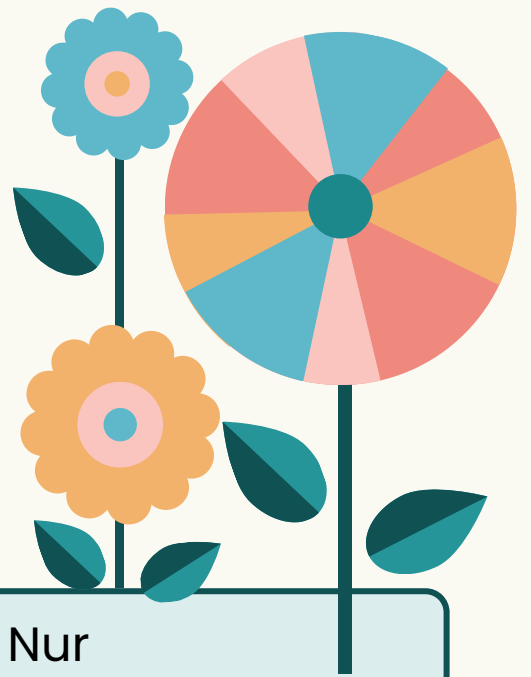


# Tukwila Elementary Newsletter

May 2026



## From our Principal, Ms. Nur

Hello Tukwila Tiger Families,

Welcome to May: A Month of Perseverance, Creativity, and Celebration

We've officially hit the home stretch! May can feel like a whirlwind, and with less than 30 school days left, there is still so much to do. This month, we are focusing on Perseverance as we navigate assessments, but we are also making time for joy! We are so excited for our International Day celebrations on May 29, a time to honor and celebrate the diverse cultures and backgrounds that make our Tiger community so special.

### **Upcoming Assessments**

This is a critical time for our students to stay focused and finish strong. We will be working overtime to flex our "perseverance muscles" during this month with some of the following assessments:

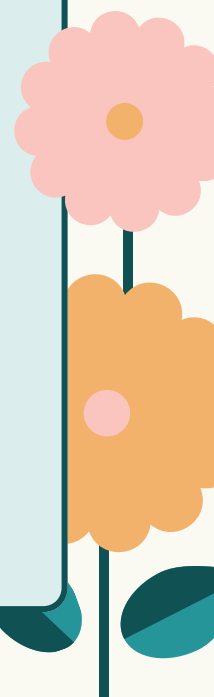
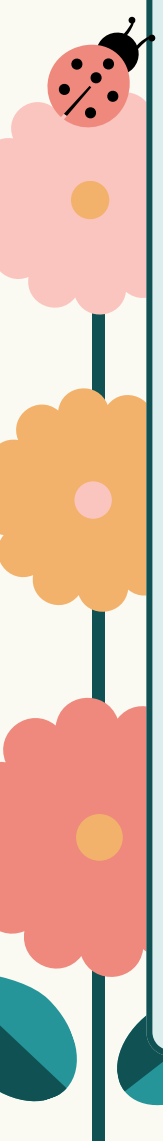
- SBA (Smarter Balanced Assessment): Grades 3–5
- i-Ready Spring Diagnostic: All grades
- DIBELS Reading Assessment: All grades
- Classroom-Based Assessments: All grades

### **At-Home Tips for Testing Success**

Your support at home makes a world of difference in their confidence:

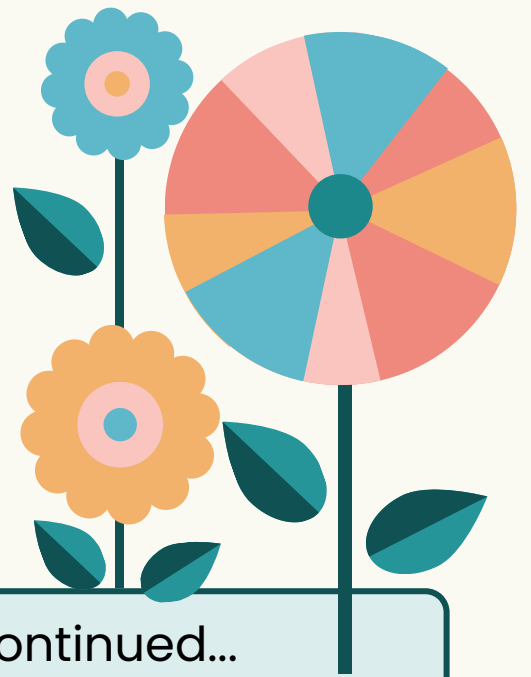
- **Prioritize Sleep:** Aim for an 8:00 PM bedtime to support focus and stamina.
- **Power Up:** A healthy breakfast helps students stay energized. (We serve breakfast at school daily!)
- **Growth Mindset:** Remind them that mistakes are part of learning and not knowing something yet just means their brain is growing!
- **Persevere, persevere, preserve:** As "the best and the brightest" this is our time to show up and show out

Continued on the Next Page...



# Tukwila Elementary Newsletter

May 2026



From our Principal, Ms. Nur, continued...

## ★ **May Character Trait: Creativity**

Our character trait for May is Creativity! Using your imagination to create something new or solve a problem. We want to encourage students to think outside the box. Here is how you can practice creativity at home:

- 💬 Dinner Table Talk: "If you could design a brand-new school playground, what would it look like? What's the most creative thing you saw someone do today?"
- 💬 Problem Solving: When a challenge arises, ask: "What are three different ways we could solve this?"
- 💬 Express Yourself: Encourage your child to draw, build, or write a story. Praise the unique details they add to their work!

## 🔥 **Fire Drill**

We will be holding a Fire Drill this month. Safety drills are essential for helping students respond calmly and efficiently to any situation. Why we practice: Practicing ahead of time ensures that procedures are familiar, allowing students to feel confident and adults to respond quickly to keep everyone safe.

## **Thumbs Up 3 Reminders:**

During all safety drills, our scholars follow three simple expectations:

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

Please review the Thumbs Up 3 with your Tiger Scholar so they feel ready and confident during our schoolwide practice!



# Tukwila Elementary Newsletter

May 2026



## Meet our Music Teacher, Mrs. Littlefield!

**How many years have you taught?**

23 years

**How many years have you been at  
Tukwila Elementary?**

21 years

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

A paleontologist

**What's your favorite candy?**

Dark Chocolate

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

Author Jane Austen



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

Seinfeld



## Upcoming Events

May 1: Fourth Graders Field Trip to  
Woodland Park Zoo

May 4-8: PTA sponsored Teacher  
Appreciation Week, more on pg. 6

May 11-29: Gr. 3-5 State Testing

May 13: Special Early Release,  
12:40pm

May 15: Talent Show, 6:00pm

May 20: Regular School Day, No  
Early Release, 3:10pm dismissal

May 22 & 25: No School, Memorial  
Day Holiday Weekend

May 26: Kindergartners Field Trip  
to Woodland Park Zoo

May 27: Regular School Day, No  
Early Release, 3:10pm dismissal

May 27: Gr. 3-5 Character Trait  
Assembly, 9:10am

May 28: Gr. K-2 Character Trait  
Assembly, 9:10am

May 29: International Day  
Assembly, 9:30am



# Tukwila Elementary Newsletter

May 2026



## Kindergarten News

Please remember to turn in your child's field trip permission slip for our May trip to the zoo.

We also encourage families to practice tying shoelaces at home. If your child has not yet mastered this skill independently, please have them wear Velcro shoes to school.

Additionally, please continue practicing the alphabet (letter names and sounds) and Dolch sight words at home. Reading together for at least 15 minutes each night can greatly support the development of early literacy skills.

Thank you for your continued support!



## Second Grade News

It is hard to believe that May is already here! Students did a great job during our field trip to the theater. They were an excellent audience. Thank you so much to the volunteers who joined us!

Our focus in math will be measurement and geometry. We will also be reviewing key 2nd grade skills to help students prepare for third grade.

Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

## First Grade News

Hello First Grade Parents!

This month we will be pulling together everything that we have been learning throughout the year in order to get us ready for second grade.

- Math: we will begin working on measurement, including measurements of time and lengths/sizes.
- Phonics: students will be reviewing vowels, vowel teams, digraphs, and letter blends, as well as learning the rest of our first grade sight words.
- Reading: we will be working on building our comprehension (understanding of what we're reading) and our reading fluency.
- Writing: we will wrap up opinion writing and begin focusing on narrative (story telling) and poetry writing!
- Science: we will be learning about how plants and animals grow and change throughout their life cycles.

Please try to encourage your student to read for at least 20 minutes everyday, whether they are doing it independently or with someone else. Please make sure to check talking points for any important information :)

Thank you for all you do!

# Tukwila Elementary Newsletter

May 2026



## Third Grade News

Third grade students have been preparing for the SBA and taking the SBA followed up by the Iready Diagnostic.

Our focus when we have not been working on SBA related items is creativity as part of our character traits. We ask that all families read a minimum of 20 minutes a night reading together. This strengthens the importance of reading for a lifetime.

Did you know that reading 20 minutes a night equals 1,800,000 new words in a year!



## Fourth Grade News

Fourth graders have an exciting few weeks ahead! Our class will be heading to the Woodland Park Zoo for a field trip on May 1. We're also looking forward to "Wheat Week," when a guest teacher will lead hands-on lessons about soil, water, wheat growth, and energy. Students will explore Washington agriculture through engaging activities like DNA extraction and wheat threshing. In art, students will finish their clay bonsai pots--a great connection to Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage month as well as practice on the character trait for May: Creativity! The SBA assessments will begin the week of May 11, so please continue to support your student by building up their confidence, helping them know they are prepared, and being well-rested. Thank you for your continued support!

## Fifth Grade News

Testing, Testing, 1...2...3...

May is a busy month for our fifth graders as we focus on DIBELS and SBA testing. Please help your student come to school ready to do their best by getting plenty of sleep, eating a healthy breakfast, bringing a water bottle, and arriving on time each day. A calm, focused brain is a powerful brain!

Our character trait for May is Creativity. We have so many creative students here at Tukwila Elementary, and we love seeing their ideas, talents, and unique ways of shining.

Our fruit and veggie program ended this week. This program gave students the chance to try healthy and interesting fruits and vegetables each day. With that program ending, we are now in need of classroom snacks. If your family is able, please consider donating individually wrapped snacks to your student's classroom. We appreciate any support you can provide.



# Tukwila Elementary Newsletter

May 2026



## M.L.L. News

The MLL department looks forward to working closely with classroom teachers to support the needs of our ML students during the upcoming SBA Assessment. Although all students are required to take the math portion of the SBA, ML students who have been in the county less than a year will not be required to take the English Language Arts (ELA) portion of the test. Those students not taking the ELA test will be working on an activity that incorporates Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Can't wait to see our Tukwila students shine bright.

## P.E. News

As the weather starts to improve, most classes will be heading outside to use the grass field for their PE activities. Third, fourth, and fifth graders will use stilts, pogo sticks, frisbees, badminton and play games such as Bring it Home and Capture the Cone out on the field. Kindergarten, first, and second will use balloon rockets, hand copters, frisbees, parachute, and play soccer and tag. All classes will be practicing games and activities that will be part of our upcoming Field Day on June 12th.

## S.T.E.A.M. News

The STEAM class is springing up with new projects and geometry review. Students in every class have been reviewing shapes and plotting points as well as starting on new projects! As you go throughout your day ask your child about what shapes they see or touch. A great way to do this is while shopping. When your child picks up an item to buy, ask them what shape the item is. To find out what project your child is working on in STEAM ask them, what did you build today in STEAM. Every class has multiple projects going on at the same time. Happy Spring Building!

## Music News

International Day, May 29! Assembly, 9:30 in the Gym

All students are encouraged to wear clothing from their culture and bring a cultural dish to share (specific info on the potluck coming soon). During the assembly, we will have a flag ceremony and the choir will perform. Students were asked to fill out interest forms to carry a flag. If your student is selected to hold the flag, they will be given a permission form and will be required to attend rehearsals. This is a very special day to celebrate the wonderful diversity in our school community!

Choir:

Choir rehearsals are underway! Choir students in grades 3-5 are working on music for the International Day Assembly on May 29th (the correct date, please excuse the misprint on some of the permission forms) and a concert on June 11th.

Music:

In music class, 4th and 5th graders are learning to play the recorder, which is a great pre-band instrument. 2-3rd graders have been working on playing bell kits. They are all learning to read notes as they play their instruments. K-1 students are listening, moving, singing and playing with music from the Carnival of the Animals by Charles-Camille Saint-Saëns.



# STAFF

## Appreciation

### LUNCH POTLUCK

 Thank you for all that you do!



**THURSDAY**  
**MAY 7TH**



**11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Parents:**

**SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION,  
PLEASE BRING IN  
A DISH TO SHARE**

*with our teachers and staff!*



**PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE OFFICE  
BEFORE 11AM.**



Sign up to bring a Dish to Share:

[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)



**STAFF**  
*Appreciation*

**DESSERT POTLUCK**

*Thank you for all that you do!*



**FRIDAY**  
**MAY 8TH**



**11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

*Parents:*  
*Show your appreciation,*  
PLEASE BRING SOMETHING  
**SWEET**  
*for our teachers and staff!*  
PLEASE BRING TO THE FRONT OFFICE  
BY 11AM.

Sign up to bring a Dessert to Share:

[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)