

TAFT INTERMEDIATE

CORE VALUE #1

BE A GREAT TEAMMATE

We're proud to recognize these students for being great teammates to their peers!



UPCOMING DATES:

Sept.

25 Fair Day- No School

Oct.

8 Parent/Teacher Conferences

9 No School for Students

12-16 Book Fair

13 Parent/Teacher Conferences



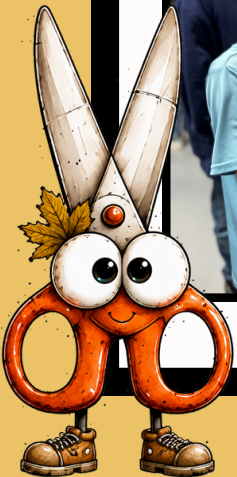
Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had an outstanding start to the school year! Our students are working hard, and we are very proud of their efforts and growth so far. Thank you for all of your support and partnership.

There has also been a lot of excitement about our new playground equipment! The students have been counting down the days until they could use it, and they have been thrilled to finally get out there and play. It has definitely been one of the highlights of the start of the school year!

This year, our building theme is We NOT Me: Great Teams Have Great Teammates. We kicked off the year with retired AU Basketball Coach Sue Ramsey, who spoke with our students about the importance of being a great teammate and how we can do that through the choices we make each day.

We put that message into action with a whole-school Rock, Paper, Scissors game. As students were eliminated, they became cheerleaders for the person who beat them until eventually the entire school was cheering for our final two competitors. It was a fun way to practice celebrating each other's success, encouraging one another, and seeing the difference it makes when you have people cheering you on.



A few important notes and reminders:

- Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 8, October 13, and November 5. Teachers will be reaching out to families to schedule conferences.
- Taft's Book Fair will be open October 12-16
- Families are encouraged to check ProgressBook regularly to stay up to date on their child's academic progress. If you still need access, please email Mrs. Anderson: Tanders@goarrows.org
- Our first grading period ends November 13.

As we wrap up our first month together, it is clear that our students are off to a wonderful start. Thank you for the encouragement and support you provide each day.

We look forward to continuing a great year together and helping our Arrows be Respectful, Responsible, and Resilient.

Warmly,
Mrs. Hartzler



Loving the New Playground Equipment



THE COUNSELORS' CORNER

Greetings, Taft families!

Our names are Mrs. Ellis and Mr. Lilley. Mrs. Ellis is our School-Based Therapist and Mr. Lilley is our School-Based Therapist/School Community Liaison.

School-based counseling is designed to be developmental and preventative in nature. The purpose of school-based counseling is to assist children with concerns interfering with their learning in school. Mrs. Ellis and Mr. Lilley work closely with parents, teachers, school administrators, and other professionals to provide students with the best possible resources and services. Support provided is therapeutic but is not a replacement for outside counseling.

To refer your child for school-based counseling services, please complete and return the **Blue Form** ([contact us](#) if you need another copy!).

School Community Liaison Resources

Mr. Lilley has worked as a School Community Liaison since 2008. He works to help evaluate the needs of Taft students and families and connect them with school and community resources. Mr. Lilley also manages the Care Closet at Taft, which houses free items like school supplies, coats, clothes, and shoes. Please contact Mr. Lilley if you have questions about school or community resources (contact info below).

Please reach out anytime - we're here to help. Looking forward to a great school year!

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