

Tonasket Elementary

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Dear Tonasket Families

October 27, 2022

It is hard to believe that it is nearly November already! **Parent-teacher conferences** are just around the corner on November 21st through 23rd. Teachers are looking forward to the opportunity to meet with parents and work collaboratively to maximize your child's success in school. Partnering with your child's teacher can help your child have a more positive outlook on school, and provide the teacher with valuable insight to personalize instruction for your child. Parent-teacher conference schedules will be posted in the office lobby November 7th-14th. If you are unable to make it in to sign up, please call the school office to arrange a time you can meet with your child's teacher.

This month, to honor our local veterans, we are encouraging our community to "**Green Light a Vet**" by shining a green light in your home for the week of Veterans Day or the whole month of November. Our PTO will be providing each elementary household a green light bulb so you can participate! Light /bulbs will go home the week of November 1st.

Our **Second Step** schoolwide theme this month is Skills for Learning: listening, focusing attention, using self-talk to stay on-task, and being assertive when asking for help with a learning task. In our morning announcements and school assemblies, we'll be reminding students of these skills, which help students be successful learners.

Finally, don't forget **First Friday Coffee** is just around the corner on November 4th at 8:45 AM. I always enjoy this time to talk with parents, answer questions they may have, and gather feedback on how we are doing at meeting the needs of our students and their families.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Warmly,

Lilly Martin



Cookie Dough Update – Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for the fall fundraiser. We sold \$29,617.50 and will receive 40% of that! Fundraisers like this help cover purchases like the t-shirts that all students received recently.

"Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting." -Brian Tracy



Every year when November hits I am in dismay about how fast time goes. October has been a busy month and November is proving to be just as fast and assiduous in its extracurriculars. I want to give an extra shout out to our 5th grade students who are a part of our Bully Busters Group. I have seen impressive leadership skills in our 5th grade class and I am amazed at how many have stepped up to be a part of something so important. I am looking forward to watching confidence grow in each of our students and to watch the positive impact unfold among all

grade levels.

While we have new traditions like our Bully Buster Group, we also have old ones. Speaking of which; every year the Elementary School has a tradition of completing a food drive. The above picture is of last year's donations where kids were challenged and successful in filling my office. None of this hard work would happen without parent support, so thank you! I recently spoke with our foodbank and asked them what they needed. They shared that the funding for food has been cut in half recently and so they are in need of everything non-perishable. I would love to double our efforts in this year's food drive. The food donated is always first used to create boxes for families in need and then the rest is donated to the food bank. This year's food drive will happen starting November 7, 2022 to November 18, 2022. Last year we asked for designated items by grade level and are doing so again this year. However, we welcome all donations even items not on the list and also appreciate grocery gift card donations to add to our food boxes as well. Please see the list below...

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

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

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

Third Grade Classrooms: Canned Vegetables; Jelly; Honey; Onions

Fourth Grade Classrooms: Noodles; Tomato Sauce or Spaghetti Sauce; condensed or evaporated milk, canned meats

Fifth Grade Classrooms: Potatoes; Seasoning Packets, juice, soup cans

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. If you are a family in need who would like a food box, please give me a call at (509) 486-4933 ext 3150

Sincerely,
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Counselors

Corner

November/Noviembre 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Pajama Day	2	3	4 First Friday Coffee 8:45am	5
	Scholastic Book Fair 8am-4pm Monday - Friday					
6 Daylight Savings	7 Green Light a Vet Week	8 Picture Retake Day	9 Early Release 12:25pm Veteran's Day Assembly	10	11 Veteran's Day- No School	12
	Conference Sign Up Sheets in Front Entryway					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Food Drive November 7th-18th					
	Conference Sheets Up In Front Entryway		Migrant Meeting 6pm	PTO Meeting 6pm		
20 Turkey Torchlight Reading Day	21 Early Release 12:25pm Parent Conferences 12:45pm-3:45pm	22 Parent Conferences 11:00am-6:45pm No School Trimester 1 Ends	23 Parent Conferences 8am-12pm No School	24	25	26
	Thanksgiving Break - No School					
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

Dates to Remember

Oct. 31st-Nov. 4th Scholastic Bookfair 8am-4pm
 Nov. 1st Pajama Day
 Nov. 4th First Friday Coffee 8:45am
 Nov. 6th Daylight Savings
 Nov. 7th-14th Conference Sheets Up in Entryway
 Nov. 7th – 18th Food Drive
 Nov. 8th Picture Retake Day
 Nov. 9th Early Release 12:25pm
 Nov. 9th Veteran's Day Assembly
 Nov. 11th No School – Veteran's Day
 Nov. 16th Monthly Migrant Meeting
 Nov. 17th PTO Mtg. 6pm
 Nov. 21st Turkey Torchlight Reading Day
 Nov. 21st Early Release 12:25pm
 Nov. 21st-23rd Parent Conferences- No School
 Nov. 22nd Trimester 1 Ends
 Nov. 24th-25th Thanksgiving Break- No School

Anoten en sus Calendarios

31 de Oct.- 4 de Nov. Feria del libro Scholastic 8am-4pm
 1 de Noviembre Día de pijamas
 4 de Noviembre Primer viernes de café
 6 de Noviembre cambio de tiempo
 7-14 de Noviembre citas p' conferencias en la entrada
 7-18 de Noviembre colecta de comida
 8 de Noviembre Toma de Fotos Otra Vez
 9 de Noviembre Salida Temprana 12:25pm
 9 de Noviembre Asamblea del Día de los Veteranos
 11 de Noviembre No Escuela – Día de Veteranos
 16 de Noviembre Reunión Mensual Para Padres
 17 de Noviembre Junta de PTO 6pm
 21 de Noviembre Día Guajolotero de Lectura c/ Antorchas
 21 de Noviembre Salida Temprana 12:25pm
 21-23 de Noviembre Conferencias de Padres – No escuela
 22 de Noviembre Termina el 1er trimestre
 24-25 de Noviembre Dia de Acción de gracia – No escuela



Picture Retake Day- 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.

PTO News

We hope everyone enjoyed our annual Trunk or Treat event! It was nice to celebrate the season with everyone! Mark your calendars for our next event! Friday, December 9th, we will be hosting a *Candy Cane Bingo*! Come enjoy a night of Bingo and Cocoa! Doors open at 5, Bingo starts at 5:30 and goes to 7:30. Doors close at 8. We are hoping our friend Santa can make a visit, we know how busy this time of year can be for him!

We are in search of someone who has two extra rooms and can host our Missoula Staff. They would need accommodations for 7 days in January. It's important that we find accommodations because without them, we cannot bring our Missoula Children's Theater back! We are also seeking an accompanist who can play the piano for the event! Please reach out to us if you can help us with either request!

Don't forget us when doing your Christmas shopping! If you download the Boxtops app and scan your receipts or add PTO as your charity on Amazon, a portion of those already planned purchases will come directly to us! What a gift!

As always, PTO meets on the Third Thursday of each month at 6:00pm in the Elementary School Library. Our next meeting is November 17th! We hope to see you there!

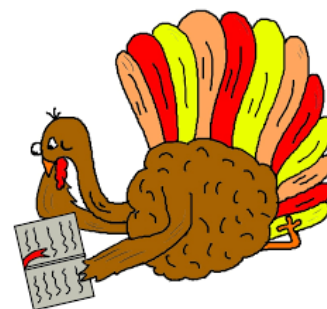
Migrant News

As always the Migrant Program at the forefront! With the winds of autumn announcing the arrival of winter, we prepare ourselves. This month we will have the Health Fair with eye exams, dental check-ups, blood pressure and pulse measurements and flu shots! **Everything we offer is FREE for those who want to take advantage of these services.**

November 16th at 6pm in the elementary school cafeteria.

Turkey Torchlight Reading!!!

Mark your calendars for a fun day of reading activities on November 21st! Students can wear their pajamas and will receive a flashlight from the school.



Parent Teacher Conferences!

Sign up in Front Entryway: November 7th-14th



Conferences:

Nov. 21st 12:45pm-3:45pm

Nov. 22nd 11:00am-6:45pm

Nov. 23rd 8:00am-12:00pm



When to Keep your Child home from school

As we head into cold/flu season please remember the following guidelines. Please make sure the office has the correct phone/emergency contact information in the event your child needs to be picked up during the school day!

Fever-please keep your student home if they have a temperature above 100.4 degrees. Keep your student home until they have been fever free for 24 hours **WITHOUT** the use of fever controlling medication such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen

Vomiting/Diarrhea-Student should be kept home if they have vomited or had watery stools within the past 24 hours.

Persistent/productive cough-(one that you would not want your well child to be around).

Strep Throat/Pink Eye/Other contagious infections that require antibiotics -Students may return 24 hours after treatment is started

Rash or skin infection - take your student to health care provider for diagnosis and treatment.

Lice- Keep your child home until hair has been treated and live bugs removed. Nits need to be combed daily until all nits are gone.

For the health and safety of our students and employees, your child will be sent home if any of the above symptoms/conditions/illnesses are found or suspected during the school day.

Hand washing is the best way to prevent the spread of illness. Soap and water for at least 20 seconds is still the best way to stay healthy!

Parents of student in younger grades-Bathroom accidents are common in ES. It is a good idea to keep an extra set of clothes in your student's backpack, especially if you are noticing they are coming home in different clothes frequently. We have limited sizes and space to keep extra clothes. Sometimes we do need parents to bring clothes in if your student has had a bathroom accident.