

ADVENTURE AWAITS



Dear Taft Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year at Taft Intermediate! I hope your summer has been filled with fun, rest, and plenty of great memories. We're getting ready to kick off an exciting year with our 4th and 5th grade students, and we truly can't wait to see all of their smiling faces back in the building!

This year's school theme is "Adventure Awaits", because every day at Taft is an opportunity to explore, grow, and try something new. Whether it's learning a tricky math concept, working together on a group project, making new friends, or simply becoming more confident in who they are, our students are in for an amazing journey.

Our teachers and staff have been busy getting everything ready to make sure students feel welcomed, supported, and excited to learn. Taft is a place where kids are known, cared for, and encouraged to do their best. That starts on day one.

We're also looking forward to partnering with you this year! We know how important family support is, and we want you to feel like you're part of the adventure too. From classroom updates to school events, there will be plenty of ways to stay connected and involved.

Thank you for trusting us with your child. We're ready for a year full of learning, laughter, and growth. We're so glad you're part of the Taft family.

ADVENTURE AWAITS! LET'S GET STARTED!!

Warmly,
Mrs. Hartzler
Principal, Taft Intermediate





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Important Dates



August

15th- Class list posted at 3:00
25th- Taft's Open Houses
 4th gr: 4:30-5:30
 5th gr: 5:30-6:30
26th- Taft's First Day of School

September

1st- No School
5th- Taft's ALL School Picture
19th- No School for Students
23rd- Taft's Vision & Hearing Screening
24th- Taft's Fall Pictures

October

9th-Parent/Teacher Conferences
10th- No School for Students

November

3rd-14th- Taft's Scholastic Book Fair
5th- Taft Picture Retakes
6th-Parent/Teacher Conferences
11th- Veteran's Day Assembly
13th-Parent/Teacher Conferences
14th- End of Grading Period
25th- Early Release
26th-28th- No School



December

4th- Winter Band, Orchestra, & Choir Concert
19th- Early Release
22nd- Winter Break Begins

January

5th- School Resumes after Winter Break
19th- No School

February

13th- No School
16th- No School
26th-Parent/Teacher Conferences
27th- End of Grading Period

March

12th- Taft's Spring Pictures
20th- No School
30th- Start of Spring Break
 ****Spring Break is March 30-April 6***

April

6th- No School
7th- School Resumes after Spring Break

May

2nd- Taft's Choir Concert
3rd- Taft's Spring Band & Orchestra Concert
25th- No School

June

3rd- Taft's Awards Assembly at AHS
4th- 5th Grade Clap- Out
4th- Early Release
4th- Last Day of School



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Helpful Tips and Reminders

For some of you, this will be your first year at Taft, and some of you will be returning. Below are some tips, reminders, and protocols that will help you and your child have a successful start to the school year.

- All students will have a homework organizer that they can take back and forth from school. Please check this nightly to stay informed about homework assignments, upcoming tests, and other special events. Helping your child clean out their folder, once a week, is encouraged.
- Parent Square is replacing Bloomz and will be a valuable communication tool.
- Parents are encouraged to use ProgressBook to check their students' grades and progress. If you need help with this, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or the Taft Secretaries.
- Please call the Taft office (not the classroom teacher) before 9:00 a.m. to report your student absent.
- If you are changing the way your child is going home, please notify the office secretaries (not the classroom teachers) before 2:30 p.m.
- Mr. Lilley is our school liaison, and Mrs. Ellis is our school counselor. They are available to support your child and can help connect you with resources.
- All contact information should be changed in Final Forms.

Arrival and Dismissal Times

8:30 a.m. Doors open

8:40 a.m. Students are considered tardy and must be signed in at the office

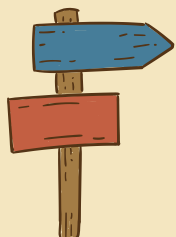
2:30 p.m. All changes to how your child is going home should be made to the office

3:17 p.m. Car Riders dismissal begins (car rider line only- see note under walkers)

3:25 p.m. Walkers are dismissed

**Bus times vary based on the route*

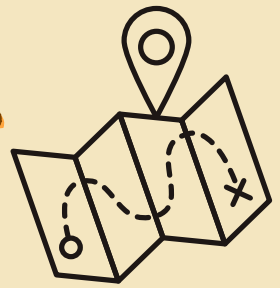
Do NOT stop in the road to drop off or pick up your child. Please use designated parking areas and lines at ALL times.





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- If you are using the car rider line in the morning or the afternoon, please pull in and form two lines. This allows more cars to enter the lot.
- Please call the Taft office (not the classroom teacher) before 9:00 a.m. to report your student absent.
- If you are changing the way your child is going home, please notify the office secretaries (not the classroom teachers) before 2:30 p.m.
- **Morning Car-Rider Line:**
 - Form two lanes when pulling into the lot. The two lanes will merge into one lane, marked by a sign.
 - Students are asked to stay in the car until a staff member is in the parking lot to signal their child to exit (8:30 a.m.). Once students are given the thumbs up to exit their car and the flow of traffic begins, your child can exit the car once you're next to the building. They are asked to walk on the left side of the white painted line for their safety.
 - We ask that ALL cars pull up to the start of the white fence or pull forward until stopped before their child exits the vehicle. This helps keep the flow moving quickly and allows more students to unload at a time.
- **Afternoon Car-Rider Line:**
 - Form two lanes when pulling into the lot, but unlike in the morning, the lanes do NOT merge in the afternoon. Lanes pull forward until stopped.
 - Car Riders will be dismissed at 3:17
- **Walkers:**
 - Students who are dropped off or picked up using the Dollar Tree parking lot are considered walkers.
 - All walkers will arrive and be dismissed through the Smith Road door.
 - If you are dropping your child off at the Dollar Tree or your child is walking to school, please keep in mind that there is no supervision until 8:20. Students are asked not to arrive before this time.
 - Safety Patrol members will be at this crosswalk to assist in safe crossings. Please have your child wait to cross until a Safety Patrol member is present.
 - Students should cross at designated crosswalks ONLY.
 - Walkers will be dismissed at 3:25
- **Do NOT stop in the road to drop off or pick up your child. Please use designated parking areas and lines at ALL times.**