

Tomahawk Elementary Newsletter

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Welcome Back to School TES Families,

I am thrilled and honored to join the outstanding team at Tomahawk Elementary School as your principal, working alongside our dedicated associate principal, dean of students, and staff. At Tomahawk Elementary, our HATCHET PRIDE core values are responsibility, respect, and safety. We aim to collaborate closely with children and their families to instill these values in our daily actions and foster growth. We are committed to meeting the needs of each student, recognizing their strengths, and inspiring everyone who enters our school to become socially responsible, life-long learners.

Open communication is vital to our partnership. Together we can address challenges and create pathways for every student's success. We are dedicated to ensuring that families have access to the information they need, and we encourage you to regularly check your email, Skyward, the school website, Seesaw, and Facebook for updates regarding your child's education.

I am excited for the year ahead and the opportunity to work with and support your child. Please know that I am here to assist you in any way possible.

Sincerely,
Sheri Woodall
Principal

September 17th

Tuesday

-Bridging Brighter
Smiles

September 18th

Wednesday

-Bridging Brighter
Smiles
-Lifetouch School
pictures

SEPTEMBER

2024

September 19th

Thursday

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PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

This sheet has been compiled with answers to frequently asked questions about TES, along with helpful links, as the 2024-25 school year begins.

TES Parent/Student Handbook

Answers to many common questions can be found in the handbook



TES Handbook



Link is found on the TSD Website under the "Families" tab

Important Procedures/Policies/Info.



ABSENCES/APPTS

Please call the Elementary Office at 715-453-2126 to report any absences or appointments for your student



DROP OFF

Door #10 - Grades 4K and 5K
Door #8 - Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Doors open at 7:50



PICK UP

Door #10 - Grades 4K, @ 3:05
5K & 1 @ 3:10

Door #9 - Grade 2 @ 3:10
Door #8 - Grades 3, 4 & 5 @ 3:12



SKYWARD ACCESS

Check your Skyward Family Access your account to make sure it is updated for the school year



SEESAW

Used for weekly communication. Check to see that you are connected with your student's current teacher. For help please contact Annette Steltenpohl in the elementary office



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Lunch pin # is needed for purchases
Contact Sandy Anderson at
715-453-5371 ext. 310
TSD Food Service

Important Procedures/Policies/Info.



TOMAHAWK BUS SERVICE

For pick up and drop off times please contact the bus company
(715) 453-3000



KIDS IN MOTION

Kids In Motion will begin Monday September 16 @ 7:15 a.m. Your student must arrive before 7:25 a.m. to attend Kids In Motion



WATER BOTTLES

We encourage you to send a water bottle with your student to school.
(no glass please)



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Please keep the weather in mind and dress your student appropriately.



New TES Staff 2024-25

Name	Position
Mrs. Gina LeTempt	1st Grade
Ms. Morgan Ernst	2nd Grade
Ms. Hannah Fisher	2nd Grade
Mr. Jeff LeTempt	2nd Grade
Ms. Emily Bublitz	3rd Grade
Mrs. Renee Heinrich	3rd Grade
Mr. Matt Schmidt	4th Grade Special Ed.
Mrs. Katie Mackin	4th Grade
Ms. Ava Magee	5th Grade Special Ed.
Ms. Richelle Swan	5th Grade
Ms. Sam Perkins	School Counselor

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Office

Attendance

Being in school every day, on time, puts students of all ages on the road to success. Elementary school attendance is especially crucial because the foundation for success is built during these important years.

Sometimes students have to miss school, and that's ok. But missing too much can be a big problem.



Chronic absenteeism is missing at least 10% of the school year



For most school districts, this is two or more days a month

Please call the office before 8:30 a.m. if your child will be absent due to sickness or an appointment. If your child attends an appointment please send in their medical note.

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SNACKS

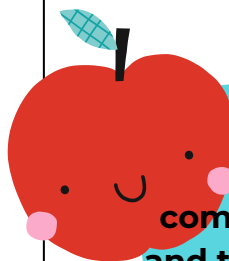
SNACK DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Tomahawk Elementary school is in need for snack foods for our TES kids.

If you are willing to donate individually prepackaged snacks, please send them to our front office. Thank you for all who have donated already!! We appreciate your generosity!

Seesaw

Seesaw is our main communication between parents and teachers. Please utilize this app for any changes on your students end of day plans, questions and concerns.



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Music

Just a Note from the Music Room

Welcome back! Mark your calendars for the Holiday programs On Wednesday Dec. 11th. Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 3rd Grade and 5th Grades will be participating in these December programs.

Program times TBD

In March 2nd and 4th Grades will participate in the Featuring the Fine Arts Program in March.

Parents of 4th Grade students be sure to turn in \$7.50 for a soprano recorder for your student musician this fall.

Looking forward to a noteworthy year
~Mrs. Anderson

Counselor Corner

Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to another exciting school year! We are thrilled to be starting this year with not one but two dedicated school counselors. Please welcome Ms. Perkins to our school. Ms. Perkins will be focusing on 4K, K, 3rd and 5th grade. Mrs. Peissig will be focusing on grades 1, 2 and 4. Our goal is to foster a positive, safe, and supportive environment for all our students. We are here to help support your child through classroom lessons, small group counseling or one-on-one support.

Tips for a Great Start to the 2024-25 School Year:

- Establish a Routine: Help your child get into a consistent routine with a set bedtime, wake-up time, and designated homework time.
- Talk About School: Take a few minutes each day to ask your child about their day. Simple questions like, "What was the best part of your day?" or "Did anything make you feel proud today?" can open up meaningful conversations.
- Encourage a Growth Mindset: Remind your child that it's okay to make mistakes—they're opportunities to learn and grow. Praise effort and persistence, not just results.



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LITERACY

Dear Families,

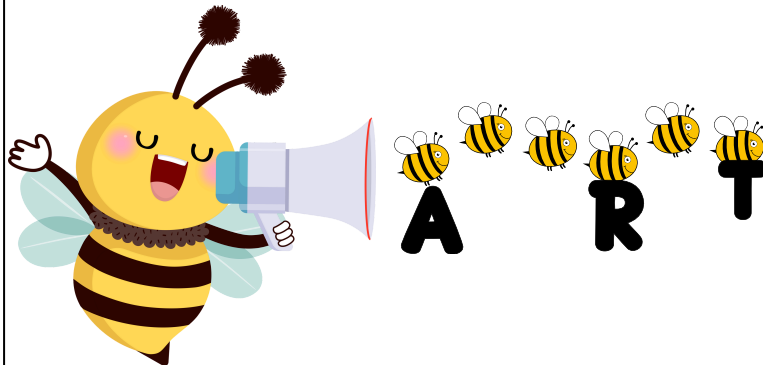
What if I told you that one of the most critical aspects of your child's literacy development, the foundation for reading and writing, began before they were even born? Oral language plays a powerful role in the ability of children to process information, think critically, and solve problems. Here are a few things you can do to ensure your child's oral language development.

1 Conversation - Engage in conversations with children from a very young age. Talking, singing, and reading to children helps them understand the sounds and rhythms of language. Ask open ended questions that require more than a yes or no answer. Talk with them about your surroundings. Listen to them as they express their thoughts. According to research from LENA "conversational turns are key to optimal early child development". Don't be afraid to use a rich and varied vocabulary with your children, it will help them to learn and grow.

2 Reading - Read to your child every day. This is a great way to increase vocabulary, comprehension, and the love of reading.

3 Screen Time - Be choosy about the time your child spends with technology. Passive screen time does not support language development as effectively as interactive experiences. "Blues Clues" is an example of a program that promotes oral language development.

4 Role Play - Imaginative play helps children practice language in a fun and engaging way. Encourage role-playing, storytelling, and other creative activities. Our public library has a great area to explore imaginative play with your child. Above all, have fun and delight in every moment of interacting with your child!



Attention 4 th and 5 th Graders

Looking for an Academic Challenge? It's never too early to start thinking about the Spelling Bee. Classroom bees will be held in December and January, but you can start preparing now! Here are a couple of great resources to check out: [How to Study for a Spelling Bee.pdf](#) and <http://spellingbee.com/study-list> sign up for the word club and get started! Teacher will have word lists to share in October.



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Battle of the Books

Hey 4th and 5th Graders! Battle of the Books is a fun reading competition where students read a list of books and then answer questions about them. Teams compete to see who knows the most about the stories, characters, and details from the books they've read. It's like a big quiz game for book lovers! Get ready to compete in this year's Battle of the Books! The book lists are out and you can begin reading TODAY! More information regarding sign up and forming teams will be coming to your classroom in the next few weeks! I look forward to reading and discussing some great books with you!

Mrs. Angela McPherson
Reading Specialist & School Bee Coordinator
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Math

Mathematically Thinking - Math Around Us

As we turn the page on the calendar and begin a new school year full of possibilities, I want this month's math conversation to remember how important it is to support our children positively around math and get excited about how math is all around us! Here are some ideas to have fun with math as we notice it everywhere.

At Any Fast Food Restaurant - in line or at the drive-through:

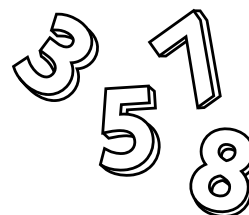
- How much do you think your order(or an item) will cost?

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- What's the least and most expensive meal we could order?
- Can we all get a meal and spend less than \$20? How?
- How much should the tax be?
- Is a Happy Meal a good deal?
- Does it make sense to order large soda if there are refills?



In the Kitchen:

- Recipes (Can you measure that much out? How much more or less? Suppose we doubled/halved the recipe?)
- How many plates/forks/cups will we need?
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Ounces, cups, pints, quarts and gallons, ounces and pounds



At the Gas Station and On a Trip:

- About how many miles per gallon are we getting?
- If gas is \$4.09/gallon, about how much will we spend?
- If we have only \$30, how many gallons of gas can we get?
- About how much longer should it take us to get there (looking at mileage signs)?
- If it's 1:30 now, when do you think we'll get there?

Mrs. Laurie Tracey
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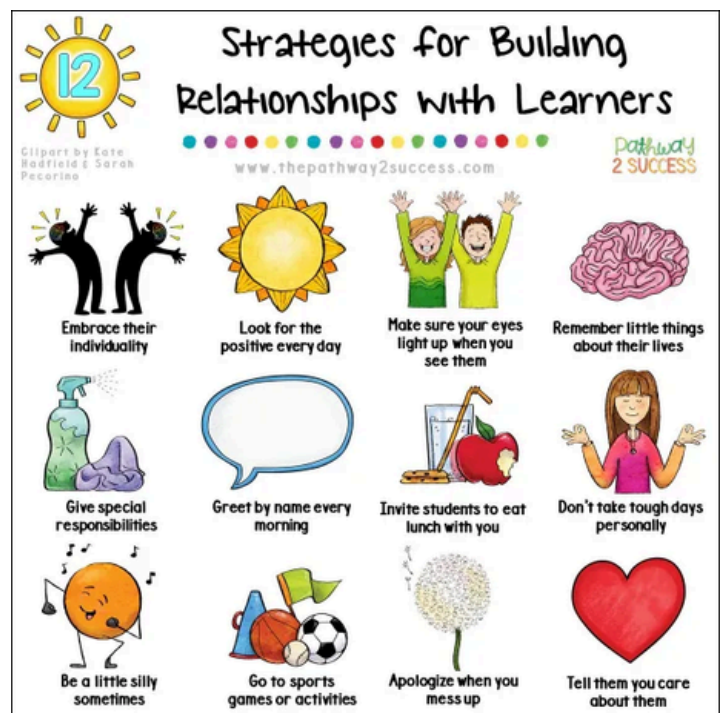
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Hatchet Pride

Welcome back to school Hatchets! We will have a focus each month this school year. In September we focused as a school on building relationships. Please see the picture below for tips on how to reinforce building relationships at home as well. If you are receiving phone calls home about behaviors at school please discuss with the teacher ways that you can work together to create more positive behaviors. At school we are working very hard on teaching regulation strategies for when people are upset in hopes to help this behavior at school, but as we are finding it's not enough. Please consider emailing Mrs. Sennett at sennettc@myhatchets.org with any insights.

Thank you for all your help!





Tomahawk Elementary School Breakfast Menu

September 2024

Fresh fruit and vegetable bar served with all lunches on our Fruit And Vegetable Bar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 	3 Sausage Breakfast Pizza Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	4 Banana Chocolate Loaf Cheese Stick Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	5 Brekkie Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	6 Mini Donut Strawberry Banana Yogurt Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk
9 Yogurt Parfait with Fruit & Granola Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	10 Cheese Omlette Muffin Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	11 Breakfast Sandwich Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	12 Mini Eggo Waffles Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	13 Chocolate Frosted Long John Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk
16 Cinnamon Cream Cheese Filled Bagel Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	17 French Toast Loaf Strawberry Go-Gurt Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	18 Coffee Cake Cheese Stick Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	19 Pancakes Sausage Patty Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	20 Chocolate Mini Donuts Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk
23 French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	24 Breakfast Sandwich Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	25 Chocolate Chip Muffin Cheese Stick Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	26 Cinnamon Roll Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	27 Chocolate Frosted Long John Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk
30 Brekkie Cereal Variety Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	1 			This is for Food 4 Thought

PRICES

Regular	\$1.55
Reduced	Free
Adult	\$2.50
Extra Milk	\$0.40

EXTRA INFO

Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with all Lunch. For questions or comments contact the Food Service Director at: Andersons@myhatchets.org or call 715-453-2106 ext. 310



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Tomahawk Elementary School Lunch Menu

**September
2024**

Fresh fruit and vegetable bar served with all lunches on our Fruit And Vegetable Bar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 	3 Cheeseburger on a Bun Kettle Potato Chips Steamed Carrots Yogurt Pak with Bagel Vegetable Selection Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	4 French Toast Sausage Patty Steamed Green Beans Turkey Munchable Vegetable Selection Pineapple Tidbits Choice of Milk	5 Italian Meatball Sub Baked Beans, Vegetarian Deli Sub Sandwich Vegetable Selection Applesauce Choice of Milk	6 HOM - Tomato & Marjoram Pasta with Meat Sauce Garlic Toast Roasted Broccoli Pretzel/Cheese Munchable Vegetable Selection Diced Pears Choice of Milk
9 Cheese Pizza French Fries Turkey Deli Sandwich Vegetable Selection Diced Peaches Choice of Milk	10 Soft Beef Tacos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Crispy Chicken Wrap Vegetable Selection Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	11 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Kung Fu Carrots Tater Tots Honey Mustard Ham Wrap Vegetable Selection Pineapple Tidbits Choice of Milk	12 Sloppy Joe on a Bun Tri Tater Steamed Green Beans Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Vegetable Selection Applesauce Choice of Milk	13 HOM - Zucchini Beef Hot Dog on a Bun Roasted Zucchini Kettle Potato Chips Pizza Munchable Vegetable Selection Sliced Pears Choice of Milk
16 Mini Corn Dogs Potato Wedges Turkey BLT Wrap Vegetable Selection Diced Peaches Choice of Milk	17 Italian Stromboli Roasted Broccoli Yogurt Pak with Bagel Vegetable Selection Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	18 Crispy Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Tots Whole Grain Dinner Roll Turkey Munchable Vegetable Selection Pineapple Tidbits Choice of Milk	19 Macaroni & Cheese Roasted Carrots Whole Grain Dinner Roll Turkey Ham Deli Sandwich Vegetable Selection Applesauce Choice of Milk	20 Chicken Taquito Refried Beans Brown Rice Pretzel Bites & Cheese Vegetable Selection Diced Pears Choice of Milk
23 Cheese Bosco Stick Marinara Sauce Steamed Green Beans Turkey Deli Sandwich Red/Orange Vegetable Diced Peaches Choice of Milk	24 Beef Hot Dog on a Bun Roasted Corn Crispy Chicken Wrap Vegetable Selection Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	25 Beefy Nachos w/Homemade Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Honey Mustard Ham Wrap Vegetable Selection Pineapple Tidbits Choice of Milk	26 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Roasted Broccoli French Fries Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Vegetable Selection Applesauce Choice of Milk	27 Mini Pancakes Sausage Patty Tri Tater Pizza Munchable Vegetable Selection Diced Pears Choice of Milk
30 Hawaiian Ham Sliders Sweet Potato Tots Fish Sticks Vegetable Selection Diced Peaches Choice of Milk	1			This is for Food 4 Thought

PRICES

Regular	\$2.7
Reduced	5
Adult	\$0.4
Extra Milk	0
	\$4.6
	5
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	0

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HARVEST OF



THE MONTH

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