



NEWSLETTER

Tukwila Elementary School

A Message from Principal Nur:



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Hello Tukwila Families,

Can you believe we're already nearly wrapping up two months of school? Time flies! It's great to see our students actively engaged and learning. Please continue to reinforce school expectations at home. We're especially proud of our Tiger Scholars for demonstrating our October character trait: Respect.

Looking ahead, parent-teacher conferences are approaching on November 6-8. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to schedule a time that works for both of you. Please note that during conference week, we will have early release on all three days, with dismissal at 12:40PM.

I understand that dismissal can sometimes be frustrating, but please remember that our process relies on your cooperation. We kindly ask that you avoid parking in the fire lane. Instead, use the parking spaces available in the lot or wait patiently in the loop. We're doing well with our dismissal routine, taking only about 10 minutes to ensure everyone gets home safely.

Safety Reminder for Everyone

It's essential that we all do our part to keep our students and staff safe at all times. We need your continued support in helping our students build resilience and independence. While kindergarten families are welcome to walk their children to class, we encourage families of 1st-5th graders to say their goodbyes at the door and allow their children to find their way to class independently.

Here are some important safety reminders we are committed to upholding moving forward.

School Doors Open (8:30AM):

There is no adult supervision available before the school doors open at 8:30AM. Please refrain from dropping off your children earlier than 8:30AM.

After-School Dismissal (3:10PM):

Once you have picked up your children, please keep them with you at all times and head directly home. There should be no playing outside after dismissal. We appreciate your support.

Families in the Building:

For Grades 1-5: No adults are allowed in the gym. This is for the safety of our students and staff. Please say your goodbyes at the front doors of the school.





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Get to know our staff!

Featuring: Ms. Bartley ~ Front Office

How long have you been at our school? 30 years
What's your favorite color? Purple

Why did you want to work in a school? For the love of children, including my own children as they attended Kindergarten through 12th grade in this district.

What do you love most about the students you work with? They make me happy!

What is something you like to do outside of school? Hiking and being in the mountains

Who would you choose if you could pick one person, living or dead, to have dinner with? My Mama that went to heaven when I was 18 years old.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Kindergarten:

The kindergarteners have been working so hard this fall! Now that we know our letter names and letter sounds, we are working on:

- creating groups of rhyming words,
- reading and writing (short a) word family words,
- and learning a number of sight words!

In math, our goal is to be:

- rote counting to 40 by 1s and 10s,
- comparing numbers within 10,
- and naming all of our 2D shapes.

Please make sure you have a conference scheduled for the first week of November (6th-8th) with your teacher. Thank you for the support at home!

First Grade:

Hello 1st Grade Families,

We have finished up our review of Kindergarten skills and have moved on to 1st grade material. This month we start our second math unit where we will be adding and subtracting within 20. We will work with teen numbers, find the total of three addends, and use 10 as a benchmark number when subtracting.

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Upcoming Events

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

- Door Decorating Contest
- Candy at Classrooms
- Costume Dance

Monday - Friday, 11/4-11/8: Book Fair

Wednesday - Friday, 11/6-11/8:

- 12:40PM Dismissal each day (W-F)
- Parent Teacher Conferences, ALL GRADES

Monday, 11/11: No School (Veteran's Day)

Friday, 11/22: Popcorn Friday

Wednesday, 11/27: Early Dismissal

Thursday & Friday, 11/28 & 11/29: No School

Thanksgiving Break

First Grade, continued...

In literacy, we will continue to

- introduce new sight words,
- work on short vowel families,
- work on blends,
- making connections to the text we are reading,
- and sequencing.

In social studies we will be learning about different cultures, their traditions, and holidays.





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Monthly Character Trait...

GRATITUDE: We are looking forward to focusing on Gratitude this month! One way to think about Gratitude is “choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives.” Practicing Gratitude can increase our well-being and even our happiness!

Family Conversation Starter:

What is something you are Grateful for every day?

2nd & 3rd Grade

Second Grade:

Hello families! We look forward to meeting with you for conferences.

Literacy: Students will work on writing an opinion and supporting it with details. Students will go through the writing process (prewrite, draft, edit, revise) to improve their writing.

Math: Students will work on solving multi-step story problems. Students will also use strategies to solve addition and subtraction equations within 100.

Third Grade:

The key focus areas we will be covering in our 3rd-grade classroom this month are in math, we will be diving deeper into multiplication and division facts, as well as learning how to effectively explain our problem-solving process using both words and numbers. This will help strengthen the students' understanding and ability to communicate their mathematical thinking.

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3rd (continued) & 4th Grade

Third Grade, continued:

For writing, we will be practicing the skills needed to craft informational reports, including revising and editing their work. This will be an excellent opportunity for the students to apply their growing vocabulary knowledge. In reading, we will be exploring informational texts to learn new facts on various topics and practice citing the sources of information. This will support their informational writing as well. We are all looking forward to an engaging and productive month of learning.

Fourth Grade:

Fourth graders are using the new i-Ready math curriculum to learn about place values up to the millions. This includes addition, subtraction, rounding, and writing numbers in different forms. The hard work they are putting in so far has helped them build confidence as mathematicians. Fourth grade writers are using the writing process to create fictional narratives that include a problem and solution and describe their main characters and setting.



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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:

In fifth grade, we're diving into our new math curriculum, i-Ready, and focusing on mastering volume. We're also starting small groups with the help of paraeducators to provide more individualized support. Our students are working hard and excited for the challenges ahead!

Learning Resource Room (LRC1):

Students who come to LRC1 reading or math groups have access once again to the Moby Max online curriculum. Earning badges and game time is a huge motivator for students who can use this program both at school and home. Mrs. Kitano can send home login information for your child if needed.

Music:

We are working on steady beat, rhythm and singing in tune. We will also cover dynamics (volume) and tone color (the quality of the sound). In the older grades, we will also start to look at musical form.

Specialists, continued...

Physical Education (P.E.):

During November, Kindergarten is learning to take turns using a variety of different equipment in PE. First, second, and third grade classes will be working on improving their basketball dribbling skills. Fourth and fifth graders will be focusing on learning about and demonstrating teamwork and sportsmanship skills.

Multi Language Learning (MLL) Dept.:

The MLL department began working with our MLL students at the beginning of October. We are meeting with students daily and supporting them both in the classroom as well as meeting in small groups based on students' individual needs. We are excited to receive special training highlighting the district's new math curriculum. This training will enable us to focus on the language component of math, laying the foundation for MLL students to be successful. Looking forward to an awesome month learning right alongside our students.