

TUKWILA ELEMENTARY

October 2026 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

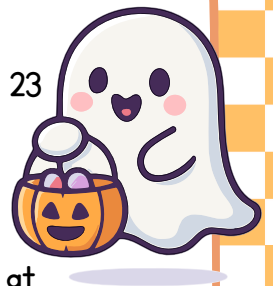


PTA MASQUERADE DANCE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

We're excited to invite all Tiger Families to our PTA Masquerade Dance on Friday, October 23 at Tukwila Elementary School!

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

 Admission is free for families. Please remember that guardian supervision is required at all times. Siblings under 12 years old are welcome. Costumes are encouraged!



This event cannot happen without CANDY DONATIONS! Please donate to the office TODAY!!

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KINDERGARTEN

This month, we are focused on continuing to build strong classroom routines, following school rules, and learning locations around our school. In math, we are learning about position, shapes, colors, and sorting. We are also practicing our handwriting, letter names, sounds, and sight words. Please keep a set of clean clothes in a Ziploc bag in your child's backpack for accidents or spills. It is also important to remind your child to use the bathroom during recess or lunch when encouraged. Please practice tying shoelaces at home!



FIRST GRADE

In 1st grade reading we are learning to read words with short vowels. We are also improving our handwriting and letter formation for all uppercase and lowercase letters. We are learning to write complete sentences with capital letters and punctuation. In math we are working on addition and subtraction facts within 10. We will also be learning about geometry, including 2D and 3D shapes. In science we will be learning about how plant and animal babies are alike and different from their parents. Please remember to teach your child to tie their shoes if they wear laces to school!

SECOND GRADE

Welcome back! Big things are happening in second grade. We will emphasize learning math facts this year. Families can help by reviewing all the ways to make ten and building fluency with basic facts. Families can support reading by encouraging children to read at home, practicing unfamiliar words, and talking about what they have read.



THIRD GRADE

Third graders have focused on getting to know each other, school and classroom expectations, routines, and assessments in reading and math. We are also working closely with the interventionist and MLL teachers to best place students who need extra support. As the month of October continues we will begin to introduce math and reading lessons that best support our students.



OCTOBER EVENTS

Tuesday, October 6: PTA Day at Red Robin

Friday, October 9: No School - Teacher Work Day

Wednesday, October 14: Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Thursday, October 15: Earthquake Drill, 10:15am

Wednesday, October 21: Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Thursday, October 22: Individual Picture Day!

Friday, October 23: Masquerade Dance

5:00-6:00 Trick or Treat in the Hallways

6:00-7:00: Masquerade Dance

Wednesday, October 28: Early Dismissal 1:55pm

Thursday, October 29: K-2 Character Trait Assembly

Friday, October 30: 3-5 Character Trait Assembly



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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 and 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 informs and have begun the work to show learning growth this year.

FIFTH GRADE

Fifth graders are coming in strong this year! We're building classroom routines, independence, and teamwork while moving into deeper academic learning. In reading, students are learning to identify main ideas, determine which key details support those ideas, and explain their thinking using evidence from informational texts. In writing, students are developing both narrative and opinion writing, with continued attention to the writing process and language conventions. In math, students are exploring volume by building and analyzing rectangular prisms, connecting length, width, and height to multiplication and cubic units. We've got a really great group and we're looking forward to a fun year of learning and growth!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

Welcome back to school, Tukwila Tigers! In PE this year, 3rd through 5th grade students will have monthly fitness and skills challenges where they have a chance to earn a personalized bookmark. They already completed the hula hoop challenge in September. Next up in October is the PACER challenge. Kindergarten through 2nd grade are developing their gross motor skills with skipping and galloping, walking across a balance beam, and doing a mini obstacle course in PE. 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



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MUSIC

We are currently using singing movement and instruments to explore beat and rhythm. Several grade levels have learned about the music of Celia Cruz, Tito Puente and Millo Castro Zaldarriaga. We will spend the year learning about music through many genres including European classical music, jazz, and folk music from around the world. I am always open to learning new music, so if you have music to share from your culture, I would love to hear it! 5th grade families, please check talking points for information on band. Or check out the info here: [Band Website](#)

S.T.E.A.M.

The S.T.E.A.M. lab is up and running with creativity and teamwork! STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The beginning of the year is all about growing as a team. Each class is learning to work together to solve problems and build their teamwork skills. This year ask your child what they built in S.T.E.A.M. today!

CHARACTER TRAIT: RESPONSIBILITY

This month, our Tiger Scholars are learning all about responsibility, what it means, how to show it, and how it can look different in everyday life. We encourage families to continue the conversation at home by sharing examples of responsibility together, whether that's taking ownership of daily routines, helping out with chores, or following through on promises.

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