TAYLOR ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 2025

Dates to Remember

9/1 No School Labor Day
9/17 Special Education Night
9/24 No School Professional Development Day
9/25 Special Person Day K-2
9/26 Special Person Day 3-5
Keep an eye out for more information about each of these events!
We can't wait to see you!



Message from the building Principal

Welcome back Tornados!

We're excited to share that we've had a great start to the school year! The first few weeks have been filled with learning, new friendships, and a strong sense of community. Your children have settled in wonderfully, and we're already seeing growth, enthusiasm, and positive energy in the classroom. We're looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead, and we're grateful for your continued support as we work together to help each student thrive.

If you're looking for a way to become more active in our school community, we'd love to invite you to join our PTO. The first parent meeting will be held via Zoom, and it's a great opportunity to get involved and stay connected. If you're interested in joining, please email Brandi Chavis at **bthompson.210@gmail.com** for more information.

We're excited to partner with you this year and can't wait to see all the amazing things we'll accomplish together! If you need anything at all please reach out.

Mr. Wright

Mr. Rose - School Counselor

Welcome back Tornadoes, it's Mr. Rose (Mr. It's OK). I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. As we return to school and get back into the swing of things we are starting something new this year. Each month we have assigned character traits that all teachers/staff will be reinforcing with our

students. Even though this is a short month, the traits assigned are Responsibility & Accountability. As a Tornado we expect students to be responsible and accountable for their own actions. Please help us reinforce this at home by having your child practice being responsible (chores, homework, going to bed on time, etc.) and accountable if they accomplish their task and especially if they fall short of expectation.

Mrs. Turner - School Nurse

Welcome Back! We just wanted to put a reminder out there when you should keep your child home from school:

Every day matters at school. Together we can maximize the time all children are healthy and ready to learn by taking a few steps to prevent the spread of cold and flu.

Children who exhibit the following symptoms should stay home from school:

- A fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Any symptoms that prevent him/her from participating in school activities, such as: excessive tiredness or lack of appetite; productive coughing or sneezing; headache, body aches, earache or sore throat.

Please keep your child at home until fever, vomiting, diarrhea is gone for at least 24 hours WITHOUT medication.

Wishing everyone a great Tornado Year!

Kindergarten Grade Updates

Welcome to a new school year in Kindergarten! Students are busy learning classroom routines such as morning carpet time, raising hands to share, working with peers, and following rules to keep our class safe and successful. They have completed beginning-of-the-year screenings and will soon take MAP testing in math and reading. We are also practicing early skills like letter sounds, rhyming words, and beginning sounds. We are excited to see our kindergarteners grow and learn each day!

First Grade Updates

Welcome back to the 2025-2026 school year! In first grade we are working on learning all of the routines and expectations that are needed so that all students can have a successful school year. This last week of August, we are taking the MAP test in reading and math to get our Fall Benchmark scores. We are looking forward to growing learners with your support.

Second Grade Updates

Welcome Back Tornados! In 2nd grade we are learning and practicing all of our school & classroom procedures and rules. This will ensure that all students will have a wonderful school year. In Reading, we are listening and discussing many books about being kind, responsible, and respectful. We have also taken our beginning of year Reading MAP test. In Math, we are practicing our addition & subtraction facts through fun activities. Please continue to read at home daily for 20

minutes. Also, practice your addition and subtraction math facts so that you are fluent in them. We look forward to an awesome school year!

Third Grade Updates

Welcome Back! In third grade we are working on learning routines and expectations. We are working on being more independent and following written directions. In reading we are working on listening and responding to social stories. In math we are working on place value, addition and subtraction. In science we are learning about inherited traits in animals. We will be taking our reading and math MAP tests to get our fall benchmark scores to help teachers know where students are for the beginning of the school year. It's going to be a great year!

Fourth Grade Updates

Now that our beginning-of-the-year testing is finished, we're excited to jump into our 4th grade curriculum! In math, we'll begin with our first unit on numbers and operations. For reading, we'll start HMH Into Reading Module 1, where we'll explore central ideas, cause and effect, and begin working on narrative writing. In social studies, we'll learn all about what makes Ohio special, and in science, we'll dive into Earth's surfaces. We'll also continue to build strong classroom relationships and practice our model behavior every day!

Fifth Grade Updates

5th grade is beginning the year with a cross-curricular culture project. Students will work on activities focused on collaboration, community, respect, and empathy. They will then have several different project options they can pick from. The focus of the projects is to explain how these topics can make our learning community more inclusive and help classmates feel safe and supported as we begin a new academic year.

ESL Updates

Be on the look out!

Scores from last year's OELPA have been sent home. Your child will be bringing home a letter explaining their ESL status for this school year along with a permission form that needs to be signed and returned. If you have any questions please call 614-367-2930. Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Dugan and Mrs. Ray are always happy to help!

CCLC

Students in the CCLC are getting acclimated to being back at school. They have been working hard to learn the rules and expectations in both my classroom, and their general education classroom as well.

Specials

Innovation/Makerspace: We've moved from the loudest and busiest part of the school—the stage—to the quietest and calmest space, the library. In our brand-new classroom, we're focusing on building routines and learning how to use supplies responsibly. We're also getting to know one another through fun activities and engaging projects.

Library: Welcome back! We have a whole new library space this year, so we are starting things off by getting to know our way around the new space, learning about library rules/expectations and book care. Our kindergarteners will learn all about how to use the library and will be bringing home "practice books" the first week of book check out to show them how to care for books and return them to the library each week. Please make sure your students are returning their library books!

Music: Hello! I'm Mrs. Kuhn, the new music teacher here at Taylor Road. I visit each classroom with my cart full of instruments and work with each grade level on listening, creating, and performing musical elements. I'm excited to get to know the students here at Taylor Road and explore different aspects of music with them!

Physical Education- Hello, I am back! I was here at TR a few years ago in the afternoons and with the district cuts I am back again. We will be getting your students up and moving in a variety of ways! To start we will be focusing on throwing skills and games. When it is your kiddos day to have PE please make sure they have tennis shoes or sneakers on or packed in their bags to change into! This will help with their safety in class! Finally a reminder that I am a PE teacher and my class is Physical Education.

Title

Our Title team is preparing for the school year with some new curriculum. We will be using a Reading program called 95 Percent Group. Mrs. Tipton will continue to work with students in Reading groups, and this year we welcome Ms. Slaughter who will be working with students in Math.:)

Special Education

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