

TUKWILA ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Tukwila Elementary is a Title I School-Wide School

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Principal's Message:

Dear Families,

HAPPY MAY! HAPPY SPRING!
HAPPY TESTING/ASSESSMENT TIME!

What a great time of the year, the students get to show off how much they have learned and how well they have learned the material. Springtime is a beautiful time of the year, recesses are warmer and it's really fun to spend time outside. May is a great month for our students to spend more time reading and doing math so they are ready for the testing. May is a fabulous month for adults to spend a lot of time being role models to our kids by reading and showing our enjoyment with reading.



Parents please remember to check lost and found for lost items when you visit school.

Have a wonderful May.

Steve

Tukwila PTA Notes:

5/6 - 5/10 Staff Appreciation Week

5/15 PTA Meeting (Board Elections)

5/17 Popcorn Friday

5/31 Special Person's Day 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM

Early Dismissal & No School Days for May

5/22 Early Dismissal, students released at 12:45 PM

5/27 - NO SCHOOL in observance of Memorial Day

Upcoming events and other important dates:

5/6 Kindergarten Field Trip to Seattle Aquarium 9:15 AM - 2:15 PM

5/14 Foster High School Grad Walk at Tukwila Elementary 12:45 PM

5/20 - 5/23 5th Grade Camp, Outdoor Education

5/24 Second Grade to City Hall

Mrs. Deming & Mrs. Graves 9:30 - 12:50 ~ 10:30 - 12:50,

Ms. McCarthy & Mrs. Henry ~ 10:30 - 12:50



To insure the safety of all of our students, hallway doors are to remain closed and locked at all times.

If you wish to pick your child up, you must first sign them out in the office.

NO STUDENTS ARE TO BE RELEASED BEFORE DISMISSAL TIME WITHOUT FIRST BEING SIGNED OUT AND RELEASED THROUGH THE OFFICE.

If you wish to visit the classroom, as always, you are welcome to do so, please remember,

ALL visitors must sign-in with the office first. Please know that if you are in the hallways of Tukwila Elementary without a visitor sticker you will be asked to report to the office to sign-in and wear a visitor sticker.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS A PRIORITY.

Did you know...

- You can call in an absence for your student 206.901.7502 at any time, 24 hours a day. Please, include the name of your student, the reason for the absence and a phone number where you can be reached if there are any questions.
- For the safety of our students and staff, please enter our school **only** by the main entry door. Visitors must sign in/out in the office and wear a visitor pass.
- Students should arrive at school **no earlier than 8:30am** and depart **no later than 3:30pm** unless they are enrolled in a supervised school activity before/after school.
- You are encouraged to leave last-minute messages for your student **no later than 2:30 PM** so there is plenty of time for the messages to be delivered. **Messages received after 2:30 PM, delivery cannot be guaranteed. Thank you!**
- If you wish to volunteer, either at the school or on field trips, you must complete a volunteer packet **at least three weeks** prior to the activity. Once cleared, the background check is good for two years.
- Check out our website at www.tukwilaschools.org
- Applications for low-cost student school insurance are available in the school office.
- Our lost and found is located at the rear of the main lobby. Please check often for missing items as this collection piles up quickly.
- Our school collects Box Tops for Education. Please deposit Box Tops in the marked container in the main office.
- **Please mark your calendars, Family Engagement Classes will be held on the third Thursday of every month at Showalter Middle School, 4628 S. 144th St. Tukwila 98168 from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM.**

Three reasons attendance is still important!

Summer vacation is on the horizon—but it's not here yet. Here are three reasons to make sure your child comes to school on time every day: Learning hasn't stopped. Teachers are still planning lessons and teaching new content. If your child isn't in school, he won't learn this information. Studies show that students who miss just 10% of the school year in the early grades are still behind their peers when they reach high school.

1. Teachers often plan group projects for the end of the year. These projects help your child learn collaboration, problem solving and responsibility. These are skills he'll need throughout his school career and in the workplace.
2. Regular attendance teaches kids to be dependable—which is an important quality for everyone to develop.

Help your child reflect on the year and celebrate success

As the school year winds down, it's a great time to help your child look back, look forward, give thanks and celebrate. Here's how:

- Talk to your child's teacher. Ask about your child's strengths and weaknesses. How has she improved? Where does she need more work? Ask what you can do to help your child over the summer.
- Talk to your child about the school year. Ask what she thinks went well. Talk about what challenged her most. Help her figure out what changes she should make for the upcoming school year.
- Review your child's successes. Look over schoolwork you've saved during the year. Point out how much your child has learned—how many new words, for example. Or how she can add and divide. Or how her writing has improved.
- Help your child set learning goals for the summer. Should she spend more time reading? Should she practice math concepts? Guide her, based on the suggestions from her teacher.
- Encourage your child to thank those who have made the year a good one—the teacher, bus driver, librarian, food service worker, etc. This will help her appreciate how many people have helped her.
- Celebrate with a special activity. It doesn't have to be elaborate or cost anything. Just make plans to enjoy some one-on-one time with your child.

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When parents talk less, their children actually listen more!

When your child was younger, he needed to hear you talk a lot. It's how he learned the language that describes the world around him.

Now that your child is older, he needs a lot less repetitive narration. Yet many parents of elementary school STUDENTS find themselves talking on and on—even while their children are listening less and less.

Of course you still want to talk with your child about his day. You want to have conversations about what he did in school and what he's thinking about. But if you're like most parents, you'd like to spend less time talking about whether it's time to feed the pets or why his clothes are still scattered all over his bedroom floor.

Experts have identified three strategies to help parents effectively communicate with children:

1. Make infrequent requests. As much as possible, help your child develop a routine for things like homework and daily chores. Routines can reduce the need for nagging.
2. Keep the volume down. Your child doesn't hear you any more clearly if you yell. As a matter of fact, he will probably just tune you out.
3. Keep it short. When you do have to give your child directions, limit the number of words you use. So instead of saying, "Jack, I need you to get to the car. Don't forget your backpack. Do you have your homework?" try saying, "Homework and backpack in the car, please."

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Classroom News:

News from 4th Grade:

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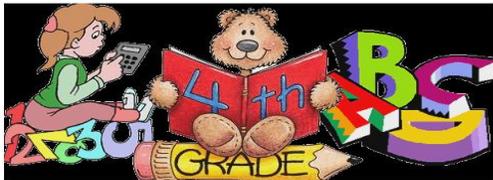
The fourth grade classrooms are getting ready for testing! SBA testing will take place the weeks of May 13th and May 22nd.

In the meantime, classes are finishing up their fraction and decimal units, focusing on geometry, and continuing mastery of story problems.

Reading instruction is focused on nonfiction text and poetry.

Classes are polishing up skills in writing, including literary essays.

In addition, we are looking forward to a variety of science presentations in school during May and June, and wrapping up the school year with many other enjoyable activities.



News from the Library:

The Library has been super busy with a ton of new books! K-3rd graders have finished reading all of the Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award books. They have voted and soon we'll find out the winner. Make sure to ask your child who the winner was.

4th and 5th graders are working on small group presentations using google slides about various subjects. They will present to their classmates when they are done.

Happy reading!



News from 2nd Grade:

In math, 2nd graders will continue working on addition and subtraction in the hundreds with regrouping.

In literacy we continue to work on comprehension (asking and answering questions about what we read), fluency (how smoothly we can read a text), and stamina (how long we can read a text).

We will also make our trip to City Hall where we will get to participate in a mock trial. Be on the lookout for paperwork coming home soon.

Also, we will be going to the beach in June, date to be decided soon.



News from Kindergarten:

We are entering the busy month of May! Throughout this month we will be studying plants, animals, and the environment.

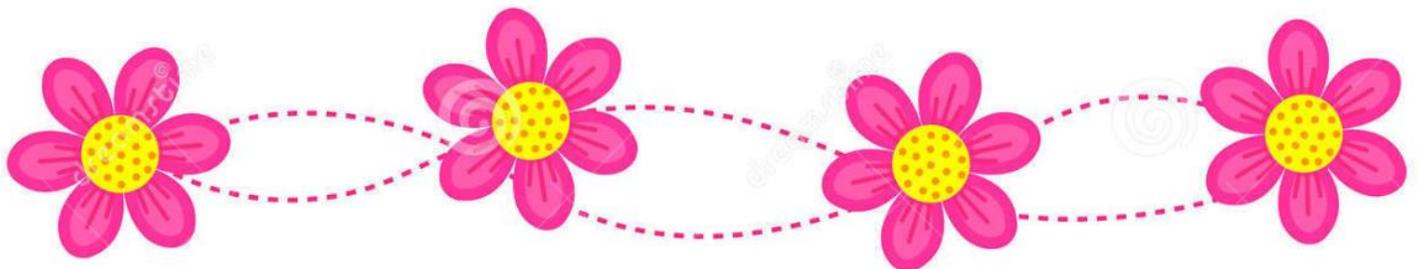
We have our fieldtrip to the Seattle Aquarium on Monday May, 6th and we are so excited!

We will be observing the butterfly life cycle in our very own classrooms and will discuss the changes that take place as our caterpillars flourish into beautiful butterflies.

We are continuing to work on identifying digraphs (ex: sh, ch, th), blends (ex: sl, pl, cl), and long vowels. Our reading stamina goal is 20 minutes and we are working on our persuasive writing.

In math we are working on math story problems, identifying and naming 3D shapes and their attributes, and measurement.

We are saddened that they year is quickly coming to an end but our kindergarteners are so ready for first grade! Please do mark your calendars for kindergarten graduation on June, 25th at 2:15.





Activity Calendar 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 Mexican Dancing Girls on the Run Techbridge Girls	3 Mexican Dancing
6	8 Chess Club Girls on the Run	6	9 Mexican Dancing Girls on the Run Techbridge Girls	10 Mexican Dancing
13	14 Chess Club Girls on the Run	15	16 Mexican Dancing Girls on the Run Techbridge Girls	17 Mexican Dancing
20	21 Chess Club Girls on the Run	22 Early Dismissal NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	23 Mexican Dancing Girls on the Run Techbridge Girls	24 Mexican Dancing
27 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	28 Chess Club Girls on the Run	29	30 Mexican Dancing Girls on the Run Techbridge Girls	31 Mexican Dancing

Parent & Child
Activity Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2019			1 Plan to get some exercise with your child every day this month.	2 Challenge your child to figure out a math problem without using pencil and paper or a calculator.	3 Play I Spy with your child. Say "I spy something orange." Let your child guess what it is. Then it's her turn to spy.	4 Today is National Weather Observers Day. Go outside and observe the clouds with your child.
5 Play fun math games with your child, such as Connect 4, dominoes and Uno.	6 Praise your child for something he did well today. Make your praise as specific as possible.	7 Teach your child this stress-relieving strategy: Breathe deeply while slowing counting to 10.	8 Does your child have an end-of-year project? Help her break it down into small steps.	9 Make it a point to use five new words at the dinner table tonight.	10 Encourage your child to write a letter today to a distant relative or friend.	11 Have your child check out a book on insects. Together, find and identify some in your backyard.
12 Go for a walk or bike ride today. Ask your child to spot something he hasn't seen before.	13 Ask your child to tell you the three best things about herself.	14 If your child dawdles, challenge him to complete a task before you can count to 25.	15 Nurture your child's curiosity with questions like: "Why do you think ...?" and "What might happen if ...?"	16 When your child finishes reading a book, ask her to discuss it with you.	17 Let your child plan dinner tonight. How many food groups can he include?	18 Today is International Museum Day. Talk with your child about the value of museums. Visit one locally or online.
19 Go for a reading picnic together. Take some books, a snack, and a blanket to sit on.	20 Teach your child the Golden Rule: Treat others as you would like to be treated.	21 On this day in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross. Learn more about her with your child.	22 Ask your child to draw a map of how to get from your home to school.	23 Make an effort to reinforce manners today. Remind your child to say <i>please</i> and <i>thank you</i> .	24 Watch a movie based on a children's book with your child. Then, read the book together. How are they different?	25 Give your child some sidewalk chalk. Do math problems outside together.
26 Give your child something to take apart—a ball point pen, a flower, an old toy. Encourage him to figure out how it works.	27 Encourage your child to draw a picture of a person she admires.	28 Ask the school about dates for year-end tests. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the nights before.	29 Tell your child that you want him to <i>do</i> his best, but he doesn't have to <i>be</i> the best.	30 Talk to your child about the values that are important to you.	31 Help your child figure out the perimeter and area of her bedroom.	
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