

# TAFT INTERMEDIATE

**CORE VALUE #8- OUR WORDS WILL ALWAYS MATTER**

**CORE VALUE #9- ALWAYS BE HONEST**

The following students were nominated by their teachers for their outstanding demonstration of ACS's Core Values #8 and #9.



## UPCOMING DATES:

**3/14** No School for Students

**3/17-3/21** Spring Break- No School

**4/3** Taft's Talent Show

**4/14** 5th Grade ELA OST- Part 1

**4/14** Harlem Wizards Event

**4/15** 4th Grade ELA OST- Part 1

**4/16** 5th Grade ELA OST- Part 2

**4/17** 4th Grade ELA OST- Part 2

**4/18** No School



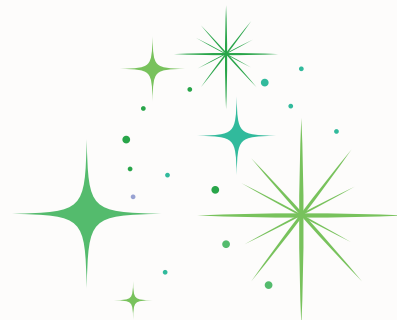
Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe we just finished the 3rd nine weeks, and are about to start the 4th and final one for the year. This means Spring Break is here, Ohio State Testing is upon us, and end of the year activities aren't far off. But before we look too far ahead, let's recap on the past month. February and March brought some exciting events to Taft. In February, the students participated in STEAM activities at Ashland University (AU). At the start of March, the students participated in events with Ohio author Dustin Brady to celebrate National Reading Week. These were all around great events!

**A few important notes and reminders:**

- If your child is going to be absent or going home a different way, please call the office or send a written note. We ask that you follow this protocol instead of contacting your child's teacher. All transportation changes should be called in by 2:30 p.m.
- The Transportation Opt-In Registration Form needs to be filled out for each student who requires a bus ride to and from school each year. The Opt-In Form for 2025-2026 is now available. You can access the form on the ACS webpage and go to the Transportation page or on the Taft webpage.
- Ohio State Testing Dates are:
  - 4/14 5th Grade ELA OST- Part 1
  - 4/15 4th Grade ELA OST- Part 1
  - 4/16 5th Grade ELA OST- Part 2
  - 4/17 4th Grade ELA OST- Part 2
  - 4/22 5th Grade Science- Part 1
  - 4/25 5th Grade Science- Part 2
  - 4/28 4th Grade Math- Part 1
  - 4/29 5th Grade Math- Part 1
  - 4/30 4th Grade Math- Part 2
  - 5/1 5th Grade Math- Part 2

Warmly,  
Mrs. Hartzler

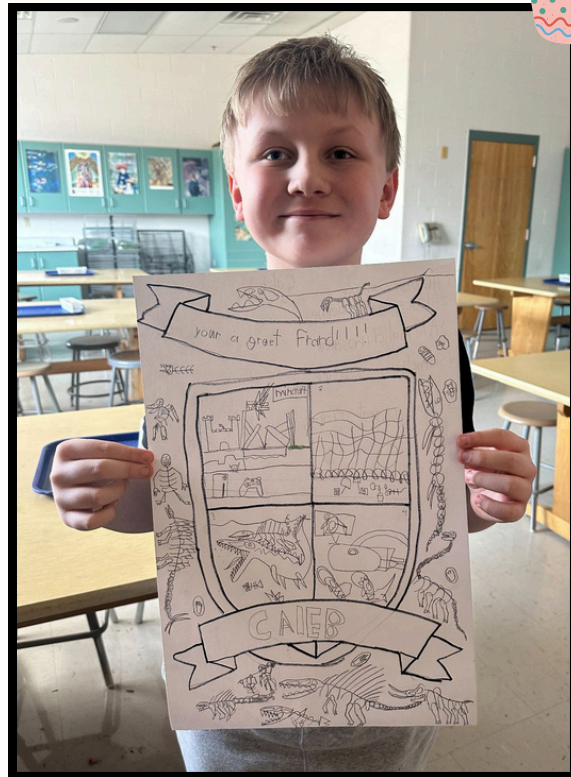


# Taft's Artists of the Month



## 4th Grade

Caleb is March's 4th Grade Artist of the Month for his great work so far on his Personal Coat of Arms. Caleb is so imaginative and always goes above and beyond to show his creativity in his artwork. We can't wait to see Caleb's art when it's all finished! Great Job!



## 5th Grade

Arabella is March's 5th Grade Artist of the Month for her wonderful Optical Illusion artwork. Arabella is incredibly creative and is always practicing new art ideas. She is incredibly helpful to others and a wonderful artist.



## AU STEAM Day



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### STEAM Stations:

#### **Station #1 - Soar to Victory! Lego Drone Obstacle Course & Pixel Power! A STEAM Mosaic (Orange)**

Test your piloting skills as you guide Lego drones through twists, turns, and challenges in our thrilling obstacle course. Can you navigate to the finish line?

#### **Station #2 - Build It to Last! Dome & Bridge Construction (Black)**

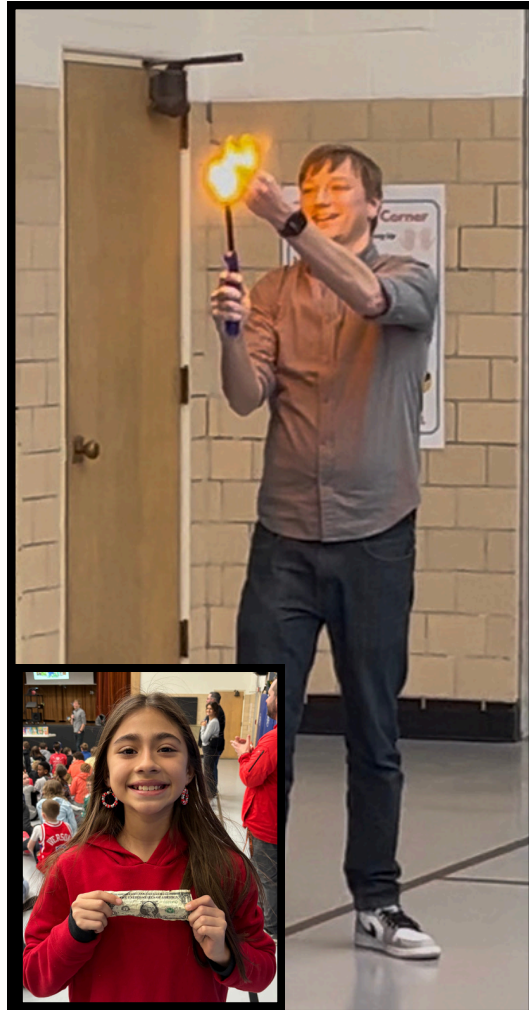
Engineer your way to success! Create the strongest bridge using bendy straws and tape or construct a paper-only masterpiece. Can your design hold up under pressure?

#### **Station #3 - Speed into Action! Balloon-Powered Car Race (Purple)**

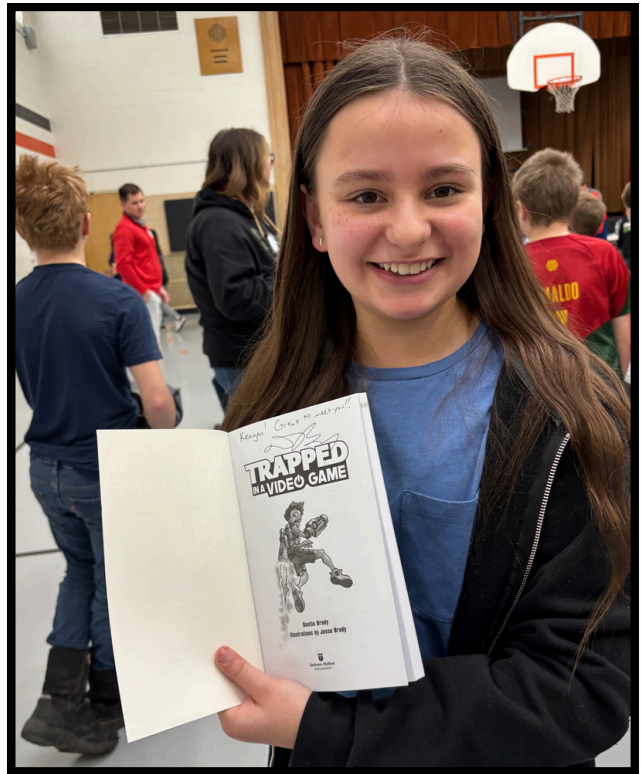
Ready, set, race! Design and build your own car using balloons, paper plates, and straws, then see how far your creativity can take you!

**In February, Taft students were invited to AU to be part of a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) event planned and run by students and faculty of AU's College of Education. The students rotated through three centers: a drone obstacle course, bridge construction, and balloon-powered car race. We appreciate the partnership with AU and the opportunity for the students to get to participate in this exciting hands-on learning experience. They had a fantastic time!**

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**Taft celebrated National Reading Week with a Read-A-Thon and a day of fun with Ohio author Dustin Brady. The students participated in two presentations, including a writer's workshop with the author. He was full of energy and brought the students into the world of being an author. He even brought a little magic to the event when he turned a piece of paper into a dollar bill!**

# THE COUNSELORS' CORNER

Spring Break is just around the corner! I (Mrs. Ellis) am always looking for free or inexpensive activities for my family. Sometimes it's hard to know where to look! I want to introduce you to a program called Museums for All that might be the perfect fit for Spring Break fun. Through Museums for All, those receiving food assistance (SNAP benefits) can gain free or reduced admission (\$5 or less per ticket) to more than 1,400 museums throughout the United States. There are children's museums, science museums, and even zoos on the list! In addition, there are several Ohio museums with FREE general admission for all visitors regardless of income. Here are a few highlights:

- Akron Zoo: Open in the off-season (through March 31) from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. \$3 per person for up to 4 tickets with an EBT card and valid ID.
- Ashland County Historical Society: Open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There are four different buildings to explore!
- Buckeye Imagination Museum (Mansfield): Open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; extended hours on Thursdays until 7:00 pm. \$5/per person for up to 4 tickets with an EBT card and valid ID. This is one of our family favorites! Their second floor was recently remodeled and is a treasure trove of activities for children who are 48" and above. There's Skee-Ball, Laser Maze, Interactive Mini-Golf, and more! Memberships are also available.
- Cleveland Museum of Art: Open Tuesday through Sundays; check out their website for hours. General admission is FREE for everyone. Reserving pre-paid parking is recommended. This museum is a site to behold - wow!
- COSI (Columbus): COSI offers reduced rates (\$5 per person for up to 8 tickets) for those who qualify for SNAP, Medicaid, or Ohio Directions. COSI is a popular attraction, so you'll want to reserve tickets ahead of time. Head to [cosi.org/tickets](https://cosi.org/tickets) and click on Museums for All for more info.
- Kingwood Center Gardens (Mansfield): Open daily from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. \$1 per person for up to 5 people from the same household with an EBT card and valid ID. Look for the peacocks on site!
- For those willing to travel a little farther, check out The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. It's the world's largest military aviation museum! General admission and parking are FREE for everyone.

Have a fun, safe Spring Break!

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