



NEWSLETTER

Tukwila Elementary School

A Message from Principal Nur:

OCTOBER 2024

Welcome back to school!

The past few weeks have been truly amazing, and we are excited and grateful to have all our Tiger Scholars back on campus. At our school, it takes more than just your child's teacher to help them reach their goals and full potential. Each of us plays a vital role in building a strong community and ensuring the success of our Tiger Scholars. We encourage open communication and look forward to connecting with you often throughout the year.

In addition to new learning, we are focusing on establishing strong routines and expectations to help our Tiger Scholars be prepared for success at school. We practice the following core values every day in all spaces:

Being Respectful
Being Responsible
Being Safe

We ask for your support in reinforcing these same values at home so that our school community reflects the language and expectations your child experiences at home.

Income Survey Reminder

Please complete and return your child's income survey. This is critical for helping our school secure the funding necessary to meet our basic educational needs. While all students will receive free lunch regardless of socioeconomic status, returning this form ensures that our school and district have access to additional funding.

Rest assured, we do not open these forms once they are returned; they go directly to the district office for processing. Our goal is a 100% return rate, and the first two classes to return all forms will receive a pizza party. We sincerely appreciate your time and support in this effort!



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Tukwila Elementary Families...

Welcome back to school! This year we will be focusing on one or two character traits each month. This month we are focusing on **kindness** and **respect**. Look for more information on these traits in the newsletter!

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Kindergarten:

Welcome Kindergarteners & Families! This month, we are working on our school rules and procedures. We are working on letter names/sounds, writing our names "kindergarten way", counting to 5, and naming our basic shapes. Please talk to your student about how to cover their coughs/sneezes and how to appropriately use sanitizer and tissues. We are excited for a full year of learning!!

First Grade:

Hello first grade families! We are so excited to work with you this year. This month we are working on classroom and building expectations to set ourselves up for a great year. We are also reviewing letters and sounds, kindergarten sight words and starting first grade math where we are working on partner numbers to 10. Please make sure to check talking points for classroom and building news and to read with your student at home each day. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Friday, 10/11: No School (Teacher Work Day)

Tuesday, 10/15: Picture Day!

Wednesday, 10/16: Early Release 12:40pm

Friday, 10/25: Popcorn Friday

Friday, 11/1: Masquerade Dance & Día de los Muertos Celebration 6:00-8:00PM

- Door Decorating Contest
- Candy at Classrooms
- Costume Dance
- More information soon!



At Home Corner...

Daily Reading:

Please encourage your child to read (or read to them) at home for at least 15 minutes each day. It helps build their reading skills and fosters a love for books.

Play a Game Together:

A recent study found that playing board games improves number recognition, counting, basic operations, and number comprehension in children as young as 3.



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Monthly Character Traits...

KINDNESS: Our world needs more Kindness! That's why Kindness is how we are starting the school year. Our definition of Kindness is acting with understanding, generosity, and care.

RESPECT: One way to think about Respect is "seeing value in all people and things & treating them with care." Many people feel Respected in different ways. We hope this month inspires discussions with your family about what Respect means to you and how you can practice it together!

2nd & 3rd Grade

Second Grade:

We are so excited to work with you this year. Your child will be learning so much. Here is what we are focusing on:

- **Math:** Students are working on learning their math facts (8+5, 13-4). Knowing these facts well will help students all year (and beyond). Students will learn strategies to help them learn these facts.
- **Reading:** Students will be working on reading longer chunks of text. They will add expression to their reading to help them better understand what is happening in the book. One huge thing you can do to help at home is make sure your child is reading every night. Reading at home gives them extra practice, improves vocabulary, and helps them become lifelong readers!

Third Grade:

Greetings from Third Grade!

In math, students are reviewing place value, rounding numbers, addition and subtraction. (More in next column...)

3rd (continued) & 4th Grade

Third Grade, continued:

Teachers will be sending a Talking Points district link for parents who wish to volunteer in the classroom or on one of our grade level field trips. Click on the link, fill out the form and get ready for a lot of fun.

Reading with your child each evening is a key step in building reading fluency and comprehension.

This month our students are working on the important character traits of Kindness and Respect.

Fourth Grade:

Fourth graders have settled into their classroom and school routines. In these first few days, students have been reviewing skills and expectations, discussing identity, and learning about their classmates. In reading, we are exploring characters in our read-alouds, including *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia. The first iReady diagnostic tests have begun, and will be finished by 9/27.



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Notes from the Office...

School begins at 8:50am. Please try to get your student to school on time. Any students arriving after that time will go through the office to get to their class. If you need to pick up your student(s) early, please contact the office and sign them out at the front desk.

Dismissal is 3:10pm for all students.

5th Grade & Specialists

Fifth Grade:

As we begin fifth grade, students are diving into engaging activities that promote critical thinking, creativity and collaboration. We're focusing on building strong foundations and reviewing in reading and math. Please ensure that your child knows their multiplication facts, as this will be crucial for success in math. It is an exciting time of growth, and we're looking forward to a fantastic year of learning together!

Learning Resource Room (LRC1):

Students who receive LRC1 services are ready to begin their academic and social groups after some beginning of the year assessments. Mrs. Kitano, Miss Sue and Mr. Kalin enjoy working with students and seeing their academic growth.

Music:

We are working on beat and rhythm in September in music class. We are also singing and doing lots of movement.

Specialists, continued...

Physical Education (P.E.):

Welcome back to school, Tukwila Tigers! This year in PE, students will be doing a variety of challenges that include using their skills in hula hoop, jump rope, basketball, throwing, kicking as well as fitness challenges like plank, iron cross, and the PACER running test. In addition, all classes are going to be learning more about sportsmanship, teamwork, and safety by playing different PE games such as Survivor Tag, Rock Paper Scissor Battle, and Bring It Home. I'm looking forward to a fun year full of lots of exciting games, activities, and skills!

Multi Language Learning (MLL) Dept.:

Greetings from the MLL department. The beginning of the year is off to a great start as we test new students. We are looking forward to meeting with students in early October. Quote: "Our language is the reflection of ourselves. A language is an exact reflection of the character and growth of its speakers."
-Cesar Chavez