★★★

This year has gone by quick and we are starting to look towards the new year. Please join us at our last PTO meeting on May 18th at 6:00pm. This meeting will determine the PTO board as well as mapping a budget and events for next year. With our current President, Sarah Kirkelie and our current Treasurer, Megan Kinney, both stepping down from their positions as they are moving out of the area, this leaves some vital positions open in our PTO. Even if you aren't interested in holding a position in the PTO, your input as a parent and community member is an integral part of our growth as an organization.

## Fund Run News

What an amazing Fund Run!! We are so incredibly appreciative of the support from our students, parents, volunteers, families and friends as well as our sponsors! Without your help and support, we wouldn't be able to have all of the fun events and activities available for our students! This year we raised \$6580.00 from our sponsors and \$13,521.86 from our students! That is a grand total of \$20,101.86!! **WAY TO GO TONASKET!!** We are still in need of volunteers for the Fund Run Prize days! Let us know if you are interested!

**Highest Earning Class:** Mrs. Hall's class with \$1337.00

**Highest Earning Grade Level:** Second Grade with \$3,072.11

**Highest Earning Student:** Harper Combs with \$700

Thank you to our sponsors for making this Fund Run a success!

P1FCU	Lee Frank Mercantile	Grocery Outlet
Iron Grill	The Junction Gas Station	Grants
OK Chevrolet	Tonasket Firefighters Association	Complete Restoration
Midway Building Supply	Tonasket Tire	Allens Auto Parts (NAPA)
Beyers	Hickmans Body Shop	Whitestone Towing
Walmart	Safeway	Rustic Roots Salon
Dick Mikeys	McNall Construction	Beanaddiction
Tava Arts	Ogborn Plumbing	Taco Wagon
Wild Rose Floral	Vassar Electric	AK Oro LLC
All Perked Up	Roosters	Tonasket Interiors
	Tonasket Okanogan Valley Lions Club	

## Migrant Monthly Meeting

Thank you so much to everyone who attended Family Science Night. It was a fabulous afternoon with the families reunited and working towards the same goal. The rockets designed by each family were amazing, each one produced a lot of creativity. Surprisingly, most of the models had a fantastic landing.

The next and final meeting for this school year will be held on Wednesday, May 24 at 6:00 pm. This will be the gathering of celebrations with the cooking done by the administrators! Let's celebrate and praise all those who have contributed to making the Migrant Program and Century XXI extraordinary. We are primarily going to empower students who will graduate and/or have a promotion.

Come with your family, enjoy, socialize and let's close together an excellent year of great learning for all!

# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Grandparents'/ Grand Friends Day	6
7	8	9	10 Incoming Kindergarten Mtgs. @ DO Early Release 12:25pm	11	12 First Friday Coffee 8:45am	13
	Certified Appreciation Week					
14	15	16	17 Monthly Migrant Mtg. 6pm	18 PTO Mtg. 6pm	19 PSC – Science on Wheels Here	20
21	22	23	24 Early Release 12:25pm	25	26 Last Day of Run Club	27
28	29 Memorial Day No School	30	31			

## Dates to Remember

May 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Teacher Appreciation Week  
 May 5<sup>th</sup> Lunch Hero Day  
 May 10<sup>th</sup> Early Release 12:25pm  
 May 10<sup>th</sup> School Nurse Appreciation Day  
 May 10 & 11 Kindergarten Reg. Mtgs. 9am-3pm  
 May 12<sup>th</sup> First Friday Coffee 8:45am  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> Migrant Meeting 6pm  
 May 18<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 6pm  
 May 19<sup>th</sup> Science on Wheels  
 May 24<sup>th</sup> Early Release 12:25pm  
 May 26<sup>th</sup> Last day of Run Club  
 May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day – No School  
 June 9<sup>th</sup> Last Day of School - Early Release

## Anoten en sus Calendarios

8-12 de mayo ¡Semana de Apreciación a los Maestros!  
 5 de mayo Almuerzo Día del Héroe  
 10 de mayo Salida Temprana 12:25pm  
 10 de mayo día de la enfermera escolar  
 10 y 11 de mayo Entrega de papeleo de Kindergarten  
 12 de mayo Primer viernes Café 8:45am  
 17 de mayo Reunión Mensual Para Padres 6pm  
 18 de mayo Junta de PTO 6pm  
 19 de mayo Ciencia sobre ruedas  
 24 de mayo Salida Temprana 12:25pm  
 26 de mayo Último Día de Run Club  
 29 de mayo Día Conmemorativo No hay clases  
 9 de junio Último Día de Clases-Salida Temprana



## The Pacific Science Center Is Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars for May 19<sup>th</sup> as a day that your child won't want to miss! The science on wheels program will be presenting their Space Odyssey program. There will be a whole school assembly, interactive pop up exhibits, and classroom programs.



Kindergarten Registration for next year is open online. We will be scheduling **appointments with parents May 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>** to receive birth certificates, immunization records and make sure that the applications are complete.

**Current TES Preschool students** rolling up into kindergarten do not need to do the registration form but will need to do the annual update of information for next

year when we meet in May.

All students need to be five by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. If you do not have a computer to enroll your child you can schedule a time to enroll your child on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.



# Volunteers Needed

**Come join the fun and help out at the  
Tonasket Elementary Field Day**

**When:** Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 8:40-10:00 5<sup>th</sup> and Kindergarten

10:05-11:25 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

12:35-1:55 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grade

**Where:** THS Football/Track Field (Meet in the elementary gym at 8:15:am and 12:25pm)

Pick a morning, afternoon or help out all day! Sign-ups are in the Tonasket Elementary Office or email Whitney Massart at [wmassart@tonasket.wednet.edu](mailto:wmassart@tonasket.wednet.edu) to sign up!