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Tierra Antigua Elementary School NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES:

October

4th- Balloons Aloft 6:45 am
Field
8th- Jog-a-Thon
9th-10th- P/T Conferences (No
school for students)
11- Fall Break (No school for
students)
14-Indigenous People's Day
(No school for students)
31- Storybook Character Day

November

1st- End of first trimester
5th- Election Day (no school)
11th- Veterans Day (no school)
18th-22nd- Book Fair
21st- Book Bingo
27th-29th- Thanksgiving Break

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

I cannot believe that we are already at Parent-Teacher Conference time! All of our young scholars and educators have settled into their routines and core instruction is going strong. Our educators worked extremely hard to get beginning of year assessments completed, so they can see where all students are, and address students at their level. Our teachers are doing a great job creating incredible learning opportunities and experiences for all of our students. We have started Super Readers, as well as Monthly Mathemagicians to celebrate student progress in those subjects. We share them on the announcements, students are really loving it. We have transitioned back to trimesters this year for grading periods, so we will be having our first parent-teacher conferences in a few weeks, but it will not have a progress report attached to it. Teachers will be meeting with all families to let each and everyone of you know exactly where your child is, how they have adjusted to this school year, and partner with you in a way that we can support each of our students.. Make sure you have signed up for a conference with your child's teacher. This is a great opportunity to discuss your students' progress.

Thank you so much for abiding by our pick up and drop off procedures. We have been able to greatly reduce the amount of time it takes for these processes with your help. Please make sure that you have a sign with your child's name, grade, and teacher visible on your dash until your child is in your car. We look at these signs throughout the line and call for your child several times, this helps us ensure your child is ready for you by the time you pull up to the curb. Please remember to be courteous to other drivers and our staff members. We want to keep everyone safe, so please make sure you are crossing at the crosswalks. We want to be the best models for our students.

The weather is going to start cooling off and with that comes sweater weather. To ensure our lost and found does not increase, please write your child's name on their clothing, so we can find the rightful owner when they are found. This month is a different month than any October we've had. While we still have days off for Fall Break or Conferences it's a bit different of a pattern than in years past, so make sure to check out the important dates. We are so excited to see everybody on Friday, October 4th for our Annual Balloon's Aloft session! Make sure to bring a warm jacket and some hot cocoa for a spectacular view! PTA is arranging a few food trucks to offer items for a cost. Gates will open at 6:30 a.m., to allow the balloon crew to arrive. Balloon will be inflating from 6:45-7, with a launch shortly after. We look forward to experiencing this with you all. We enjoyed seeing everyone on campus for our Open House, where we were able to showcase all of the wonderful things we are doing here at TAES. We were able to hand out a large amount of reunification cards. If you did not receive them, please ask the office if you happen to be in there. The rest will be handed out during Parent-Teacher Conferences. We are always here to support you, please never hesitate reaching out to us if you need help or assistance with anything.

Your partners in education,

Shelby Sanchez- Principal (Sanchez_shel@aps.edu)
Sara Smith- Assistant Principal (smith_sar@aps.edu)

SEL FOCUS

(SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING)

As educators, we are working hard to teach our students how to not only be the best scholars that they can be, but also how to have the proper social skills to be the best people that they can be in the real world. As a school, we always say Firebirds S.O.A.R., we are Safe, On Task, Accountable, and Respectful. We highlight portions of this on the morning announcements and classrooms are working on this during their morning meetings and throughout the day. We are working on lessons in this unit that focus on self awareness. For our kinder scholars, at home you could model how to identify the feelings of characters in books, songs, and television shows/movies or label your own feelings and reasons you feel that way to help your child understand the consequences of actions, for example saying, "I feel so happy when you help me with this," or, "I get very nervous when you run so fast." For our older students, at home we could talk about the health of our self-esteem being just as important as the health of our bodies. Brainstorm ways to boost it up every now and again Practice mindfulness together as a family. Be present in the moment whether it's a meal or any time together by putting phones away and tuning into the discussion or what's happening.

Socktober

Every October, we work as a school to give back to our community. To do this, we are working to help keep feet warm! We need your help to donate to this important cause.

What: Please bring new socks of all sizes (adult & kids) to support our SOCKTOBER Sock Drive for Emerge Ministries & Locker 505

When: October 1st-October 31st

Where: Drop boxes will be placed across the campus



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



Balloons Aloft

Come join us on October 4th at around 6:30 am for our Annual kick off to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. We will have a couple of balloons taking flight from our grass field (weather permitting) and invite all of our families to come and join us. Our location gives us such a great view of all the balloons lifting off across the city. Please plan on staying with your children until 7:00 a.m, as students are not allowed unattended on the playground until then. We kindly ask that you do not park in the staff parking lot, as our teachers need to be able to park and get to work on time.

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

CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESSES AND LOOKING FORWARD!

Dear TAES Families,

We are off to an incredible start this school year, and we're so grateful for your support and participation in PTA activities! Here's a recap of what we've accomplished so far and a look at the exciting events still to come.

What We've Accomplished So Far:

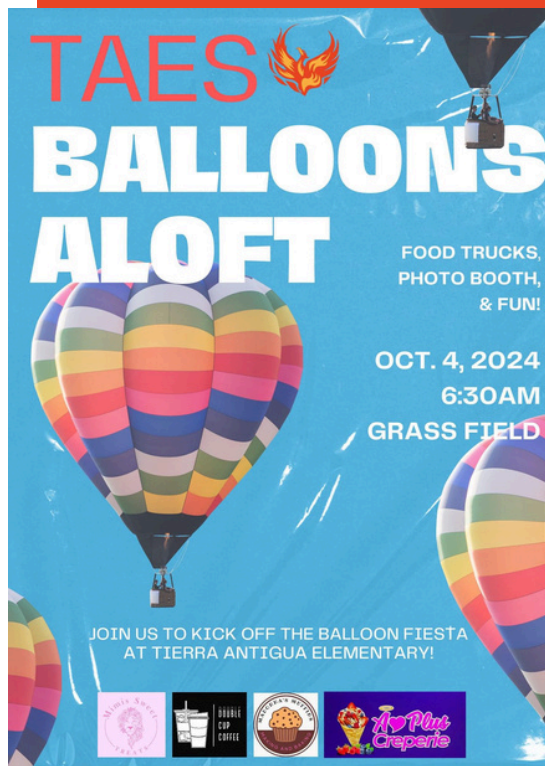
- \$100 Classroom Vouchers: Every teacher received a \$100 voucher to use for classroom supplies, helping them create engaging learning environments for our students.
- Welcome Back Breakfast: We welcomed our amazing teachers back to school with a special breakfast to show our appreciation for their hard work.
- Kinder Konnection Event: This special event helped our youngest students and their families get to know each other, easing the transition into school life.
- Open House: We kicked off the school year with an Open House, where families got to meet teachers and tour classrooms. We also provided a special dinner from M'Tucci's for all of the teachers and staff that night to show our appreciation of them. This also helped them power through the long day at school.
- Student of the Month Program: We launched an initiative to recognize students for their outstanding achievements and positive contributions to our school community.

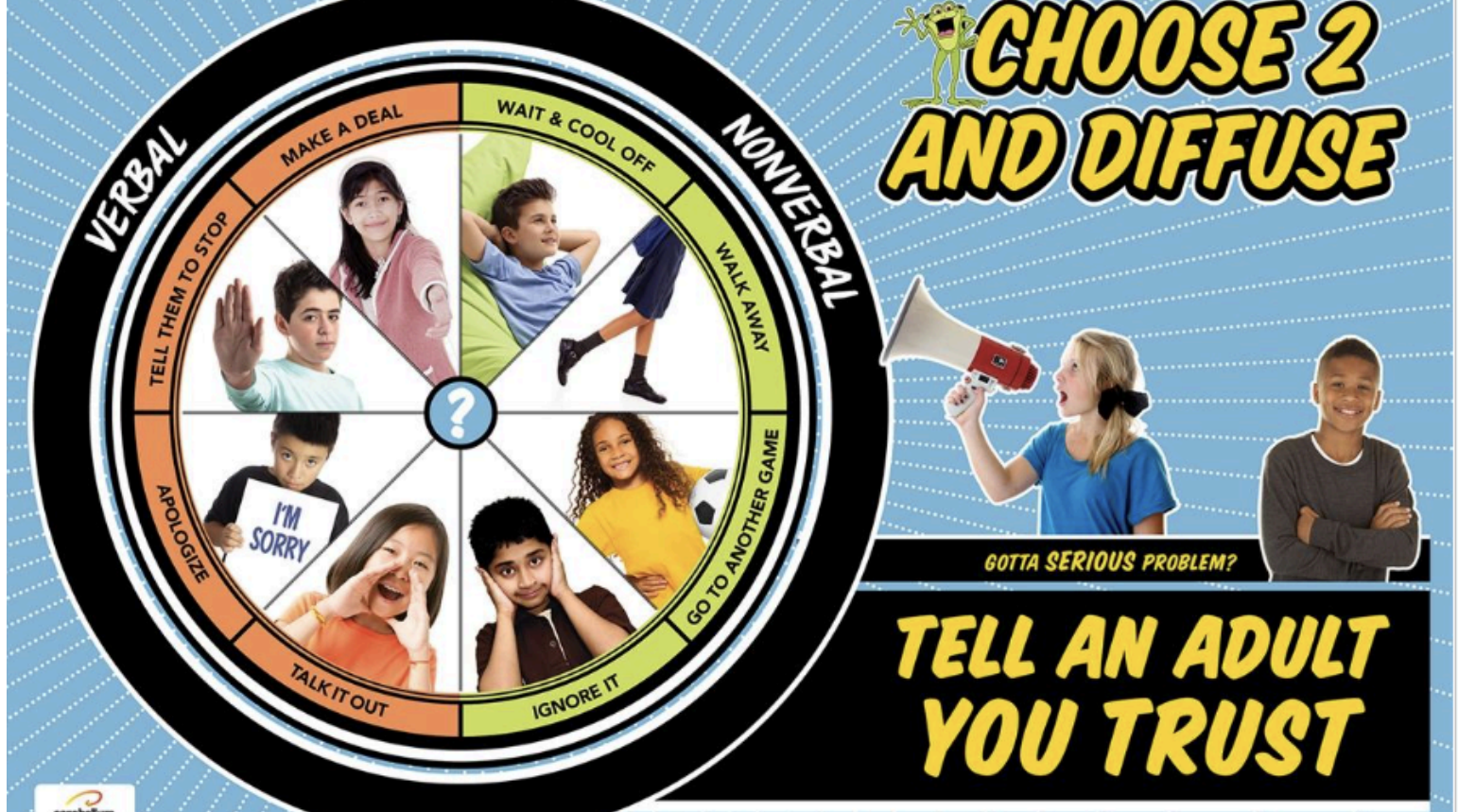
Exciting Events Coming Up:

- Balloons Aloft: A fun, family-friendly event where students can experience the wonder of hot air balloons.
- Jog-a-Thon: Get ready for a day of fitness and fun as our students participate in the annual jog-a-thon to raise funds for our school.
- Book Fair: Dive into the world of reading with our upcoming book fair—an exciting opportunity for students to discover new books and foster a love of reading. This year's theme will be "We Want S'more Books!"
- Book Bingo: A family night filled with books and bingo/plinko! Join us for a chance to win great prizes and have fun with friends.

We are so proud of all we've accomplished together and look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events. Thank you for making our PTA community so strong and supportive!

Sincerely,
TAES PTA





Counseling Lessons

Kelso's Conflict Resolution strategies have been taught in all classrooms. The Kelso's choice wheel is a great tool for helping children learn how to solve problems independently. The choice wheels provide students with various options to resolve conflicts in positive ways. Encourage your student to refer to this wheel when they face small conflicts with their peers or at home. Reinforce that they should try at least two choices before involving an adult. You can help them practice these strategies by role-playing possible conflicts and having them choose from the wheel to resolve them. Kelso's strategies are great for building self-confidence in resolving minor issues independently and will support your student as they navigate various situations, like those involving their friends or schoolmates. Big or serious problems need to be reported to an adult immediately.

