



## ~ Media Matters ~ October 2021

*"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." ~Joseph Addison*

Hello TES Families! This is Ms. Berling, the TES Media Specialist! ☺ I wanted to make you aware of a few things now that our 2021 - 2022 school year is in full swing!

You can find additional information about our Media Center and program on the Taneytown Elementary School **website**.

<https://www.carrollk12.org/schools/elementary/tes/Teams/media/Pages/default.aspx>

In addition to other information, your student can access our **Destiny online catalog** from the TES website (via the button link in the bottom right corner). Students are also able to access Destiny through the "Managed Bookmarks" button in the top left of their Google browser, or through their Clever app. In Destiny, students can browse for physical books, read eBooks, or use our online resources and databases. They can also place a book on hold, if they actually log in to Destiny. They simply need to use their regular school computer login information.

Students in **grades Pre-K through 2 are able to check out 1 book every week**. If the book is not returned by their next Media class, they will not be able to check out an additional book until the current item is returned.

Students in **grades 3 – 5 are able to check out 2 books every other week**. I try to encourage them to find one fiction book and one non-fiction book. If the books are not returned by their next Media check-out day, they will not be able to check out additional books until the current items are returned.

Any student who has **a book that is overdue/lost/damaged** will not be allowed to check out a new book until the current book is returned or paid for. If you are not sure what your child has checked out, please call the Media Center to ask.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to participate in our **Battle of the Books** competition this year! The competition will be held in the Spring **at FSK High School**. (We are still waiting on an official date ... usually the end of March or sometime during April.) An informational flyer and permission slip will soon be sent home. The slips are due to Ms. Berling by October 29<sup>th</sup>! There is more information about this event on the CCPL site: <https://library.carr.org/programs/BOB.asp>

Did you know that we have a **Little Free Library**? It is located along the sidewalk between the elementary school and middle school. No familiar with little free libraries? The idea is to "take a book, leave a book". The little library is for book lovers of all ages,

not just our students. Feel free to place a few gently used books in there that your family is finished enjoying. And while there, see if there are any books you would like to take with you. Ms. Henry (our Media Clerk) and myself also refill periodically using the many donated books we have here at school! Enjoy! (Directly next to our Little Free Library, is also a little pantry for any community members in need of short term assistance with food for themselves or their family. Feel free to take those items as needed .... or to donate some non-perishable items as well. Thanks in advance!)

Save the Date! Our annual TES **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held in the Spring again this year! We have not been able to hold it for the last two years because of the pandemic, so we are extra excited this year!!! Our fair is scheduled for the week of **April 4 - 8**, with a special **Family Night on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**. *There is a parent conference night scheduled for that evening, so my hope is that families can pop in before or after their scheduled conference(s).* Sometime around February, I will begin asking for volunteers to help with the Book Fair!! If you have completed a volunteer training session for this school year, and are interested in helping, please let me know!

Did you know **our Media Center has a Twitter page**?! Please consider following us! I provide Media news on upcoming events at TES and in the community, retweet author posts, and share tidbits about reading/literacy/books! Follow us @TES\_MediaCenter

We currently have 117 followers. We'd love to get to 250 by 2022!! Will you help us?

Are you a book lover? Are you interested/available to help out in your child's school? I will soon be looking for a **Media Center volunteer!** (During the first quarter, we are not allowed to have in-person volunteers, but I'm hoping that will change in the second quarter.) I would love to have someone who can help out daily in the mornings from about 8:15 until about 9:00. This would include gathering book carts from a few classrooms, checking in books, and placing the books back out in the Media bookshelves where they belong. Be on the lookout for information as our volunteer guidelines get adjusted. You **MUST** be volunteer trained in order to work in the Media Center! Thanks for considering!

**Have you read a good book lately??** It is a great idea to let your child see you enjoy reading something that interests you or helps you. Talk with them, too, about what they are reading. Ask them about the Media book they checked out. Read it with them. You are a great role model for encouraging your child's love of reading!

*If ever you have questions or concerns regarding Media, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Just call the school and ask for the Media Specialist. 410-751-3260. I'm looking forward to another wonderful school year. Happy reading! ☺*