



# Tonasket Elementary

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Dear TES Families,

November 22, 2021

Can you believe that we are nearing the end of the first trimester already?! Over the next couple of weeks, teachers will be compiling data for report cards, which will be shared with parents during Parent/Teacher conferences. Conferences are scheduled on December 8th & 9th. Sign up sheets for conferences will be posted in the Elementary School lobby through Wednesday, December 1st. If you haven't yet scheduled yours, please call the school office to arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher.

**\*\*Please note that our conference dates are different from the Middle and High School this year. There is no school for elementary students on December 9th and 10th, but students in grades 6-12 will have \*normally scheduled\* school on those days. \*\***

Over the past couple of weeks our counselor, Cayla Monroe-Sellers, has spearheaded our annual canned food drive. Her challenge to students was to fill up her office with food, and our community did not disappoint. Thanks to your generosity, and Cayla's hard work, we will be able to provide food for the Thanksgiving holiday for families in our school community! Thanks so much for your contributions.

In the coming weeks, we will hold our annual grade level Spelling Bee competitions. Finalists in grades 1 through 3 will compete on December 14th. Finalists in grades 4 & 5 will compete on December 15th. Although we cannot open the PODs up to a live viewing at this time, we will offer livestream coverage for parents whose students are participating.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that I will NOT be able to host our virtual **Tiger Talk Friday** this month as the time conflicts with Parent/ Teacher conferences. Please save the date for next time, though! Our first one of 2022 will be held on **Friday, January 14th**. 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](https://meet.google.com/rpf-xcuc-nqe) To join by phone, call 1 336-515-0869 and enter PIN#: 426 565 195#

As always, please reach out to me if you have questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Warmly,  
Mrs. Martin

## December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Last day of Trimester 1	2	3	4
Online Book Fair November 27 <sup>th</sup> – December 10 <sup>th</sup> <a href="http://www.scholastic.com/bf/tonaskettelementaryschool1">www.scholastic.com/bf/tonaskettelementaryschool1</a>						
	Conference sign ups in front entryway					
5	6 PTO meeting	7	8 Early Release 12:25pm	9 Parent Teacher Conferences – No School for ES	10 Parent Teacher Conferences – No School for ES	11
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12	13	14 Grade level Spelling Bees	15 Grade level Spelling Bees	16	17 Early Release 12:25pm	18
19	20	21	22 	23	24	25
Christmas Vacation – No School December 20 <sup>th</sup> - January 2 <sup>nd</sup>						
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
First Day Back January 3 <sup>rd</sup>						

### Dates to Remember

Nov. 27-Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Online Book Fair  
 Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>-Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Sign Up for Conferences  
 Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 6pm  
 Dec. 8 Early Release 12:25pm  
 Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> Grade Level Spelling Bees  
 Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Early Release 12:25pm  
 Dec. 21-Jan. 2 Winter Vacation – No School

### Anoten en sus Calendarios

Nov. 27 a Dic. 10 Feria del Libro en línea  
 22 de Noviembre-1 de Diciembre  
 6 de Diciembre Junta de PTO 6pm  
 8 de Diciembre Salida Temprana 12:25 pm  
 17 de Diciembre salida Temprana 12:25 pm  
 20 de diciembre-2 de enero vacaciones de invierno

## End of the Day Routines

Please note that ALL end of the day changes need to be received by 2:30pm. Due to the safety of your child and too many last minute juggling **we will not be taking changes after that time.**

### All notes need to have the following information on it:

- Student Name
- Teacher Name
- Bus Name
- Address of where child is going
- Who they are riding with/where they are going ie “with John Smith”, “to Cub Scouts”, to “Grandma Judy Smith”

# ★★★★PTO NEWS★★★★

We are so glad to be back and looking forward to a fun school year! We have some exciting news! This year we will be doing the first ever Tonasket Elementary Fund Run to be put on in the spring! We are expecting it to be a successful fundraiser. Keep your eyes out for information to be sent home after the new year! If ever there was a time to volunteer with PTO, now is



it! A few reminders: Did you know that Amazon will donate a percentage of purchases to our PTO? If you set up Amazon Smile and choose our organization we will



receive a percentage of purchases at no cost to you! Don't forget to download the Box top app. We earn money for box top purchases and all you have to do is scan your receipt. What a great way to earn money for the students by doing things you already do! As always, PTO meets the first Monday of every month at 6:00pm in the Elementary School Library. If you would like to join us online, please see the PTO Facebook page for the online link.

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December, the last month of the year. We are well on our way into winter and I am looking forward to large amounts of snow to play in. I have snow skied since I could walk and it is one of my favorite winter activities. Last year I started lessons with my older son and I am very excited for him to join me this year on the slopes. It seems to me that time goes so fast. Interesting fact I have learned in this last month during a training I attended is that for every year that goes by, the feeling of how long it lasts is seven times longer for kids than it is for adults. Which is why when students/kids say, "this is taking forever" it may really seem like "forever".

Many times we see changing behaviors with the winter season and holidays. This might look like a burst of energy for some and for others we might notice our kids seeming more depressed. A few months ago in one of my newsletters I discussed how important it is to allow communication with our kids. Asking them how they are doing and being there to listen can help kids feel heard, cared for, and allows for them to feel safe to talk about their feelings.

Sometimes as parents even when we are doing all the right things our kids can still have big feelings. Recently my three year old told me, "I am so mad and you hurt my feelings!" and then proceeded to crumple to the floor in tears. Now looking at that scene you would think I did something absolutely terrible, but really, I refused to let him have halloween candy for breakfast. Now as parents we understand that not all times can we give our kids what they want, because sometimes we have to give them what they need. In that moment of him crumpling on the ground where he thought his world was ending, I was innerly impressed with how in tune my three year old is with his feelings. While I acknowledged his feelings and accepted that he was mad and sad - I believe I said something along the lines of, "I'm sorry you are feeling this way" he still did not get halloween candy for breakfast. Bottom line- parenting is hard and it takes a village. If you are struggling with behaviors at home, feel free to reach out to educators, myself, a doctor, or a friend for ideas. We are all in this together.

To end this letter, I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. We are a few weeks away from our longer winter break. If you are a family in need over this holiday season, please reach out and give me a call or send an email. Remember that the weather is only going to get colder so sending students prepared and dressed appropriately will help them to stay focused and learning during the day. Have a great December!

Corner

Sincerely,

Cayla Monroe-Sellers  
TES Counselor

# Counselors

## ¡Marvelous Migrant Families!

We hope you had a great Thanksgiving, whether it was a great family feast or a nice warm relaxed one.

In November, for our Monthly Migrant Meeting, we had the flu shots. We want to thank Dulce Delicia for the delicious hot chocolate and cajeta empanadas, they were DELICIOUS! Also, a HUGE THANK YOU to Molina, Family Health Centers, Care Connections and La Fuente de Empleo. In addition to the flu shots, bags with great information and lots of super gifts were distributed (winter hats, cool glasses for the season, cool bottles for any time of year, and more).

There is still more ...to close the month of no stress with great success also known as the month of appreciation, OSPI and NCESD organized a regional meeting. The PAC Officers, from Tonasket, met with PAC Officers of other districts. It was a very interesting and intense meeting that leaves us in charge of setting new and better goals for the PAC.

Stay tuned for our next monthly migrant gathering in December. It will be great! Stay warm and safe in this cold weather. See you soon!

## EXCITED FOR SPELLING!!!

Tonasket elementary students are once again taking part in the Scripps National Spelling Bee! The TES bee is open to all students in grades 1-5. Teachers have already held their classroom spelling competitions which determined the top two spellers in each classroom. We will hold grade level bees December 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> which will determine the top two spellers at each grade level. The top two spellers from each grade will then move on to the elementary school bee to be held in January. Our top two elementary school spellers will move on to the regional spelling bee! Please note: the regional bee is only open to spellers in grades 4-8. Both our grade level and school wide bees will be held according to the Scripps Spelling Bee rules. Please visit their website at [spellingbee.com](http://spellingbee.com) for a complete list of these rules.



**Scholastic Online Book Fair** The book fair runs November 27th through December 10th. All orders ship directly to your home. All book orders over \$25 ship free! The school receives 25% of the profits. Click on the link for the bookfair: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/tonasketelementaryschool1>