

# Taylor Road Elementary School

April 2026

## Dates to Remember

4/3 No School  
4/6 No School  
4/8 & 4/9 5th Grade OST ELA Testing  
4/13 4th Grade OST ELA Testing & PTO Meeting 7pm  
4/14 4th Grade OST ELA Testing  
4/15 & 4/16 3rd Grade OST ELA Testing  
4/20 & 4/21 5th Grade OST Math Testing  
4/22 & 4/23 4th Grade Grade OST Math Testing  
4/27 & 4/28 3rd Grade OST Math Testing



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## Message from the building Principal

Happy April!

As we begin our spring testing season, we kindly ask for your support in helping students do their very best. Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep and starts the day with a healthy breakfast can make a big difference in how they feel and perform.

With warmer weather arriving, we are also taking advantage of opportunities to get students outside for recess as much as possible. Please remember to check the daily weather and send your child dressed appropriately.

Thank you for your continued support we're looking forward to finishing the school year strong together!

-Wright

## Mr. Rose - School Counselor

In April the character traits we are focusing on are acceptance and inclusion. Practicing these skills in elementary will be vital to students being able to deal with people from all walks of life. Learning the importance of judging one's character/heart & intentions as opposed to how they look or what system of beliefs they live by will help them get along and make lasting connections/

relationships. During mindfulness class students will participate in exercises that will allow them to practice being accepting and inclusive to all.

### **Mrs. Turner - School Nurse**

Spring brings blooming flowers and warmer weather – but it also brings pollen season. Trees, grasses, and weeds release tiny pollen particles into the air that can trigger allergy symptoms.

#### ☹️ Common Allergy Symptoms

- Sneezing
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Itchy or watery eyes
- Scratchy throat

Cough

### **Kindergarten Grade Updates**

This month in math, we are learning about subtraction and practicing taking away using numbers, pictures, and hands-on activities.

In science and social studies, we are exploring goods and services, learning about butterflies and their life cycle, and sorting things into living and nonliving categories.

In literacy, we have a new heart word: “what.” We are also working on digraphs, including ck, ch, wh, and ng, and practicing reading and writing words with these sounds.

We are excited for our upcoming field trip to Franklin Park Conservatory on April 16th! Please make sure to return the permission slip and send in money by April 10th.

In science, we are exploring life science and learning about living and nonliving things and what living things need to survive. In social studies, we are learning about wants and needs, as well as goods and services. Students are beginning to understand how communities work, how people help one another, and how these ideas connect to the world around them.

### **First Grade Updates**

This month we are starting Unit 8 in Language Arts, focusing on what we can learn from stories.

We will be learning about -ed endings of words, how the letter “y” sounds like “i” and “e” at the end of words, and vowel teams, like “ee” and “ea.”

In math, we will be adding and subtracting multiples of ten, and adding 2-digit numbers, like  $23+15$ . We will also be starting to learn about fractions.

In science and social studies, we are learning about space and how the sun affects our daily lives. Please remind your child to be respectful, responsible, and helpful to everyone in the last several weeks of school.

### **Second Grade Updates**

This month in Language Arts, we will continue working through our HMH lessons. We are learning about living and nonliving things and will begin transitioning into poetry, including our fun vocabulary words. Spelling lists will continue to come home, and spelling tests will take place as scheduled.

In Math, we are continuing to practice addition and subtraction with and without regrouping. We are working hard to keep our math facts fresh in our minds. Soon, we will begin our geometry unit, where students will learn about 2D and 3D shapes and their attributes.

In Science and Social Studies, we are learning about economic systems as well as habitats around the world.

Please continue practicing math facts at home and encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes each day to strengthen their skills. 😊

### **Third Grade Updates**

April is an important month as we focus on testing. We will be reviewing all the things we have learned this school year. We will take the state reading tests on 4/15 and 4/16, the MAP reading test the week of 4/20-4/24, and the state math tests on 4/27 and 4/28. To help your child feel confident and prepared, please make sure they get plenty of rest each night, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time each day. You can also support them by encouraging practice at home using the Ohio Department of Education testing website and the workbooks that were sent home in January. With consistent support and preparation, students will be ready to do their very best!

### **Fourth Grade Updates**

**In reading, we are starting to review for state testing. Our ELA state test will be on April 13th and 14th.**

**In math, we will be finishing our unit on fractions including adding mixed numbers, multiplying fractions by whole numbers, and converting fractions with denominators of 10, 100, and 1000 to decimals. Afterwards, we will move on to reviewing for our state test. Our Math state test will be April 22nd and 23rd.**

**Please make sure your students are getting plenty of rest, eating breakfast, and arriving at school on time as we get closer to state testing time!**

### **Fifth Grade Updates**

State testing is right around the corner! The 5th grade team has provided resources both at home and on the At-Home Practice Google Classroom page. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these tools as they prepare for testing. We know they will do their best! A message was also sent through TalkingPoints.

ELA- Students will begin working in Module 7 of the HMH curriculum. In this module, students will listen to, read, and view a variety of texts and media that present them with information about exploration. A genre focus on autobiography provides students with opportunities to identify the author's craft and purpose, and to make and confirm predictions in order to better understand

unfamiliar texts. Students will also encounter informational text, persuasive text, science fiction, and narrative nonfiction to build knowledge across genres. As students build their vocabulary and synthesize topic knowledge, they will learn about exciting land, sea, and space discoveries.

**Math-** In math we are finishing up reviewing our last couple of units which include measurement and data, geometry and algebraic expressions. Students are encouraged to work on Dreambox or Khan Academy at home for review of everything we have learned this school year.

**Science -** in science we are beginning our life science unit. Students will be studying food chain, food webs and how climate change is affecting our Earth.

**Social Studies -** in the last quarter we will be studying South America including the geography of the continent and the Mayans, Incas, and Aztecs.

### **ESL Updates**

Our students have completed their annual testing (OELPA). We are very proud of the effort they gave during the test. Don't forget to read your Talking Points messages from your child's teacher. Communication is important!

### **Specials**

**Physical Education:** Please have your student(s) wear tennis shoes or sneakers to class on days they have P.E. Please no crocks, boots, slippers, or sandals. If the weather has you putting your student(s) in boots please pack their tennis shoes in their backpack.

**Library:** Please make sure your students are returning all library books. Any books that are lost must be replaced or paid for. In March, we will be reading about Weather, Fairy Tales, Dr. Suess, and St. Patrick's Day.

**Makerspace/Innovation:** Students will be learning about the importance of internet safety and how to maintain a positive digital footprint. Through stories, class discussions, games, and hands-on projects, students will explore ways to stay safe and responsible online. Some students will also continue developing their programming and coding skills using Ozobots and LEGO SPIKE Essential kits.

### **Special Education**

**MDILC K/1:** Our class is wrapping up our weather and seasons unit in the next week and then moving on to classifying living and non living things. Our reading and math activities will follow with this focus!

**CCLC -** We have been working on a variety of skills including comprehension and basic math fluency facts. We are finishing up a unit on Reptiles and Amphibians and will be learning soon about the three R's (Reduce, Recycle, Reuse)

### **Title**

We have started working with our new groups, and we are enjoying getting to know our new students. :)

## Math Challenge Winners

TRE Math Challenge 9

### 1st Grade:

#### Exceeded:

Aahvan Subba

Advik Niroula

Car'Darrius Washington

Frankie Carnevale

Ja'Quan White

Kire Rose

Kushagra Basnet

Kyndall Allgood

Priyesh Bhandari

Prayah Bhandari

Ranjita Budhathaki

Sulav Kadariya

Kaisyn Carter

#### Met

Everett Stromquist

KaqeFonz Steward

Bryson Gore

Sam Phuyel

Roshan Rizal

Mila Dickerson

### 2nd

#### Exceeded

LJ Morgan

Ari Riggs

### 3rd

#### Exceeded

Ryan Khanal

#### Met

Eric Hollins

### 4th

#### Exceeded

Kaiya Carter

Sameer Ghimiray

### 5th

#### Exceeded



# Taylor Road Webpage



## Contact Information

- Mr. Nicholas Wright - Principal**
- Ms. Robinson- Assistant Principal**
- Mr. Karl Rose- Guidance Counselor**
- Mrs. Patty Shivener- Secretary**
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