



Tonasket Elementary

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Dear TES Families,

February 25, 2022

We look forward to the month of March with hopes of warmer weather just around the corner! While our students always have a great time playing in the snow, the weather over the past week has often been too cold for students to play outside. I know that students and staff members alike are tiring of indoor recess.

As you may have heard, last week Governor Inslee announced that the mask mandate is scheduled to be lifted on March 11th. At that time, students and staff members will have a choice of whether to wear a mask or not. I encourage you to discuss this topic with your child. Each family's circumstances are unique, so it is important that your child understands your expectations regarding mask wearing. It's also important that your child understands that another child's decision to wear or not wear a mask is a choice they will make based on the needs of their family. We'll be reinforcing this message at school as well. Regardless of your family's choice, we want every child to feel safe and supported in school.

I also want to make you aware that there will be no school on March 25th to provide an opportunity for teachers to conference with parents if there are concerns or issues that need to be discussed. Your child's teacher will contact you to schedule a conference if they feel it is necessary. You are also welcome to contact your child's teacher to schedule a conference if you have concerns you would like to discuss.

Finally, please remember to join me for our Next Tiger Talk Friday on March 11th. This is a time to meet with me and discuss questions, suggestions, or concerns you may have. I appreciate feedback from parents and always enjoy the conversation. I'll be hosting two sessions; a Spanish session at 8:00 am and an English session at 8:45 am. Joining information is below:

English Session: 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM go to meet.google.com/rpf-xcuc-nqe To join by phone, call 1 336-515-0869 and enter PIN#: 426 565 195#

As always, if you have questions, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to stop by and visit, call me at (509) 486-4933 or contact me by email at lmartin@tonasket.wednet.edu.

Warmly,
Lilly Martin



From the Nurse:

With the warmer weather coming, the snow is melting and students are getting wet during recess. If your child is one who typically gets wet and doesn't like to stay in their wet clothes and shoes, please send an extra set with them. The nurse has a limited supply of clothes and doesn't always have the right sizes.



March 14th – School Make Up Day! Instead of making up the day in June we will use the teacher LID day for it. Please change your calendars!



Happy March!

I am looking forward to some sunnier days and longer hours of daylight. I am hoping that it will allow for my boys and I to get outside and enjoy some fresh air after work/school. This month I would really like to focus on the meaning of kindness. I will be challenging classrooms to practice an “Acts of Kindness Challenge” during the month of march. In the words of Jackie Chan,

“Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person’s life”

We are the role models for our students and for new generations to come. How we treat others; how we talk about or talk to people; what we do, is the influence on how our students will also do these things. If you google the dictionary meaning of kindness it shares that it is the “quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate” (Oxford Languages, 2022). Kindness is always free.

I would like to bring the “Acts of Kindness Challenge” to you as a community as well. I encourage you to complete this challenge with your students and perhaps even come up with what you want to do together. This could be as simple as complimenting a stranger, cleaning up an area of our environment, or sending words of encouragement to a friend. I would love to hear from you and our students on how you met this challenge. Oftentimes by filling others’ buckets with kindness, we end up filling our own buckets as well.

To conclude this letter the Elementary School is hoping to start a Run Club after spring break. The running/walking happens during recess - in which we will need some volunteers daily to help hole punch cards to track miles. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please give me a call or send me an email. Student’s will receive some fun prizes when they hit certain milestones and it is a great way to encourage exercise which is proven to improve moods, allow for better focus, promote better sleep (as a parent this one gets me extra excited) along with so many more benefits.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you Elementary Family for your support.

Sincerely,
Cayla Monroe-Sellers

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Corner

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Did you know that you can support the PTO just by shopping? Our PTO can earn money from your purchases at no cost to you! First, it only takes a moment to sign up for Amazon Smile on Amazon, just go to smile.amazon.com. Qualifying orders generate a percentage and are sent directly to our organization at no cost to you! Second, we are a Box Top school! No more cutting boxes and saving the tops, it's now as easy as scanning your receipt in the Box Top App! PTO earns a portion of every box top eligible item that you purchase! Bonus: Every receipt scanned from today through March 8th with a qualifying product earns an extra dollar! These are both great ways to support our PTO just by doing your normal shopping! Last, there is a shirt form being sent home this week. If you are interested in purchasing a Fund Run shirt to support our annual fundraiser and our sponsors, please return the completed form and payment by Monday March 7th! Shirts will be given out prior to the Fund Run in April!

Migrant News

The Virtual Monthly Migrant Meeting of February was directed by Lisa Monahan, Kate Lindholm, and Gaby Fernandez (ESD 171). They gave us a demonstration of how to bake bread while we talked about the science, math, and vocabulary behind the process. It was a fascinating meeting, well presented and engaging on many levels. Becca Freimuth was in charge of the technical support that allowed smooth transitions between the presentation and the demo. More than 30 families attended and we had an excellent turnout. The feedback we have received from our families has been outstanding. King Arthur Baking Company, through its Bake for Good program, donated the supplies needed to make the two loaves of bread (or pizza or cinnamon rolls). One for the family to keep and one for the family to give to someone else. Some families sent pictures of completed projects.



Stay tuned, there will be another great meeting in March. Please know that these meetings would not be possible without you, amazing families. Thank you all who were able to put their duties aside to join us.



Scholastic Book Fair is coming!

We are having our Spring Book Fair on March 14-19 and 21-26. That is 2 whole weeks to pick up some great books and get reading! We will be in the library once again and our hours will be 8:30am -4:00pm on weekdays and 10:00am-2:00pm on the 19th and 26th. For more information see our Scholastic Homepage: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/tonasketelementaryschool> . Check out the ewallet option. This is a great way to provide your kids with money for the fair without sending cash. Grandparents and other family members can add money this way as well. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Book Fair, please contact the office. I hope you are as excited about Book Fair as I am! Let's make it the best ever!

Read Across America Day



Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2nd. Across the country, thousands of schools participate by bringing together kids and books. Tonasket Elementary School's theme this year is **WOULD YOU RATHER?** We are planning many fun activities in our classrooms. **Students may wear pajamas OR fancy attire to school on Wednesday, March 2nd.**



March/Marzo 2022



| | | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | | |
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| | | 1 | 2 Read Across America Day | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 PTO Meeting 6pm | 8 | 9 Early Release 12:25pm | 10 | 11 Trimester 2 Ends Tiger Talk Friday ENG: 8:45 am SP: 8:00 am | 12 |
| 13 Daylight Savings! | 14 School Make Up Day | 15 | 16 | 17 St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 Scholastic Book Fair 10am-2pm |
| | | Scholastic Book Fair March 14 th -18 th 8:30am - 4:00pm | | | | |
| | | Classified Appreciation Week | | | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Early Release 12:25pm | 24 | 25 Parent Conferences – No School Report Cards Sent Home | 26 Scholastic Book Fair 10am-2pm |
| | | Scholastic Book Fair March 21 st -25 th 8:30am - 4:00pm | | | | |
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Dates to Remember

March 2nd Read Across America Day

March 7th PTO Mtg. 6pm

March 9th Early Release 12:25pm

March 11th End of the Trimester

March 11th Tiger Talk Friday ENG: 8:45am

March 14th-18th Classified Appreciation Week

March 13th Daylight Savings – Spring Forward

March 14th School Make Up Day

March 14th-18th Scholastic Book Fair 8:30am-4pm

March 19th Scholastic Book Fair 10am-2pm

March 21st-25th Scholastic Book Fair 8:30am-4pm

March 23rd Early Release 12:25pm

March 25th Parent Teacher Conferences- No School

March 25th Report Cards Mailed Home

March 26th Scholastic Book Fair 10am-2pm

April 4th-8th Spring Break- No School

Anoten en sus Calendarios

2 de Marzo Leer el día de Estados Unidos

7 de Marzo Junta de PTO 6pm

9 de Marzo Salida Temprana 12:25pm

11 de Marzo Final del trimestre

11 de Marzo charla de tigres 8:00am

14-18 de Marzo Semana de Apreciacion clasificada

13 de Marzo Cambio de tiempo

14 de Marzo ¡Día de recuperación escolar!

14-18 de Marzo Feria Escolar de Libros 8:30am—4pm

19 de Marzo Feria Escolar de Libros 10am-2pm

21-25 de Marzo Feria Escolar de Libros 8:30am—4pm

23 de Marzo Salida Temprana 12:25pm

25 de Marzo los conferencias - No Escuela

25 de Marzo Boletas de calificaciones enviadas a casa

26 de Marzo Feria Escolar de Libros 10am-2pm

4-8 de Abril Vacaciones de Primavera