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Dear TES Families,

February 28, 2024

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of February! I know students and staff alike are looking forward to the month of March with hopes of warmer spring weather just around the corner.

This coming week we'll be celebrating Read Across America and our collective love of reading. On Monday, March 4th, we'll have a schoolwide pajama day in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday!

Over the past few weeks, our fourth and fifth grade *Math is Cool* teams have been practicing for the regional competition in Wenatchee. The fifth grade team will travel to Wenatchee on Friday, March 1st to compete. Fourth grade students will be competing March 22nd. We are thankful for their coach, Mr. Lepley, for making this opportunity available to our students.

As we near the end of our second trimester, teachers have been working on assessments for report cards. These will be sent home on March 20th.

I also want to make you aware that there will be **no school on March 22nd** for parent-teacher conferences. Your child's teacher will be contacting you to discuss if you both think there is a need to have a conference.

On March 29th we will be celebrating our annual Grandparent's/Friends Day. Be sure to mark your calendars and invite family. This is a great opportunity to showcase student learning to those who are near and dear to the hearts of our students. We are looking forward to having our Grandparents/Friends here!

Finally, please join me for **First Friday Coffee at 8:45 AM** this Friday, **March 1st**. I truly enjoy this time to visit with parents, and often walk away with great ideas for the betterment of our school.

As always, if you have questions, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to stop by and visit, call me at (509) 486-4933 or contact me by email at lmartin@tonasket.wednet.edu.

Warmly,
Lilly Martin

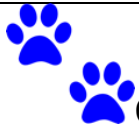
Daylight Savings March 10th – Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead!



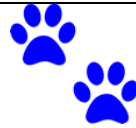


TES will celebrate Read Across America Day this year on March 4th. Across the country, thousands of schools participate by bringing together kids and books. Help us celebrate a love of reading with your child by participating in some at home activity options listed below. **Students may wear pajamas to school on Monday, March 4th.**

AT HOME ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS:



Children may participate in the Silverwood Read2 Ride program with parent permission. Find out more details at <https://bit.ly/49rGO5K>.



Play a question and answer session of "Would You Rather?" to start a conversation with your child. <https://bit.ly/3UZKAin>



March, the month that officially brings spring. It is no secret that I enjoy the winter months and the snow that it brings. However, I am truly looking forward to a continuation of the weather getting warmer and spending more time outside. For many, the month of March also means the start of spring sports, fair animals being born, and other spring festivities. Our kiddos during these next few months will exert lots of energy in lots of directions which can sometimes cause a rise in emotions. We can help our kids to manage their feelings better by helping them to stay balanced - encouraging them to eat healthy foods, and providing opportunities to get plenty of rest at night so that they wake up each morning ready to tackle the day. Sean Covey (2008), states in his book "The 7 Habits of Happy Kids", "We all feel better when we're balanced, when we take time to renew the four parts of who we are: body, heart, mind and soul". Personally as an adult this is also a good reminder for me and something we should make sure we are doing for ourselves as well.

Currently I am finishing up our Riding the Waves curriculum with our 5th grade which educates our students on how to manage stress as they begin to get ready for the change of becoming middle schoolers. Our kindergarten and first grade students this month will begin lessons from the Child Protection Unit of our approved Second-Step Curriculum. These lessons discuss the importance of stranger danger, safe and unsafe touches, the always ask rule, etc. Helping our kids understand safety is so important.

To conclude, I hope everyone has a wonderful month of March and that you also can enjoy warmer days and fresh air. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me through email or a phone call.

Sincerely,
Cayla Monroe-Sellers
TES Counselor
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Counselors

Corner

PTO News

It's time to gear up for our Annual Fund Run! This year's Fund Run will kick off on March 28th! Students will begin collecting personal donations at the kickoff! Help us make this year's Fund Run even more successful than last year!



Thank you, families, for all your support of our PTO! Our next meeting is going to be Thursday, March 14th at 6:00pm in the Elementary School. We will be meeting in the Cafeteria.

The PTO is going to have a special treat at our meeting this month. We'll be joined by members of the Cub Chorus, who will be performing at the meeting! Join us and see what these amazing kids have been working on. We hope to see you there!



Missoula Children's Theatre Auditions

**Monday,
March 18th**

3:30 – 5:30 PM

Tonasket High School Commons

Students, grades K-12, are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Those auditioning should arrive at 3:30 PM and plan to stay for the full two hours. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. Some cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the auditions. Roles to be cast include Jim Hawkins, his mother and sisters, a rollicking Pirate Crew, Jim's Ruffian friends, seacoast Mariners, shining Treasures and cuddly Gulls! Assistant Directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities. Students will need to commit to rehearsals every night that week M-Th from 3:30-8:30 pm, along with dress rehearsal Friday from 9 am – 2 pm and 2 performances on Saturday, March 23rd. Not all parts will practice during every rehearsal time. Please contact Ashley Fardys at 322-3650 for more information.

Treasure Island will be performed on Saturday, March 23rd at 1:00 & 4:00 PM at the Tonasket High School commons. Don't miss it! Tickets are free or by donation and are available at the show.



Parent Teacher Conferences are March 22nd.

Teachers will be reaching out to parents for setting up conferences. If you are wanting to have a conference with your child's teacher please contact them directly.

Elementary School 486-4933

Middle School 486-2147

High School 486-2161

District Office 486-2126

Bus Garage 486-2665

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 First Friday Coffee 8:45am Early Release 1:45pm GR5 Math Is Cool Competition	2
3	4 Read Across America Day	5 Class Picture Day	6	7 Trimester 2 Ends	8 Early Release 1:45pm	9
10 Daylight Savings – Spring Forward	11	12	13	14 PTO Meeting 6pm	15 Early Release 1:45pm	16
	Scholastic Book Fair 8am-4pm					
	Classified Appreciation Week					
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Migrant Meeting 6pm	21	22 No School Conferences GR4 Math Is Cool Competition	23 MCT Performance
	Missoula Children's Theater					
24	25	26	27	28 Fund Run Kick Off!	29 Early Release 1:45pm Grandparents Day	30
31	Spring Break April 1 st -5 th					

Dates to Remember

March 1st First Friday Coffee 8:45am
 March 1st Early Release 1:45pm
 March 1st GR5 Math Is Cool Competition
 March 4th Read Across America Day
 March 5th Class Picture Day
 March 7th End of Trimester 2
 March 8th Early Release 1:45pm
 March 10th Daylight Savings – Spring Forward
 March 11th-15th Classified Appreciation Week
 March 11th-15th Scholastic Book Fair
 March 14th PTO Meeting 6pm
 March 15th Early Release 1:45pm
 March 18th MCT auditions
 March 19-22nd MCT Practice 3:30-8pm
 March 20th Migrant Meeting 6pm
 March 22nd GR4 Math is Cool Competition
 March 22nd Parent Teacher Conferences – no school
 March 28th Fund Run Packets Sent Home
 March 29th Grandparents Day
 April 1st-5th Spring Break – no school

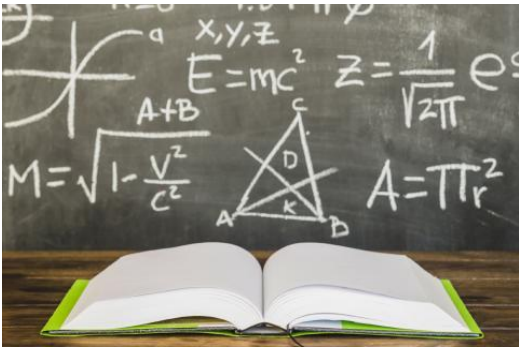
Anoten en sus Calendarios

1 de Marzo Primer Viernes Café 8:45am
 1 de Marzo Salida Temprana 1:45 pm
 1 de Marzo Competencia de Las Matemáticas son Geniales
 4 de Marzo Día de Leer en los Estados Unidos
 5 de Marzo Día de fotos de clase
 7 de Marzo Final del 2do trimestre
 8 de Marzo Salida Temprana 1:45pm
 10 de Marzo Cambio de horario
 1-15 de Marzo Semana de Apreciación de Clasificados
 11-15 de Marzo Feria Escolar del Libro 8:00 am—4 pm
 14 de Marzo Junta de PTO 6 pm
 15 de Marzo Salida Temprana 1:45 pm
 18 de Marzo Audiciones del Teatro Infantil de Missoula
 19-22 de Marzo práctica para el MCT 3:30-8pm @ HS
 20 de Marzo Reunión Mensual Para Padres
 22 de Marzo Competencia de Las Matemáticas son Geniales
 24 de Marzo los conferencias - No hay clases
 28 de Marzo Paquetes para Recaudación de Fondos
 29 de Marzo Día del abuelos y del gran amigos
 1-5 de Abril Vacaciones de Primavera

Migrant Program Letter

On behalf of our students, who are the primary beneficiaries of the monthly migrant meetings, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to the over 40 families that joined the February meeting, focused on the enriching theme of reading. Each participating family received a quality book for every school-aged child. These books were provided with the aim of nurturing emotional intelligence, enhancing vocabulary and spelling, sparking imagination, and simultaneously enriching their cultural knowledge.

We are fully aware that these objectives are achieved through daily reading practice and not solely through acquiring a single book. If you are part of the migrant program, we extend a warm invitation to visit our offices to obtain more books and reading resources, in an ongoing effort to strengthen the habit of reading in your homes.



We sincerely appreciate your valuable participation and support, which are essential elements for the success of these initiatives. Thank you for contributing to the growth and educational development of our students!

On Wednesday, March 20th, we extend a warm invitation to the monthly migrant meeting, where you will have the opportunity to learn and discover how to improve the attitude of your family and children towards challenging mathematics. During this gathering, we will focus on developing strategies to solve

problems, especially those without a predetermined solution where an algorithm must be applied.

Every participating family in the meeting will receive a mathematics game tailored to the level of its members, with the aim of making learning accessible and valuable for everyone. Additionally, it's important to remember that the migrant program will provide a delicious dinner for all attendees, creating a conducive environment for idea exchange and community building.

Your presence at this meeting is crucial, and we are excited to have you on Wednesday, March 20th. Join us to share, learn, and strengthen our migrant community together. We look forward to seeing you there!



Scholastic Book Fair – March 11th-15th

It's Happening! The Scholastic Book Fair is almost here. Get ready to spring into a good book! Everyone's favorite characters and series, cool posters, and all of the awesome stuff that your student(s) need to help them create their own story, are coming to the Elementary Library from March 11th through March 15th 8am-4pm. We will be open Thursday, March 14th before the PTO Meeting, starting at 5:30pm.

If you are interested in volunteering at the fair please give us a call - 486-4933. We need 3 volunteers throughout each day during the fair, helping run the cash register, monitor kids and keep the books stocked as they come in. Time slots are 7:45am-10:30am, 10:30am-1:00pm, 1:00-4:00pm.

Class Picture Day is Coming Soon! Mark your calendars for March 5th. Packets went home this week. Order online up to 3pm the day before or bring your picture packet on March 5th. Personality Portraits and sibling photos are options as well! Go to parsonsp photography.com or call 509-662-9576.



The advertisement features a dark wood-grain background. At the top, the text "Spring" is in a white script font, followed by "PICTURE DAY" in large, bold, yellow block letters, and "IS COMING SOON!" in white block letters. Below the text are five sample photos: three "Personality Portraits" (individual students in various poses) and two "10x8 Class Photo" (a group of students and teachers). The "Personality Portraits" are labeled with the text "Personality Portraits" in a white script font. The "10x8 Class Photo" is labeled with the text "10x8 Class Photo" in a white script font. The class photo itself is a group of students and teachers standing in front of a green backdrop with a yellow border. The backdrop text reads "GEORGE ELEMENTARY", "TEACHER: MRS. MACKEY", "GRADE: 2ND", and "2024". At the bottom, a dark teal banner contains the text "Order online by 3PM the day before Picture Day!" in white.

Spring
PICTURE DAY IS COMING
SOON!

Personality Portraits

10x8 Class Photo

GEORGE ELEMENTARY
TEACHER: MRS. MACKEY
GRADE: 2ND
2024

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Picture Day is: Tuesday, March 5th