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Together Achieving Educational Success

A Message from the Elementary Principals

—by Assistant Principal Mrs. Ashton Shultz

SOARing Through Another Year

It's the final countdown on another school year! It's hard to believe that we recently began the fourth marking period at Tyrone Elementary. This year has brought wonderful opportunities for our students to learn and grow and we are grateful for the continued support of our families and the TAES community. Our students benefit daily from partnerships with community organizations and amazing parent volunteers. The Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) program is an example of just how much our school gains from this type of support. Through this program, our students get the opportunity to participate in various activities, such as glow dance parties, game day celebrations, assemblies, and SOAR store shopping experiences as a reward for exhibiting positive behavior (safety, ownership, achievement, and respect). All of these rewards are possible through parent and community partnerships. With only one marking period remaining, we still have a few opportunities left to get involved with the PBIS program – the Color Run and SOAR carnival. We hope you'll consider joining in the fun!

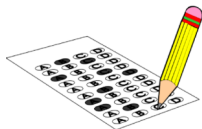


04/06	No School: Easter Vacation Daycare Closed
04/07	
04/10	
04/20	Fourth Grade Field Trip
04/21	Second Grade Field Trip
04/29	TASD Color Blast Fun Run



05/05	Second Grade Field Trip
05/10	First Grade Field Trip
05/12	Kindergarten Field Trip
05/16	Third Grade Field Trip
05/22	Marvelous Monday
05/23	Third Grade Track & Field Day
05/24	Fourth Grade Track & Field Day
05/26	In-Service Day: No Classes K-12 Preschool in-Session Daycare Open/Sign-ups Required
05/29	Memorial Day: No School Daycare Closed

The Tyrone Area Elementary School 3rd and 4th grade students will take the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) on the following days:



3rd and 4th grade ELA — April 25th, 26th, 27th
3rd and 4th grade Math — May 2nd, 3rd
4th grade Science — May 9th, 10th

Please make every effort to have your child in attendance and on time on the days the tests will be given. The results of this assessment allow us to make instructional decisions for student groupings and for evaluating our curriculum resources. On testing days, students should come to school well-rested and should eat a good breakfast, either at home or at school.

The Wonders of Weather

By First Grade Teachers: Mrs. Black, Mrs. Conlon and Mr. McElhinney

First graders have been busy learning about

weather, weather

instruments, and the water

cycle. They are becoming

familiar with weather

instruments and learning

how to collect, describe, and

record basic information

about weather over

time. They are also

learning the path

that water takes as it

moves through the

water cycle. Some

classes made their

own wind socks and

then took them

outside to test them

out. We also had a

meteorologist come

in to teach us about

weather. He did some

cool experiments and

shared some insane

videos of severe weather

such as hurricanes and

tornadoes! These

lessons have allowed first

graders to gain strategies

in becoming better

predictors of the

weather. They have also gained useful knowledge of how to react in extreme weather situations.



Let the Madness Begin!

—submitted by Mrs. Nadolsky, for the Fourth Grade Team

For some people the holiday season is their favorite, but if you're a college basketball fan, then March is the best time of year! This year the fourth grade students completed brackets to pick who they thought would win each game. They used current statistics and probability to make their guesses about who will be crowned the 2023 national champion. They used fractions to see how many games they predicted were correct in each region. They even got the chance to watch a little bit of the action on the Promethean Boards. They anxiously await the updates that come with filling in the big bracket after each round! In addition, we will begin to explore a little bit about what a university is and how it may be different from school to school. As we wrap up the season of March Madness, the season of PSSA will soon be upon us!



TASD Color Run

The TASD Color Blast Fun Run is presented by the Tyrone Race Series. The Color Blast Fun Run is a 1 Mile & 5K Event that takes place at Tyrone Area School District Parking Lot on April 29th, 2023! The Color Blast is a community event, open to all ages. Students, community members, and families can register to walk or run the approximately 1 Mile or 5K loop across the district campus. Throughout the designated path, there will be various stations where participants will be "colored" in Color Blast Zones.



Tyrone Area School Students will be raising donations and receive incentives for the amount of donations raised. All donations raised will go to our Positive Behavior Support Programs (SOAR) at the Tyrone Elementary, Middle and High Schools. If you're interested in participating or learning more about the event, you can go to the event's website: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Tyrone/ColorBlastRace>.

Admit One

SOAR Carnival

TAES is hosting the annual end-of-year SOAR carnival on Wednesday, May 31st.

Similar to last year, the carnival will be open to our students and their families in the evening on this day. More details to come. We hope you will join us in celebrating another successful school year!



Second Grade Science

By: Ms. Makenna Betar, Second Grade Teacher

Second grade students have been working on a science unit about simple machines. Students have learned about the six types of simple machines, as well as their functions. With St. Patrick's Day this month, students were provided with the opportunity to use their new knowledge to design and construct leprechaun traps using simple machines. In several second grade classrooms the students showed their creativity and were able to incorporate simple machines into their traps in an attempt to catch leprechauns. The students had a great time, and created some unique and wonderful traps!



Kindergarten Update

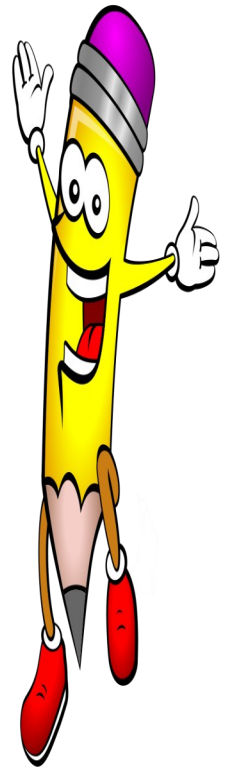
—by: Mrs. Treese, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Colyer, Kindergarten teachers



February and March have been very busy here in Kindergarten! We have enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of school, Groundhog's day, Valentine's day, SOAR behavior game day, Peer buddy event, Read Across America and St. Patrick's day! We have been able to include STEM activities in our classrooms that allow students to be creative, critical thinkers to celebrate these holidays! STEM is important in the classroom because it teaches students how to collaboratively work with classmates in hands-on learning. Students love being able to use supplies (with little direction) and use their creativity to create masterpieces!

For our SOAR events, students have enjoyed getting to collaborate with their grade levels to celebrate positive behavior. Students were able to choose a whole group game in the gym, board games, or Minute to Win It games. They were able to buy VIP passes and snacks with their SOAR tickets.

Students enjoyed collaborating with other grade levels during peer buddy day. For our peer buddy day, students got to ask their peer buddy questions to learn more about them! It has been really fun to see them recognizing each other in the hallways!



From the Elementary School Nurse—by Mrs. Mills



What is a concussion?

A concussion is a traumatic brain injury that alters the way the brain works. This is caused from a bump, jolt, or blow to head which makes the brain move back and forth inside the skull. A simple fall on the playground can cause a concussion. Concussions are serious conditions and need to be monitored. These injuries can occur and the student may never lose consciousness. Symptoms of a concussion may not appear right away. Sometimes signs don't occur for hours or even days following the injury.

Signs & Symptoms:

- ◆ Dizziness
- ◆ Headache
- ◆ Sensitivity to light/sound
- ◆ Fatigue
- ◆ Vomiting
- ◆ Difficulty remembering/concentrating
- ◆ Irritable/Emotional
- ◆ Unequal pupils

If you believe a concussion has occurred, the student should be seen by a physician for proper care. Once the student's medical provider clears the student to return to school, school professionals should be made aware. This allows the school professionals, medical providers, and guardians to work together to support the student in their recovery by providing short term changes and support services, if needed.

It's Getting Warm Out Here—by Ms. Campion, PSU student teacher

Finally, it's Spring and the benefits of being outside and the opportunities to do so are limitless. Grab your shoes, a water bottle, your friends/family, and head outside! You can go for a walk, draw with chalk, head to the park, or let your imagination run wild and go on an adventure. It does not matter what you do, just get outside and have some fun! Outdoor activities help children stay active and healthy, and doing things with family and friends helps make memories that will last a lifetime.

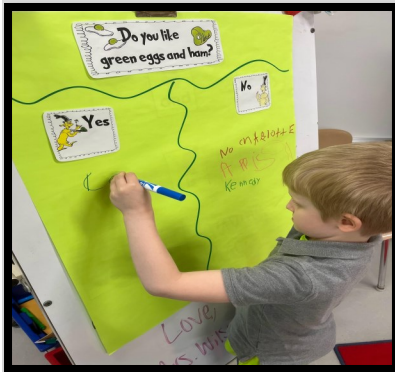


Simply being outside is good for our bodies and our minds. These benefits are not just for children, but adults too. Our bodies make a necessary vitamin, Vitamin D, just by being outside and letting the sun hit our skin. Vitamin D is used in many different processes in the body. It partners with other vitamins and minerals, like calcium, to build strong bones and teeth. Not only are there physical health benefits but social and mental health benefits too. Allowing children to connect with other kids lets social development outside the family grow, improve, and can build relationships. There are also studies that show when individuals are physically active, endorphins are released. These hormones help relieve pain, reduce stress, and help improve your overall well-being.

Getting outside is a great way to find activity and has notable health benefits for all. For information about where to find adventure, check out these websites for ideas: PABucketList.com, Geocaching.com, and UncoveringPA.com.

March Preschool Activities — by Mrs. Wilson, Preschool Teacher

At the beginning of March preschool was excited to celebrate Read Across America week with the dress up days and by having various guest readers come to our classes! We also read many Dr.Suess books and activities to celebrate his birthday! This is always an exciting and favorite week in preschool! Here were some of our fun activities:



We taste tested Green Eggs and Ham and decided if we liked it like Sam I Am did!

We practiced rhyming words and made Cat in the Hat rhyming hats!



One of the dress up days was Career Day and the kids dressed up like what they want to be when they grow up!



And, of course, we loved our many guest readers!

Can you be Persuaded? by: Mrs. Golden and Mrs. Schultz for the Third Grade Team

It's hard to believe that we have finished the third marking period and we're one marking period away from ending the 2022-23 academic year! Third graders have done a lot of writing through these marking periods, and we're currently working on a writing skill we KNOW students are very good at . . . persuasion! Instead of your child saying "I need that," we've been working on giving supportive reasons for why they want something.



Students are being asked to state an opinion, research about their topic, and then create a persuasive writing that gives factual details. So far, we're impressed with the topics! Some example opinions include: having less homework, needing a classroom pet, Tyrone Elementary needs to recycle, and why dogs are the best pets.

We'll apologize now if these newly learned skills are creating persuasive discussions at home!

