



Tonasket Elementary

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Dear TES Families,

March 28, 2022

Spring is in the air! The birds are singing, flowers are blooming, and we are just heading into the beginning of our final trimester of the year. Last week, families had an opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss questions or concerns. As always, we truly appreciate the support and involvement from parents and other family members in helping students be successful at school. Our conferences were well attended, which is a testament to your child that you value their education.

Our **Smarter Balanced Assessments** will take place from mid-April through May for our students in grades 3-5. Students will be testing in English language arts and math. Our 5th grade students will also be tested in science. Specific dates will be provided from your child's teacher as we get closer. During this time it is critical that your child be at school. Please schedule any appointments after school or outside this testing window. Our students have worked very hard and have been well prepared by their teachers. We appreciate your support and encouragement throughout this testing window.

In May, teachers will be determining class placements for next year. We strive to create balanced classrooms, and teachers take into account the individual learning style, social/emotional needs and academic needs of each child. We are currently taking parent input into the process, though we are unable to honor specific teacher requests as this limits our ability to ensure classrooms remain balanced. You can provide input on your child's individual needs through our survey that you can access at <https://forms.gle/h8Qn9WjWkoL6Hxgs9> or on our district webpage at www.tonasket.wednet.edu. If you are unable to access the survey online, copies are also available for pickup/drop-off at the school office. We will be accepting online and paper forms through Friday, April 29th.

Lately, there have been several days in which traffic bottlenecks have occurred in our **pickup loop after school**, and we need help from parents to ensure student safety. We ask that you never leave your car unattended in the drop off loop in front of the school. This adds congestion as well as being illegal in a fire lane. If you need to come inside, or your children are not out in front ready to be picked up, please park your car in the parking lot. This will allow the flow of traffic to keep moving. We appreciate your support for the safety of our students, staff and visitors.

Finally, please remember to join me for our next Tiger Talk on Friday on April 15th. 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. Joining information is below:

Tiger Talk: 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#

It is my hope that you have a wonderful spring break!
Warmly,
Mrs. Martin



Kindergarten Registration for next year will open up online starting April 25th. We will be scheduling **appointments with parents May 11th-12th** 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 31st, 2022. If you do not have a computer to enroll your child you can schedule a time to enroll your child on May 11th and 12th.



"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush."
- Doug Larson.

We are officially moving into the month of April. In March we did a month of kindness and as a school we got to see the ripple effect that an act of kindness has. I want to thank all of our students, staff and the families who joined in on this. I was also able to complete our Riding the Waves suicide prevention curriculum with our 5th Graders which focused on different positive ways to handle stress such as journaling, laughter, and talking to a parent or friend.

This next month is a busy and short one for us at the school. We will kick it off with spring break: I hope everyone is able to enjoy some time together and some sunshine. Once we get back from spring break we will begin "Run Club" (April 11 - May 27, 2022). We need volunteers daily for 1.5 hours, so please give us a call and sign up for a day. As we finish up our bully prevention lessons we will be starting lessons using our approved Second-Step curriculum Child Protection Unit to discuss with students ways to stay safe. Items discussed will include the Always Ask First Rule and Safe and Unsafe Touches. To finish out the month of April our PTO will be hosting a Fund Run on April 29. So in conclusion, really lots of running/exercise for our students this month.

Speaking of running: Did you know that exercise is a great way to decrease negative emotions such as depression, anger, and stress? When we exercise we are creating chemicals in the brain known as endorphins - these are known as happy chemicals as they are the body's natural painkillers and mood elevators. You can also increase endorphins through eating certain foods and laughter. I encourage everyone to practice getting some extra free endorphins this month as studies have shown that suicide rates are at their highest during the spring and early summer months.

To conclude, in the last three years all of us have experienced a multitude of changes. Our students have done a great job of wading through these hard times, however we can acknowledge that it has been hard and exhausting. We as a community have experienced some great losses not only at the school, but in the community as a whole through tragic accidents, natural causes of death, and illness. I encourage all of you to check in with your student at home to see how they are doing. If you have any questions or concerns or need support in some way, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,
Cayla Monroe-Sellers
Tonasket Elementary School Counselor

Counselors

Corner

★★★★PTO NEWS★★★★

Tonasket Elementary School PTO is planning our first and hopefully annual Fund Run! It's been months of preparation and planning! Money raised from this fundraiser goes to the PTO and will be used for the benefit of the students at Tonasket Elementary School! Projects that the PTO has funded in the past and would like to bring back are Missoula Children's Theater, Pacific Science Center, Trunk 'r Treat, Fall Carnival, Reptile Man, as well as funding fun activities and treats for the school!

What is a Fund Run? The Fund Run is a donation based fundraiser. No pledging monetary amounts for laps, no selling items, **just a one-time donation**. Friends and Family can donate \$1 dollar, \$5 dollars or even \$25 dollars! Students will collect donations and earn prizes based on how much they raise. We will kick off the Fund Run on April 1st with an assembly where students will receive their envelopes to collect donations. Donation collecting starts April 1st and envelopes **must** be returned April 22nd!

On April 29th we will have our Fund Run finale! Students will walk/run the Fund Run course! Bottled water will be provided and times for each grade level will be announced at a later date. We will wrap up the event with an assembly to announce how much we raised as a school, which student was our highest earner, which was our highest earning class etc. Our goal is to raise \$25 dollars per student! Prizes are cumulative so if you make it to a prize level you get all the prizes before it as well! **The more you raise, the more you win!** Prizes will be awarded on alternate days in May!



Spring
PICTURE DAY IS COMING SOON!

10x8 Class Photo

Personality Portraits

YOUR SCHOOL NAME

Order online by 3PM the day before Picture Day!



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Order online by 3PM the day before Picture Day

Only students with orders will be photographed in the Spring

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April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					PTO Fund Run Kick off Assembly ¹	²
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Spring Break – No School April 4 th -8 th					
10	11 PTO Meeting 6pm	12	13	14	15 Tiger Talk Friday ENG: 8:45 am SP: 8:00 am	16
17	18	19	20 Early Release 12:25pm	21 Monthly Migrant Meeting	22 Fund Run Envelopes Due	23
24	25 Kindergarten Online Registration Opens	26 Class Picture Day	27	28	29 Fund Run! Deadline for Parent Input on placement next year	30

Dates to Remember

April 1st PTO Fund Run Kickoff

April 4th-8th Spring Break- No School

April 11th PTO Mtg. 6pm

April 15th Tiger Talk Friday 8:45am ENG

April 20th Early Release 12:25pm

April 21st Monthly Migrant Meeting

April 22nd Fund Run Envelopes Due

April 25th Kindergarten Registration Opens Online

April 26th Class Picture Day

April 29th Fund Run

April 29th Parent Input on Placement Deadline

May 11th & 12 Kindergarten Reg. Mtgs. 9am-3pm

Anoten en sus Calendarios

1 de Abril Inicio de la Carrera de fondos de PTO

4-8 de Abril Vacaciones de Primavera

11 de Abril Junta de PTO 6pm

15 de Abril charla de tigres 8:45am

20 de Abril Salida Temprana 12:25pm

21 de Abril Reunión Mensual Para Padres

22 de Abril Vencimiento de los sobres de Fund Run

25 de Abril Inscripciones para jardín de infants se abren en línea

26 de Abril día de fotos de clase

29 de Abril Ejecucion de fondos

29 de Abril Aporte de los padres sobre la fecha limite de colocacion

11 y 12 de Abril Entrega de papeleo de Kinder

Migrant News

On March 17 we had our first in-person Migrant Monthly Meeting in over two years! It was great to be back together and we had a great turnout. 86 migrant parents and students attended the meeting, in addition to our staff, La Chispa dancers, and guests, bringing our attendance to over 100 people. This really says that even though we haven't been able to meet in person for the last two years, the momentum of our valuable and educational offerings was kept up through our monthly virtual meetings. We start with announcements from each of our administrators. Joyce Fancher and Sharron Cox then joined our meeting to get a sense of what our Hispanic parents would like to see in our next superintendent as well as what families saw that was going well in our district and what could be improved. After discussion with members of the school board, members of Club La Chispa performed four folk dances for the group. It was spectacular to see them again dancing in person! There were many younger children who talked about becoming dancers too! Finally, there was a wonderful meal of pozole prepared by one of our migrant parents. We thank all the participants and hope to see you again at the monthly migrant meeting April 21st.