

# Tonasket Elementary

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Dear Families,

November 28, 2022

As we approach the holiday season, I am thankful for our supportive community and the involvement of families in the education process. Once again, we had a great turnout for parent-teacher conferences. We strive to build strong parent-teacher partnerships, and appreciate the encouragement and support you provide at home.

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the first trimester already. Over the next couple of weeks, teachers will be compiling data for **report cards**, which will be going home with students during the **week of December 9th**.

Last week we held our annual food drive. Thanks to your generosity, we provide food for the Thanksgiving holiday for families in our community! Thanks so much for your contributions.

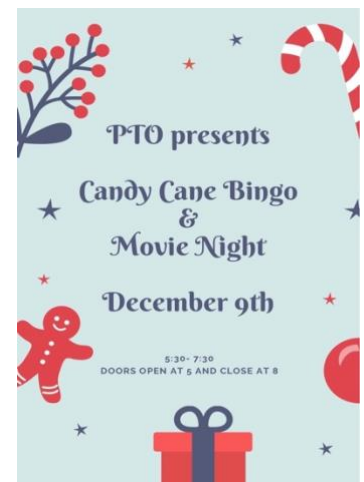
As we look towards the month of December, I hope you will be able to join me for **First Friday Coffee** on **December 2nd at 8:45 AM**. It is always nice to connect with parents and get feedback on ways that we can better meet the needs of our families.

Also, make sure to mark your calendars for our **PTO Sponsored Candy Cane Bingo & Movie Night** on **December 9th from 5:30pm-7:30pm**.

As you can see, the next few weeks will be busy indeed. It is my hope that during this busy time, you have the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. As always, please do not hesitate to call, email or visit to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Warmly,  
Lilly Martin

**\*\*A friendly reminder as the weather continues to grow colder to please make sure your student is dressed for the weather. We also encourage you to put your child's name on their coat and winter gear to help minimize lost items.**



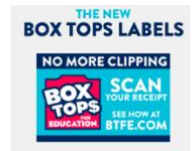
## PTO News

Please join us Friday, December 9th, for Candy Cane Bingo with hot cocoa or a Holiday movie night and popcorn! Fun for the whole family! Doors open at 5pm, Bingo and the movie start at 5:30pm and will go until 7:30pm. Doors close at 8pm. It is sure to be a fun time for everyone!

We are still in search of someone who has two extra rooms and can host our Missoula Staff. They would only need accommodations for 7 days in January. It's important that we find accommodations because without them, we cannot bring our Missoula Children's Theater back! We are also seeking an accompanist who can play the piano for the event! Please reach out to us if you can help us with either request!



Don't forget us when doing your Christmas shopping! If you download the Boxtops app and scan your receipts or add PTO as your charity on Amazon, a portion of those already planned purchases will come directly to us without costing you anything extra! What a gift!



As always, PTO meets on the Third Thursday of each month at 6:00pm in the Elementary School Library. Our next meeting is December 15th! We hope to see you there!



## Migrant News



The December holidays and the arrival of a new year are always a reason for reflection to know where we are, what we have done and where we are going. And for this reason we want to congratulate you Migrant Parents who have done a great job. You have attended parent teacher conferences. You have attended the migrant meetings and the PAC meetings. You have justified your children's absences, you have brought them to school, you have provided your children with what is necessary. BUT... don't think the school year is over, we still have a lot to do for the success of our children! So, we welcome 2023 with joy and positivity.

And may the force that has characterized you stay with you!  
See you all on January 18, 2023 with more great information and a delicious birria.  
The staff of the Migrant Program wishes you happy holidays!



## Cookie Dough Delivery!



**Where:** Tonasket Elementary School Gymnasium  
**Day:** Tuesday December 6th  
**Time:** 10:30am-6:00pm

It's finally time to come pick up your child's cookie dough (and other items)! It will be arriving at the school on Tuesday December 6th. You can come by the Elementary School from 10:30am to 6:00pm to pick up your order in the Gym.

Higher level prizes will be included in your child's box of purchased items, and prizes for 15 items sold or less will be handed out by Kassandra Kauffman when picking up the boxes from the gym. Small orders can be sent home on the bus with children. If your child is in K-2nd grade they can take 2 or less items on the bus, and if your child is in 3-5th grade they can take 4 items or less home on the bus. If you find any items missing, please call the 800 number listed on the order form.



## Note from the Nurse:

### **Handwashing! Handwashing! Handwashing!**

Please encourage hand hygiene with your kids for school and home.

Keep your sick kids home! Let's keep school healthy! Please do not give your sick kids medication to mask a fever or symptoms and send them to school-Keep them home to rest and recover.

Also, parents of younger age kids-Please send a **change of clothes in their backpacks**. Accidents happen at school but we have a very limited amount of extra clothes, especially in smaller sizes. You may be asked to bring clothes in if your student has an accident and we don't have extras here.

We do not have enough clothes to give out for weather related outfit changes. Save yourself a trip to the school and send proper snow gear



December. The last month of the year. It is a short month here at school with winter break looming around the corner. Holidays can be an exciting joyful time, but for some the holidays are hard. It might remind you of a loved one no longer with you, financial strain through the holidays, or the shuffling of plans and homes. Kids can also feel this stress. With cloudy days, cold weather and the above mentioned things you may see a change in your child's behavior and mood. There might be increased tantrums, or your child may seem more withdrawn or moody. Sometimes this is also true for adults. So what can we do to help our kids if they are experiencing a harder time?

- Create structure. Have a nighttime routine, set limits on screen time.
- Share the calendar or schedule. If you have a kid who is splitting time between two homes, let them know what that looks like over break and holidays.
- Set time aside for them. It could be as simple as reading a story together, watching a movie, playing cards, or having them help you in the kitchen.
- Create a positive behavior chart. (This cannot only extinguish unwanted behaviors, but also increase self-esteem).
- Talk to them - ask how they are doing, acknowledge their feelings without judgment, dismissal or question. (Sometimes allowing them to feel heard is all they really need).

If you have questions, concerns or need extra support please feel free to reach out to me.

To conclude, I want to take a brief moment and thank you for helping support another successful food drive. This month I am working on a giving tree for families who might be in need of some extra support. If you are a family in need and did not fill out a form at conferences, please give me a call. Thank you all for being a part of the TES team and allowing us to love, teach and support your kids.

Sincerely,  
Cayla Monroe-Sellers  
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Counselors

Corner

## December/Diciembre 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 First Friday Coffee 8:45am	3
4	5	6 Cookie Dough Pick Up 10:30-6:00pm	7 Early Release 12:25pm	8	9 Candy Cane Bingo and Movie Night 5:30-7:30pm  Report Cards Sent Home	10
11	12	13	14	15 PTO Mtg. 6pm	16	17
18	19	20 Early Release 12:25pm	21	22	23	24
Christmas Vacation – No School Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> -Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup> .						
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1	2	3	4 First Day Back to School	5	6 First Friday Coffee 8:45am	7
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### Dates to Remember

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> First Friday Coffee 8:45am  
 Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Cookie Dough Pick Up 10:30am-6pm  
 Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Early Release 12:25pm  
 Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Candy Cane Bingo/Movie Night 5:30  
 Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Report Cards Sent Home  
 Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 6pm  
 Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Early Release 12:25pm  
 Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> -Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> Winter Vacation – No School

### Anoten en sus Calendarios

2 de Diciembre Primer viernes de café  
 6 de Recogida de masa para galletas  
 7 de Diciembre Salida Temprana 12:25 pm  
 9 de Diciembre Bingo de bastoncitos de dulce  
 9 de Diciembre Boletas de calificaciones se envían  
 15 de Diciembre Junta de PTO 6pm  
 20 de Diciembre salida Temprana 12:25 pm  
 21 de diciembre-3 de enero vacaciones de invierno