OCTOBER 2026 ASHLAND CITY SCHOOLS

TAFT INTERMEDIATE

CORE VALUE #2
LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

The following students were spotted taking care of Taft and showing great kindness and teamwork toward their classmates!



UPCOMING DATES:

10/26 Terra Nova/Inview Testing begins for 5th grade
10/26-10/30 Red Ribbon Week
10/28 Fall Picture Retakes
10/30 Fall Parties and Costumes
11/5 Parent-Teacher Conferences
11/11 Veterans Day Assembly
11/13 End of Grading Period

Dear Taft Families,

Can you believe November is almost here? October has been a busy month at Taft, and there is still plenty of fun ahead!

It has been great connecting with families during our first two parent-teacher conference nights. Our final fall conference night will be November 5th. That evening, Mr. Spieldenner will be available in the library to share information about our Title I services. If you are interested in learning more about this, please stop by between 5-6 p.m.

While conferences give families a chance to connect with classroom teachers, we also want to recognize another wonderful group of staff members at Taft!

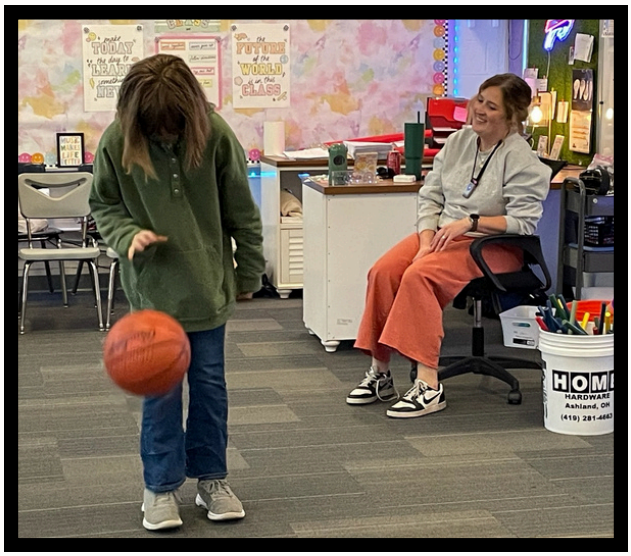
Our art, music, PE, STEAM, and library teachers, along with our band and orchestra teachers, bring so much to our students' school experience. This month, we're excited to highlight these staff members and all they do to make Taft special!

A Few Dates and Reminders!

- Veterans Day Assembly – November 11th: We look forward to honoring our veterans during this special assembly.
- Brrr... Cold Weather Is Coming! Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. We head outside for recess when temperatures feel like 20 degrees or warmer.
- Lost and Found: Missing a jacket or sweatshirt? Our Lost and Found is filling up! Encourage your child to check, or you can check it out during conferences. We will clean out all remaining items on November 24th.
- Halloween Swag Shop – October 26th–30th: Students can shop for fun seasonal goodies, all priced under $5! Proceeds will help support student activities at Taft.
- Red Ribbon Week – October 26th–30th: Get ready for a fun week of theme days celebrating healthy choices! Check the included flyer for details. For costume day, please remember that costumes must be school-appropriate (no masks, blood, or scary face paint).

Thank you for your continued support! We hope your family enjoys the end of October and all that November has in store!

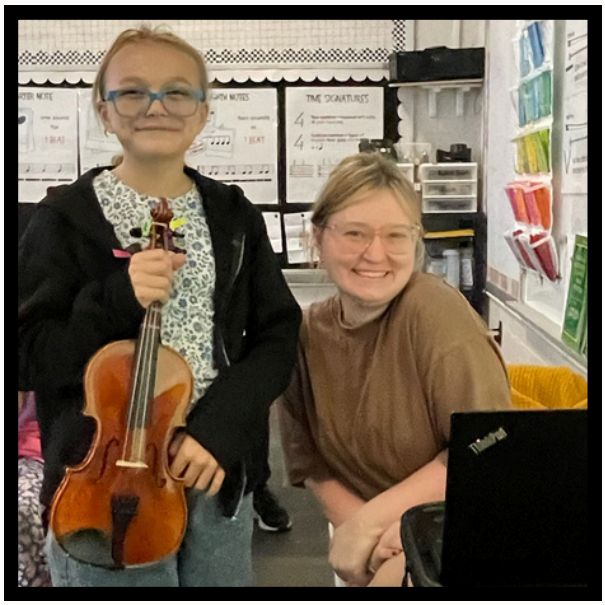
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Mrs. Hartzler


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ARROWS
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Taft's Artists of the Month



Isabella is Taft's 5th Grade Artist of the Month, for her amazing work on her Color Wheel Mandala. We mixed and created the colors of the color wheel and then made a unique radial design in our colors to create a Mandala. Isabella is always working hard to make sure her art is creative and unlike anyone else. She is a great helper in class and always uses her supplies responsibly. She is a great Taft Artist.

Cali is Taft's 4th Grade Artist of the Month, for her amazing glass color wheel. For this project we focused on mixing paint colors to create tertiary colors where our vases overlap. Cali made some amazing vases full of lots of details and decorations. Cali always comes to class with a great attitude ready to make art. Cali is an amazing Artist.



THE COUNSELORS' CORNER

One trend we're seeing among Taft students is sleep-related issues. Insufficient sleep can cause disruptions across all areas of life, including at school.

Here are some issues we observe in the school environment:

- Mood: Students might be more upset or frustrated than usual or struggle to control their emotions.
- Behavior: Children who are sleep deficient might have problems getting along with others or managing their behavior in the classroom.
- Thinking: Sleep deprivation can contribute to attention problems and slow down reaction time. Students' academic performance can be affected as well.

Sleep is medicine for our bodies! Here's what sleep does:

- Supports growth and development. Deep sleep triggers a hormone that prompts normal growth in children.
- Boosts our immune system. Ongoing sleep deprivation can change our bodies' natural defenses against germs and sickness.
- Supports hormone balance. Sleep helps support a balance of our "hunger" hormones (ghrelin and leptin). It also impacts insulin, the hormone that controls our blood glucose (sugar) level.
- Decreases risk of health problems. Heart disease, high blood pressure, and stroke are linked with sleep deprivation.

Here are some practical tips for improving sleep hygiene:

- Limit caffeine in the late afternoon and evening. Caffeinated beverages are often the culprit of sleepless nights for students! Look for hidden caffeine in sports drinks.
- Maintain a regular sleep schedule. On average, fourth and fifth graders need 9-11 hours of sleep per night.
- Limit screen time at night. Rules around screen time don't need to be extreme to be helpful.

Mrs. Jessica Ellis, School-Based Therapist

Mr. Ted Lilley, School Liaison/School-Based Therapist

RED RIBBON WEEK

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Join us for a week of fun dress-up days as we celebrate healthy choices!



MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

Hero Day

Dress as a superhero!



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

Hats Off to Being Drug-Free

Wear your favorite hat or ball cap.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

Shade Out / Sock It to Drugs

Wear bright neon colors, sunglasses, or crazy fuzzy socks.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

Pajama Day: Dream Big

Wear comfortable pajamas or loungewear as we focus on healthy goals and choices.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

Scare Away Drugs

Wear a school-appropriate costume!

VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11TH, 2026

Each year, Taft proudly hosts a Veterans Day Assembly in our gym to honor and celebrate the brave men and women who have served or are currently serving our country.

If your student has a family member who is a veteran or active service member, we would love the opportunity to recognize them during this special event. Please take a moment to fill out the form below so we can include them in our celebration.

We also warmly invite all veterans and service members connected to our Taft students to join us in person for the assembly on Wednesday, November 11th at 9:30AM in the Taft Gym. Please scan this QR code if your student's relative plans to attend so we can prepare a special welcome.