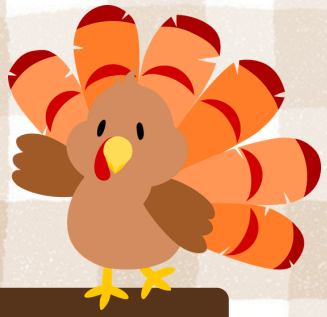
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Notes from Ms. Nur

Hello Tukwila Tiger Families!

November is in full swing at Tukwila Elementary, and we're heading into one of our busiest, and most exciting times of the year! 🍁
We have family conferences right around the corner. For families with multiple siblings, we're working hard to streamline the process so that all conferences can happen on the same day whenever possible.

Character Trait of the Month: Gratitude

This month, our Tiger Scholars are learning all about gratitude, what it means, how to express it, and how it can look different for everyone. We encourage families to continue the conversation at home by sharing examples of gratitude together, whether that's saying "thank you," helping a neighbor, or appreciating small daily moments. 🌻

Fire Drill – Thursday, November 19

As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, we will be conducting a fire drill on Thursday, November 19th. While these drills can sometimes feel a bit unsettling, we take great care to explain to students that this is just a practice and it helps everyone feel more prepared and confident.
To support you in talking with your child at home, here are a few helpful talking points:

1. 💬 Remind your child that safety drills are about being prepared, not scared.
2. ❤️ Talk about how practicing ahead of time helps us stay calm and confident in emergencies.

Thumbs Up 3 Reminders

During safety drills, our students focus on these three simple actions:

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

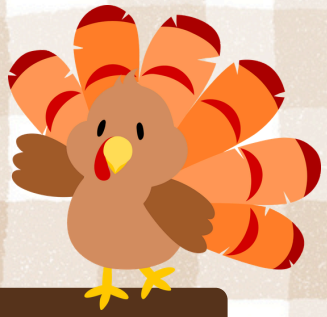
These cues help students move safely and calmly to our designated safe zones. Please take a few moments to review the Thumbs Up 3 with your student at home so they feel ready and confident during our next practice.





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Kindergarten

Happy November, Kindergarten Families!
Please continue practicing sight words and number recognition from 0–20 at home, and remember to read with your child for 15 minutes every night in any language.
Please check your child's folder for a conference reminder slip. If you have not yet signed up for a conference, please reach out to your child's teacher.
As the weather changes, please make sure your child has an extra set of clothes in their backpack, including a shirt, pants, underwear, and socks.
If your child has not yet learned how to tie shoelaces independently, please consider having them wear Velcro shoes to school to help them become more independent throughout the school day.
Thank you for your continued support!



Upcoming Events

November 4, 5, & 6: Early Dismissal, 12:40pm for Conferences

November 10: Veterans Day Assembly, 9:30am

November 11: No School, Veterans Day

November 13: 5th Grade Field Trip

November 18: Early Release, 1:55pm

November 19: Fire Drill, 1:15pm

November 24: School Picture Retakes

November 25: Early Dismissal, 12:40pm, Thanksgiving Holiday

November 26: No School, Thanksgiving

November 27: No School, Native American Heritage Day

Character Trait: GRATITUDE

November's character trait is gratitude. Here are some conversation starters you could have as a family!

- Can you share what it means to practice Gratitude?
- What is something you are grateful for?

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In November, we will be learning about:
Math: adding, subtracting, and finding unknown numbers within 10
For example:
2+2=__
6-3=__
8-?=2
7+?=10
We use number bonds and 10 frames to represent fact families and help students solve these problems.
6+4=10
4+6=10
10-6=4
10-4=6

Reading: we will be learning about text connections, text dependent questions, sequencing & retelling stories, common & proper nouns, adjectives, prepositions, short vowels, blends, and words ending with -all.

Writing: we are continuing to work on correct capitalization, punctuation, proper letter formation, and complete sentences, as well as beginning to write longer responses to stories that we read.

Social Studies: we will be learning about families, holidays, and traditions as well as identifying continents and bodies of water.

Grade 2

We look forward to seeing families at conferences Nov. 4-6! We are moving into two-digit addition and subtraction. Memorizing single digit facts frees up working memory for more complex math, so please continue practicing math facts at home. Continue reading with your child daily. Asking questions about the setting, characters, and plot will support their comprehension.

Grade 3

Third grade students have been busy working on rounding to the nearest 10 and 100, 3-digit addition and subtraction, and regrouping. Small group work has started which targets specific skills students need. For literacy we are continuing to work on spelling, reading comprehension, and writing skills which include punctuation, capitalization, main ideas, sentence structure, and paragraph writing.



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Grade 4

Our fourth graders are wrapping up their place value unit this month. Up next is Unit 2, where we'll dive into multiplication and algebraic thinking. Our 4th grade team has set a growth goal for students to demonstrate proficiency in identifying factors and multiples, so you may hear your child talking about both at home! Readers are continuing their study of narratives, paying close attention to what characters do, think, and say. By noticing these details, students are learning to understand characters' feelings, motivations, and relationships. Our writers are building essential skills while exploring a variety of genres and writing for different purposes and audiences.

NO SCHOOL DAYS

There is no school on the following days in the Month of November:

- Wednesday, November 11: Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving Holiday
- Friday, November 27: Native American Heritage Day







Grade 5

Parent-Teacher Conferences
We look forward to connecting with families November 4-6! If you haven't scheduled your conference, please contact your student's teacher. Families needing interpretation services should also contact their student's teacher to arrange support.

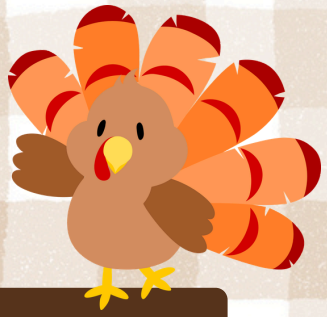
Salmon Heroes Field Trip
Our fifth graders recently welcomed a naturalist educator who taught us about salmon habitats and their importance to Pacific Northwest ecosystems. We're excited to continue exploring these connections during our Friday, November 13th field trip! Parents interested in joining us must complete the district volunteer background check, which can take up to two weeks. Apply now at tukwilavolunteers.myschooldata.net and contact your student's teacher.

Solar Energy Comes to TES!
We're looking forward to a special visitor who will teach students about renewable energy and the exciting new solar panels on our school's roof! Students will discover how sunlight becomes electricity and how clean energy benefits our environment.



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MUSIC

We will start November working on Veterans Day songs for our Veterans Day assembly on the 10th. 5th graders will be performing two songs as a choir and leading the school in two other songs. We will also be working on songs about harvest and gratitude. As we continue to focus on rhythms, students in music will be doing various composition activities with instruments. Younger students will be learning about rhythms, figuring out the rhythm to simple songs and creating our own rhythms as a class. Older students will focus on creating and notating rhythmic compositions. As always, we will focus on singing in tune and playing to the steady beat.

PE

During November third, fourth, and fifth grade classes will be playing team-building and strategy games. They will also begin their unit on the names of bones. Kindergarten, first, and second grade classes will be learning how to share and work together using foam blocks to build different structures. They will also be learning how to play soccer.



MLL

The MLL department began working with our students in October. We are meeting with students daily and supporting them inside their classroom as well as meeting in small groups. We are excited to be collaborating with teachers to better support math, reading and writing. Looking forward to an awesome fall, learning right alongside our students.

