

Tonasket Elementary

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Dear TES Families, October 25, 2021

It is hard to believe that it is nearly November already! With the holidays just around the corner, we are heading into a very busy time of year.

Our students have been working hard at meeting our schoolwide ROAR expectations. In fact, so many classrooms filled their Tiger Paw buckets that we completed our first path to success. In celebration, last week each student received a blue and gold Tiger T-shirt! We like to show our school spirit by wearing blue and gold on Fridays, and this ensures that all students have a Tiger shirt to wear. We would not be able to provide this for our students without help from you; thank you so much for supporting our cookie dough fundraising efforts!

This coming month, our schoolwide theme is empathy. In our morning announcements and in your child's classroom, we'll be reminding students to have empathy, identify their own and others' feelings, notice and respect same and different feelings, and show compassion. Compassion involves saying kind words or doing something helpful to show you care how another person feels. When students can identify, understand, and respond in a caring way to how someone else is feeling, it helps create a positive and accepting school climate.

Our Second Step lessons specifically teach about empathy. You'll be receiving Home Links describing why empathy is important and including fun activities to do with your child to help him or her identify feelings and practice showing empathy and compassion. We hope you find them helpful.

This year, we have moved **Parent-Teacher conferences** at the Elementary School to more closely align with the end of our trimester. They are scheduled for **December 9th & 10th**. Conference schedules will be posted in our lobby beginning the week of **November 22nd** so that parents can sign up for a time that works for them. We'll send a reminder call out just before they are posted.

Finally, I encourage you to save the date for our virtual **Tiger Talk Friday** on **Friday**, **November 12th**. 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 <u>meet.google.com/rpf-xcuc-nqe</u> 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 Wow! Can you believe we are in the month of November? We will be reaching winter before we know it. Please make sure students are coming to school with coats and warmer clothes, and feel free to reach out to me if you need some help providing these things.

The next couple months bring lots of talking on the different cultures and traditions we each have. A favorite tradition I have with my family is playing games/cards after a Thanksgiving meal together. Many times it brings laughter, lots of competitive talk, and closeness. We also enjoy cheering on the Dallas Cowboys throughout the day (not sure I should share that last bit of information with you being from Washington State, but, well, here I am...).

November is often considered the month for giving thanks for what we have. I often reflect on how thankful I am to be the Tonasket Elementary School Counselor for the 3rd year in a row. How blessed I am to have two wonderful little boys. And how grateful I am to live in a community where there is always a friendly face and a hand to grab for support when needed.

Here at Tonasket Elementary School we also have a couple traditions throughout the month of November including Turkey Torchlight which is a day to come to school in comfy clothes and read stories. And another is our annual food-drive which will be held this year 11/01/2021 through 11/10/2021. Always, what is donated goes to another family within our community. This year grade levels will have designated items to bring. We would love for you to help support our school family/community by providing a donation from this list if you are able and would like to do so and if you are a family in need who would like a food box, please give me a call. *We also welcome and love to receive local grocery gift card donations to add to our food boxes. Please see the list below...

<u>Kindergarten Classrooms:</u> Snack Items (fruit snacks, crackers, granola bars, packages of dried fruit, etc.); cereal (hot or cold); or non-perishable desserts.

<u>First Grade Classrooms:</u> Snack Items (fruit snacks, crackers, granola bars, packages of dried fruit, etc.); cereal (hot or cold); or non-perishable desserts.

<u>Second Grade Classrooms:</u> Canned / Dry packages of lentils or beans; Rice; Peanut Butter

<u>Third Grade Classrooms:</u> Canned Vegetables; Jelly; Honey; Onions

<u>Fourth Grade Classrooms:</u> Noodles; Tomato Sauce or Spaghetti Sauce; condensed or evaporated milk

<u>Fifth Grade Classrooms:</u> Potatoes; Seasoning Packets, juice, soup cans

Thank you families for all of your support and care. You are appreciated and an important part of our school system. If you need anything or have any questions please feel free to reach out with an email or phone call.

Sincerely,

Cayla J. Monroe-Sellers Elementary School Counselor







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November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Food Drive November 1st -10th – See the Counselor Corner for more details.					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Daylight Savings- Turn Clock Back	Picture Retake Day PTO Mtg. 6pm	Pick Up Cookie Dough Orders 8am-6pm	Early Release 12:25pm	Veteran's Day No School	Tiger Talk SPN 8:00 am ENG 8:45am	
	Food	Drive November	ember 1 st -10 th			
14	15	16	17	18 Migrant Parent Meeting	19	20
21	22	23	Turkey Torchlight Reading Day Early Release 12:25pm	Thanksgiving Break No School	26 Thanksgiving Break No School	27
	Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up Sheets in Front Entryway.					
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	Parent Teacher Conferen	ce Sign Sheets in F	ront Entryway.			

Dates to Remember

Nov. 1st – 10th Food Drive

Nov. 7th Daylight Savings

Nov. 8th Picture Retake Day

Nov. 8th PTO Mtg. 6pm

Nov. 9th Cookie Dough Pick Up

Nov. 10th Early Release 12:25pm

Nov. 11th No School – Veteran's Day

Nov. 12th Tiger Talk 8:45am

Nov. 18th Monthly Migrant Meeting

Nov. 22nd-Dec. 1st Sign Up for Conferences

Nov. 24th Early Release 12:25pm

Nov. 25th-26th Thanksgiving Break- No School

Anoten en sus Calendarios

1-10 de Noviembre – unidad de comida

7 de Noviembre cambio de tiempo

8 de Noviembre Toma de Fotos Otra Vez

8 de Noviembre Junta de PTO 6pm

9 de Noviembre recoger la masa de galletas

10 de Noviembre Salida Temprana 12:25pm

11 de Noviembre No Escuela – Dia de Veteranos

12 de Noviembre charla tigre 8:00am

18 de Noviembre Reunión Mensual Para Padres

22 de Noviembre-1 de Diciembre

24 de Noviembre Salida Temprana 12:25pm

25-26 de Noviembre Dia de accion de gracia - No escuela



Cookie Dough Update — Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for the fall fundraiser. We sold \$20,830 and will receive 40% of that! Fundraisers like this help cover purchases like the t-shirts that all students received recently.

<u>Pick up is scheduled for November 9th from 8:00-6:00pm</u>. We have heard that some of it is on backorder and don't know what this will look like yet. We will keep you informed as we find out more in the weeks to come.

****PTO NEWS***

Please join us for our next meeting
6 pm Monday, November 8th
Tonasket Elementary School Library
or you can join virtually at meet.google.com/dby-ghww-ydb

New Officers for the 2021-2022 School Year:

President: Sarah Jo Kirkelie Vice-President: Stephanie Davis Treasurer: Megan Kinney

Honoring our Veterans

If you are a Veteran, we'd love to share your story.

Please use the attached sheet to tell the students at Tonasket Elementary about yourself.

These will be displayed as part of the Veteran's Day celebrations at the school.

Migrant Program News

On the night of October 21 we had a drive-in movie in the elementary school parking lot. There was a wonderful participation from families and staff that made the evening unforgettable. The documentary that was projected in addition to being educational was very interesting with beautiful images of nature at its best and narrated by the fantastic Mexican actress Salma Hayek!

Okanogan Highlands Alliance was an important part of the evening. Through the educational department of your organization, in association with the Migrant Program of the Tonasket School District, it was possible to carry out that wonderful monthly migrant meeting. About 50 families attended and the parking lot was packed to its brim. There was talk of doing another event in the spring! With your help we will be able to make another great similar night.

Ms. Roach (High School Principal), El-Haj (High School Principal), and Martin (Elementary Principal), were present and spoke with the parents. The high school principal submitted a survey to get feedback on the middle school. Pablo's Tacos served the food and Mr. McCullough was even serenaded by Lourdes. "This is my country, these are my people. Good people who work, who dream, who reach and who look straight ahead".

It was a beautiful evening and we are looking forward to the next meeting on Thursday, November 18.

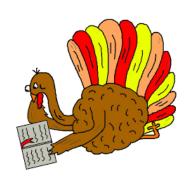
Until next time....



Conference Sign Ups! Parent Teacher Conferences for the elementary school are December 9th 11:15am -6:45pm and 10th 8:30am – 4:00pm. Sign-up sheets will be in the front entryway of the school from November 22nd-December 1st.

Turkey Torchlight Reading!!!

Mark your calendars for a fun day of reading activities on November 24th! Students can wear their pajamas and will receive a flashlight from the school.





<u>Picture Retake Day</u>- If you missed out on picture day don't worry, picture retake day is right around the corner!!! Mark your calendars for November 8th. Siblings are welcome at 3:00pm.