



# TUKWILA ELEMENTARY

## February 2026 Newsletter

## A Note from our Principal, Ms. Nur

Hello Tukwila Tiger Families,

As we welcome February, the countdown to the end of the school year is officially in motion! This is an important time for us to pause, reflect, and take our next steps for learning together.

We have just completed our mid-year iReady assessments. Teachers are now reviewing this data to better understand each student's strengths and areas for growth and to plan targeted instruction and small-group supports. You can expect to receive your child's iReady results by Friday, February 13.

### **Supporting Learning at Home**

Families play a powerful role in supporting learning beyond the classroom. You can help at home by:

- Encouraging your child to talk honestly about what feels easy and what feels challenging in reading and math
- Celebrating effort and growth, not just scores
- Supporting consistent routines for reading, math practice, and homework
- Asking your child what they are learning and what goals they are working toward

Honest conversations about learning help students build confidence and take ownership of their growth.

### **February Character Trait: Honesty**

This month, our schoolwide character focus is Honesty. We are encouraging students to be truthful in their words, actions, and learning, whether that means asking for help, owning mistakes, or sharing how they are really feeling. Honesty builds trust and helps us grow stronger together.

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## Continued from our Principal, Ms. Nur

### ● Schoolwide Expectations

We will continue reinforcing our core expectations:

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

These expectations apply to all Tiger Scholars in every setting—classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, and playground. Thank you for reinforcing these expectations at home and partnering with us to support student success.

### 🌍 Earthquake Drill

We will be holding an earthquake drill on Friday, February 13. Safety drills are an important part of keeping students prepared, and we understand they can sometimes feel intimidating.

During all drills, our priorities are safety and listening carefully to directions. To help your child feel prepared and confident, you may want to talk about:

- 💬 Why we practice drills at school
- 💬 Why it's important to stop, listen, and follow directions
- 💬 That drills are practice, not real emergencies
- 💬 What steps students take during an earthquake drill

These conversations may help reduce anxiety and build readiness.

### Thumbs Up 3 Reminders

During all safety drills, our scholars follow three simple expectations to help us move safely and calmly:

- 👍 Voices Off
- 👁️ Eyes Looking
- 👂 Ears Listening





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## Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Mrs. Doellefeld

**How many years have you been teaching?**

13 years

**How long have you been at Tukwila Elementary?**

I started here in September

**What did you want to be when you were younger?**

An Archeologist

**What's your favorite candy?**

Twix

**If you could meet anyone, who would it be?**

I would want to meet family members (like my parents and grandparents) when they were young.

**If you could only watch one show for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

Sherlock



## Calendar



February 3: Gr. 4 (Bautista) Field Trip to Waste Water Plant, 9:15am

February 4: Early Release, 1:55pm

February 11: Early Release, 1:55pm

February 12: PTA Bingo Night, 5:00pm

February 13: Earthquake Drill, 11:00am

February 16: No School, Presidents Day

February 17: No School, Mid-Winter Break

February 25: Early Release, 1:55pm

February 26: K-2 Character Trait Assembly, 9:10am

February 27: 3-5 Character Trait Assembly, 9:10am

## At Home

Here are some helpful tips to help your child improve their language skills at home:

- Use clear and simple language
- Read books together every day.
- Ask your child open ended questions instead of yes/no questions.
- Limit the use of electronics.

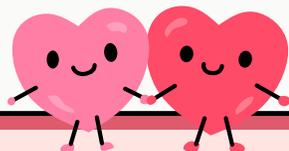


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## Kinder News

We're excited to celebrate Valentine's Day with our kindergarteners on Friday, February 13th! Please know that bringing valentines to class is completely optional—there is no pressure or requirement to participate. However, if your child would like to share valentines with their classmates, we ask that you bring about 20 valentines (one for each student in our class) to ensure everyone feels included. We will send out a class list with all student names via Talking Points in the coming days to help with preparation. We look forward to a fun and sweet celebration together!



## Grade 1 News

In 1st grade math, we have been learning about subtraction and addition word problems up to 20. We have also been learning how to interpret data from graphs and pictures. In reading, we are working on reading words with long vowels as well as starting to read longer words. In science, we are beginning a space unit. We will learn about the phases of the moon and how the daylight hours change in a predictable pattern according to the season. Please make sure your child is reading at least 20 minutes at home each day. It makes a huge difference for them to be able to practice the skills they are learning at school!

## Grade 2 News

In math, students have been working on counting coins and telling time. This month, we will be adding and subtracting numbers in the hundreds place. Please remember to practice math facts at home with your child. This month is Valentine's Day. Your child's teacher will send home more information soon. Ramadan will be starting mid-February. Let us know if there is anything we can do to support your families during this time. Thank you!



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## Grade 3 News

Third grade is working hard on learning multiplication facts and problem solving strategies. This month we will begin diving into learning about the rich history of Indigenous people. We will continue learning reading and writing strategies that will help us on the SBA this Spring!



## Grade 4 News

We're finishing up the second round of i-Ready diagnostics in reading and math, and fourth graders have worked very hard to show their learning growth. In writing, students will be researching and working on informational essays or presentations for Black History Month. In 4th grade, students are strengthening their understanding of multiplication and division. In our Our Mystery Science curriculum has students investigate structures and functions of the human body. We will be exploring the eye and how it works!

## Grade 5 News

Fifth graders have lots to look forward to, including our upcoming IslandWood overnight camp March 16-19th! This special experience helps students build independence, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for nature while connecting to our science learning.

In Math, students are strengthening their understanding of fractions by comparing, adding, and subtracting them using models and real-life examples. In ELA, we are reading and writing informational texts, practicing summarizing, comparing two or more texts, and citing evidence as we prepare for SBA practice. In Science, students are learning about Earth Science, exploring Earth's systems and how they work together.



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## MLL News

In February all MLL students will be taking the WIDA annual state test. It will test students' knowledge in Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing. Students can prepare by reading at home, describing pictures outloud, and writing down key details from the story. Students should also pay special attention to pronunciation and speaking clearly, slowly and loud enough. It is also very important for students to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast.



## PE News

This February third, fourth, and fifth grade will finish up volleyball and begin working on their basketball skills. Classes will also be playing a variety of games such as Capture the Cone, Bring it Home, Team Knockout, and Continuous Tag. Kindergarten, first, and second grade will be doing stations so that they will get a lot of time to learn about a wide variety of equipment and skills.



## Character Trait: Honesty

This month's focus is Honesty. One way to think about Honesty is "being truthful in what you say and do." Practicing Honesty helps strengthen our relationships and even reduces stress. Honesty is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Well. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like emotion regulation, positive self-talk, and stress-management.

### Conversation Starters

- ? Can you share or show what it means to practice Honesty?
- ? What is one way you can be more Honest with others?





# BINGO

At Tukwila Elementary

*Night*

The Tukwila Elementary PTA will be hosting a Bingo Night on Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5pm and Bingo will start promptly at 5:30pm. There will be prizes for all WINNERS. Bingo Cards will be handed out upon entry. Concessions and food will be for sale at the event. We hope to see you there!

**THURSDAY  
FEB. 12TH**

**FREE**

**DOORS  
OPEN  
5:00PM**

**Family Event - Children Must be  
accompanied by a guardian.**

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