

Tierra Antigua Elementary School NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES:

November- (Native American Heritage Month)

1st- End of first trimester
5th- Election Day (no school)
11th- Veterans Day (no school)
18th-22nd- Book Fair
21st- Book Bingo (5:30-7) Family Shopping Time for Book Fair (3-6)
25th- Spirit Day - Flannel vs Polka-dots day
26th - Spirit Day - Grade Level Color Day Kinder (Pink), First (Red) Second (Blue) Third (Purple) Fourth (Green) Fifth (Yellow)
27th-29th- Thanksgiving Break (no school)

December-

12/16 - Fun hat day/accessories
12/17 - Sweater Day
12/18 - Red vs Green
12/19 - Crazy Sock Day
12/20 - PJ Day
12/23-01/04- Winter Break (NO SCHOOL for students)

Tierra Antigua Guiding Principles:

Mission: Engage, Empower and Educate (E3).

Vision: Create a safe, positive, and caring community that promotes academic excellence.

Values: Diversity, Collaboration, Respect, and Perseverance

Goal: Working collaboratively, we will ensure that all students reach their academic potential.

A Message from our Friendly Neighborhood Principals

Greetings Firebird Families!

I cannot believe that we are already into the month of November. Time is truly flying away. We enjoyed Jog a Thon this last month and are now looking forward to Book Fair season. The trimester grading period just ended on Friday, November 1st. Teachers will be compiling their scores to fill out their standards based progress reports for our scholars. This should be visible in Parent-Vue around November 12th once they are all finalized. If after this date, you still do not see scores, please reach out directly to your child's teacher and they will be able to assist you in getting a copy.

We recently finished our APS Skills, Habits, and Mindset Survey over the past few weeks in grades 3-5. We utilize the information that we gather from our students to make changes to ensure all of our students have the optimal daily educational experience. I am starting a principal advisory group filled with students that will help with ideas on how to improve things on our campus. We do have several days off this month. We are off for Election Day on Tuesday, November 5th, Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11th, and Thanksgiving break November 27th-29th.

With all these busy times and hustle/bustle that comes with the holidays, it sometimes gets a little overwhelming and our students ask to stay home. Please try your best not to let them. Encourage them. Remind them that school is a great place for them to learn and expand their minds. The following reasons are valid reasons for your students to stay home: Illness (including chronic illness documented on health plan, IEP, or 504 plan), Limited family emergencies; family deaths, Medical, health, or legal appointments (for students- not for parents- let us have your students while you take care of you); College visits (this would apply to siblings in high school, such a great experience for our young scholars); Deployment of a military parent/guardian; Limited extenuating circumstances as approved in advance; or Tribal and/or religious obligations. Please remember that regardless of the reason your child is absent, it still counts as an absence in the eyes of the district and state. For each day a student misses, it takes three days for us to catch them up. We look forward to seeing you all and for all of the great learning experiences today and everyday. Please reach out if you need help and support with anything. We are here to partner with you.

Your partners in Education,
Shelby Sanchez- Principal (sanchez_shel@aps.edu)
Sara Smith- Assistant Principal (smith_sar@aps.edu)

Counselor's Corner

COUNSELING LESSON

Our school counselors are teaching students the power of resilience through engaging lessons on being proactive and practicing positive self-talk. Using relatable analogies, like a rubber band stretching under tension or a ball bouncing back, counselors help students understand that challenges are part of life. When things don't go as planned, we can choose how we respond—stretching without breaking and bouncing back from setbacks. These skills are essential for building a strong mindset, encouraging students to face difficulties with confidence and optimism.



Volunteer Opportunities

There are two categories of volunteers who receive differing levels of background check clearances and badging: Unsupervised School Volunteers and Supervised School Volunteers. If you want to help out in the classroom and support school-wide PTA events, such as Jog-A-Thon, then you'll need a Supervised School Volunteer Clearance (you need to be within line of sight of an APS employee) (\$12). You can apply for this clearance online at <https://www.aps.edu/community/volunteer-with-aps>. If you want to volunteer AND attend field trips as a lead/preferred volunteer then the best option for you is an Unsupervised School Volunteer Clearance (\$59- you can be alone with students). You can apply by emailing Principal Sanchez at sanchez_shel@aps.edu or my volunteer coordinator Valerie Wilson at valerie.wilson@aps.edu the following information and we will initiate the application process:

1. Name
2. DOB
3. Phone Number
4. Email Address
5. Street Address
6. Last four of SSN



Book Fair!

We are so excited to put S'more Books in kids hands this fall! From November 18th to the 22nd the Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school! Check in with your student's teacher for when they will be visiting the fair. Don't forget to fill your student's e-wallets!

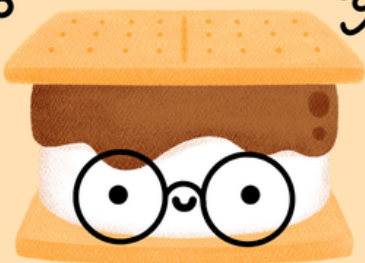
We are look for volunteers to help our kiddos shop and have a fun experience. If you are available we would love your help!

Go to linktree.com/taespta to sign up to volunteer and/or set up your student's e-wallet.

PTA site



TAES PTA is bringing



S'more Books!

Scholastic Book Fair
coming Nov. 18 - 22

We have our Firebird Friday Spirit Day, every Friday.

Make sure your child joins us by wearing their Tierra Antigua Spirit Wear or by wearing our spirit colors. I love seeing the red, black, and yellow going strong. You can go to [1st Place Spirit Wear](#) to order your spirit gear. They have some really cute pieces. We also have Think College Thursdays. Have your child wear their college gear to school.

1ST PLACE 
Spiritwear



Message from the PTA

ADVOCACY, POSITIVITY, COLLABORATION

Dear TAES Families,

The TAES Bookfair is just around the corner! Join us in celebrating reading and finding exciting books for all ages. It's a wonderful chance to inspire our young readers and support our school.

PTA Meeting Reminder

Mark your calendar! Our next PTA Meeting is on November 6th at 6:00 PM in the Cafeteria. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to hear your ideas and input!

PTA Assistance Program

We understand that times can be challenging, and we're here to help. If your family could use assistance in accessing resources for the holidays, please reach out. All requests will be handled with care and confidentiality.

Regal Movie Ticket Fundraiser

Support our school and enjoy a movie night with Regal tickets! It's a fun way to contribute while enjoying some family time. Tickets are available through the links below—don't miss out!

Thank you for supporting TAES PTA and helping make a difference in our school community!

Sincerely,

TAES PTA Executive Committee
Erika, Christina, Sarah, Danielle, & Lori
tierrapta@gmail.com

YOU'RE INVITED!

**Join us for our General PTA Meeting!
Wednesday, Nov 6th @ 6pm**

in person at the school cafeteria or via zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85953302776...>
Meeting ID: 859 5330 2776 Passcode: 039857

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The Library Needs Volunteers!

We are in need of library volunteers to help with circulation, shelving, and assisting students. We need help in the afternoons between 11:15 a.m. and 2:10 p.m., Monday through Thursday. If you are interested in volunteering on any of these days for any amount of time, please email **Laura Ayer, School Librarian**, at laura.ayer@aps.edu. Thank you!

FUNDRAISER!

Let's raise money for our Firebirds K-5 grades!
This Fall/Winter Season's school fundraiser will support each grade level as they sell Regal Movie Ticket Bundles!

What: Regal Movie Ticket Bundles that NEVER expire

How much: \$30 for two tickets (regular priced tickets to Regal theaters begin at 17.25 for major motion pictures)

Length of Fundraiser: November to January 15, 2025

It's a great season to get to the movies with features like Wicked, Gladiator II, and Moana 2 arriving soon!

Be a hit at your holiday party and/or delight these never expiring tickets as stocking stuffers!

Order using the following link and support your grade levels:

Click on the ticket:



Our goal for each grade is 100 ticket bundles (600 bundles in total)! Prizes will be awarded to the grade who hits 100 bundles first AND the class that sells the most bundles!

TAES will receive 25% of each ticket bundle which, in turn, will go back to support grade level initiatives for innovative teaching opportunities that affect our current students!

Need Assistance?

Hello families,
As the holidays approach, we know this can be a challenging time for some. The TAES PTA is here to support you in any way we can! If your family could use a little extra help this season, please let us know how we can assist. Whether it's food, gifts, or any other needs, we're here to lend a hand.

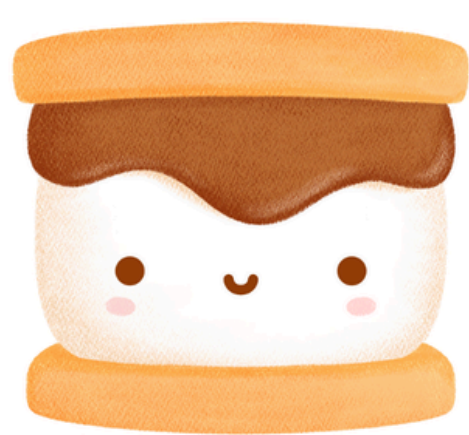
Wishing you a warm and joyful holiday season,
The PTA

[CLICK HERE](#)



Food Drive Coming Soon!

During the months of December and January we will have a school wide food drive. More details coming in next month's newsletter.



WE WANT S'MORE BOOKS!

IT'S BOOK FAIR TIME AT TIERRA ANTIGUA!

This year, our fifth graders chose the theme: "We want S'more books!" The PTA is dedicated to providing even more free books to our wonderful Firebirds. Today, each student had the opportunity to select a book that they're thrilled to take home and read. During family night at the book fair, our scholars can participate in Book Bingo for a chance to win another free book, and try their luck at Book Plinko to earn Scholastic Dollars for use at the fair this fall or in the spring. They requested more books, and we're excited to make it happen!

NOVEMBER 18-22, 2024

Don't forget to set up an e-wallet for your child to use to purchase books during the school day. This works like a gift card and they can use it to pick up s'more books to bring home. **Funds raised from this fair go towards our One School, One Book initiative in the Spring.**

JOIN US FOR FAMILY NIGHT!



**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 21**



**SHOPPING: 3-6P
BOOK BINGO &
PLINKO 5:30-7P**



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

Come join us at the book fair and earn a discount for each shift you work that you can apply towards bringing home s'more books! Use the QR code to the right.

