

# TUKWILA ELEMENTARY

October 2025 Newsletter



## Tukwila Tiger Families

We've wrapped up our fall testing season 📖 and are now moving full speed ahead on our path to learning and growth! As we settle into October, it's a great time to review our school-wide expectations, being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe, both at school and at home. Please take a few minutes to talk with your child about what these words look like in the classroom, on the playground, and even at home. 🐯

At home, you can support learning by helping your Tiger find a quiet space for reading, checking backpacks for take-home folders, and celebrating their hard work. Every bit of encouragement goes a long way!

On Wednesday, October 16, we'll participate in the Great Washington ShakeOut. Our statewide earthquake drill. During the drill, students will:

We always start with our Thumbs up 3

1. 👍 Voices Off
2. 👁️ Eyes Looking
3. 🧠 Ears Listening

🧑♂️ 🚪 Drop, Cover, and Hold On - get down low, take cover under a desk or table, and hold on until it's safe.

🧠 Stay Calm and Listen - follow teacher directions and stay quiet so everyone can hear safety instructions.

Let's have a great October!

Ms. Nur



## PTA MASQUERADE DANCE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

We're excited to invite all Tiger Families to our PTA Masquerade Dance on Friday, October 24 at Tukwila Elementary School!

- 🎃 6:00-7:00 PM: Trick-or-Treating (for elementary students and younger siblings ONLY)
- 🎉 7:00-8:00 PM: Dance the night away with music and fun!

🎫 Admission is free for families. Just remember that guardian supervision is required at all times. Siblings can join and should be under 12 years old. Costumes are encouraged, and if you'd like to volunteer or donate treats, scan the QR code for more information.



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Kindergarten Families,

## KINDERGARTEN

Thank you so much for a great first month of school!

Please send an extra set of clothes in a labeled Ziploc bag to keep in your child's backpack in case of spills or accidents. At home, we encourage you to continue practicing letter names, letter sounds, and writing your child's name. A few minutes each day makes a big difference in building confidence and skills!



Hello 1st Grade Families,

## FIRST GRADE

We are so excited to work with you this year! This month we are working in the classroom and building expectations to set ourselves up for a great year. We are finishing up reviewing letters and sounds, and kindergarten sight words. We are starting 1st grade math where we are working on partners to 10.

Please make sure to check talking points for any classroom and building news and to read with your student at home each day.

## SECOND GRADE

We've had a great start to the year! Students are learning and practicing our classroom routines and expectations. In math, we're focusing on using a variety of strategies to add and subtract within 20. In reading, students are learning strategies to help them better understand and connect with what they read. You can support your child at home by encouraging them to read every day – even just a few minutes can make a big difference! We're excited to work with you this year!

## THIRD GRADE

Third grade students have been busy working on rounding to the nearest 10 and 100, 3-digit addition and subtraction, and regrouping. Small group work has started which targets specific skills students need. For literacy we are continuing to work on spelling, reading comprehension, and writing skills which include punctuation, capitalization, main ideas, sentence structure, and paragraph writing.



## OCTOBER EVENTS

Wednesday, October 1: Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Friday, October 10: No School - Teacher Work Day

Wednesday, October 15: Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Thursday, October 16: Earthquake Drill, 10:16am

Wednesday, October 22: Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Friday, October 24: Masquerade Dance  
5:00–6:00 Trick or Treat in the Hallways  
6:00–7:00: Masquerade Dance

Wednesday, October 29: Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Thursday, October 30: Individual Picture Day!



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## FOURTH GRADE

Fourth graders have settled into their classroom and school routines. In these first few days, students have been reviewing skills and expectations, discussing identity, and learning about their classmates. In reading, we are exploring characters in our read-alouds building on foundational reading skills. We have started our first unit in math, working on understanding place value, comparing whole numbers, rounding, addition, and subtraction. We have completed the fall i-Ready diagnostics and have begun the work to show learning growth this year.



## FIFTH GRADE

What a wonderful start to the 5th grade year. Students are getting acclimated to their new classrooms and getting to know their teacher. In math, students are learning about volume and reviewing skills from last year. In literacy, students are learning about the main idea within a passage. And finally, in writing students are refreshing their skills to get ready for writing in 5th grade. It's going to be a wonderful year and fun to watch these 5th graders grow.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

Welcome back to school, Tukwila Tigers! In PE this year, 3rd through 5th grade students will be starting off with the Hula Hoop and Iron Cross Challenges where they have a chance to earn a personalized bookmark. 1st and 2nd grade are getting back into the swing of things with some of their favorite games like Survivor Tag, Bean Bag Relay, hula hoops, and jump ropes. Kindergarteners have been showing off their skills with skipping and galloping as well as walking across the balance beam. I'm looking forward to a fun year full of lots of exciting games, activities, and skills!



## MLL DEPARTMENT

Greetings from the Multi-Language Learner (MLL) department. The beginning of the year is off to a great start as we assess new students. We are looking forward to meeting with students in early October and collaborating with grade level teachers. Quote: "Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things."  
Flora Lewis

