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Dear TES Families,

March 28, 2023

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.

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/dq7fcj2BZZQweR5g8> 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 28th**.

We are excited to announce that **Grandparents/Grandfriends Day** will be returning to our school after a three-year pause! This special day provides an opportunity for grandparents and special friends to visit our campus and get a glimpse into the daily life of their beloved grandchildren. The event will take place on Friday, May 5th. More details on the time and planned activities will be shared in the coming weeks, so stay tuned for updates.

Finally, please remember to join me for First Friday Coffee on April 14th at 8:45 AM. 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.

Wishing you a safe and happy spring break with your loved ones.

Warmly,
Mrs. Martin



Missing a coat? Our lost and found is overflowing with coats and other lost items. Please stop by the lost and found to find any missing items!



Kindergarten Registration for next year will open up online starting April 21st. We will be scheduling **appointments with parents May 10th-11th** 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, 2023. If you do not have a computer to enroll your child you can schedule a time to enroll your child on May 10th and 11th.



Happy Spring Break and Month of April!

March has been a busy month with visiting 5th grade classrooms and teaching our Riding the Wave lessons to students. One of my favorite coping strategies for stress that is taught to students is the benefits of laughter. Laughter not only decreases stress levels, but also strengthens heart and lung muscles, boosts the immune system to fight off illness faster, and makes us feel less pain when we are hurt. Students also learned that by fake laughing out-loud it will eventually turn to real laughter.

It is hard to believe that we are a couple months away from completing this school year. The month of April includes lots of fun activities like the start-up of our fund-run hosted by the PTO and our yearly start of Run Club. The amount of volunteers that have signed up for helping with Run Club at recess has been phenomenal and I truly appreciate the support in an activity that the kids love to do so much. If you have not signed up yet and are still interested in volunteering please call the front office and let them know or get more details.

Currently on Wednesdays when I am in classrooms with students we are finishing up our Second-Step Bully Prevention Lessons and reviewing. After spring break I will be shifting my focus on Wednesdays to Career Exploration. School Counselors according to the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) should develop an effective school counseling program around three domains: academic, career, and personal/social development. Career exploration at the elementary level is important because it helps spark curiosity, encourages self-awareness, and teaches them about different jobs. I am looking forward to helping students develop in this area.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Have a great spring break!

Sincerely,
Cayla Monroe-Sellers
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Counselors **Corner**

Migrant Monthly Meeting

April 19 @ 6:00pm

Science is present everywhere, even in nothing. Did you know that scientifically nothing is impossible? !Yes, there is always something! Here at Tonasket School we strive to make that something important because you and your children are important to us.

This month, when we are entering the light of spring, the Migrant Program will offer the theme of science. Almost all of us can appreciate the beauty of a flower, however; science looks at the complex actions that occur that are not always in plain sight. All that science sees in a flower is also very beautiful.

This April 19, which is the third Wednesday of the month, come to the Migrant Monthly Meeting; learn a lot, look from a scientific point of view, have a great time with your family, dine and mingle with the community of parents, who, like you, are interested in the education of their children.

★★★★PTO NEWS★★★★

Hello Families!

This year's Annual Fund Run was kicked off on March 31st! Just a reminder **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. There is a prize for each prize level but they are cumulative so if you make it to the top level, you win them all! Envelopes **must** be returned April 21st! Help us make this year's Fund Run even more successful than last year! Please email us if you would like to volunteer for any of the fun events or prize days coming up! You choose which you'd like to show up and help at, no commitment necessary!

It's official: Pacific Science Center will be here May 19!

Thank you families for all your support of our PTO! Join us on the Third Thursday of each month at 6:00pm for our PTO meetings and if you'd like to volunteer for any of the events coming up, let us know!

Calling All Volunteers



Spring brings many opportunities for helping out at the school. If you are interested in volunteers in any of the below capacities please contact the school office.



Run Club Volunteers – Run club will start up after spring break and will run April 10th-May 26th minus Wednesdays. It would be ideal to have a total of 4 volunteers for EACH playground each day. The K/1 playground time would be 11:30am-12:45pm and the Track area (for GR2-5) would be from 11:15am-12:45pm. We need volunteers to punch the tickets and also spread out around the running location to help ensure kids are doing what they are supposed to be doing. If you are interested in committing to a day a week that would be awesome!

PTO Fund Run and Reward Activities – The PTO Fund Run will be held April 28th. They will need help during the fund run and with the reward activities that will be held on Mondays in May.

Elementary School 486-4933

Middle School 486-2147

High School 486-2161

District Office 486-2126

Bus Garage 486-2665

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					31 Fund Run Packets Sent Home	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Spring Break – No School					
9	10	11	12 Early Release 12:25pm	13	14 First Friday Coffee 8:45am	15
16	17	18	19 Migrant Meeting 6pm	20 PTO Mtg. 6pm	21 Kindergarten Online Registration Opens Fund Run Envelops Due	22
23	24	25	26 Early Release 12:25pm	27	28 PTO Fund Run Deadline for Parent input on placement next year.	29
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Dates to Remember

April 3rd-7th Spring Break – no schoolApril 12th Early Release 12:25pmApril 14th First Friday Coffee 8:45amApril 19th Monthly Migrant MeetingApril 20th PTO Mtg. 6pmApril 21st Kindergarten Registration Opens OnlineApril 21st Fund Run Envelopes DueApril 26th Early Release 12:25pmApril 28th Fund RunApril 28th Parent Input on Placement DeadlineMay 5th Grandparents/Grandfriends day

Anoten en sus Calendarios

3-7 de abril Vacaciones de Primavera

12 de abril Salida Temprana 12:25pm

14 de abril Primer viernes Café 8:45am

19 de abril Reunión Mensual Para Padres

20 de abril Junta de PTO 6pm

21 de abril Inscripciones para jardín de infantes se abren en línea

21 de abril Vencimiento de los sobres de Fund Run

26 de abril Salida Temprana 12:25pm

28 de abril Ejecución de fondos

28 de abril Aporte de los padres sobre la fecha límite de colocación

5 de mayo Día de Abuelos/familiares



The school district sent out a Family School Relationship Survey last week. We would appreciate your input to help us improve our school. The survey covers a range of topics relating to your experiences with our school and overall satisfaction. The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you have children in multiple buildings, please do one for each building. Please see the link below:

<https://surveys.panoramaed.com/tonasketwa/family/surveys>