



Tomahawk Elementary Newsletter

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Principal's Update



It is hard to believe that we are already in November! My first two months at TES have been extremely exciting and rewarding as I got to know the staff and students.

In-person parent/teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, November 7th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Conferences will be offered in a flexible format from November 5 - 8. Please communicate directly with your student's teacher to arrange the specifics regarding your conference needs. We are thrilled to provide opportunities for our families to connect with our staff and schedule

conferences at times that best suit individual needs. Additionally, the first trimester will end on November 22nd.

There will be a Veteran's Day Assembly hosted by our middle school on Monday, November 11th starting at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this extremely special program.

We will be welcoming in our grandparents on Friday, November 15th. There will be more information to come.

There will be no school from November 25 - 29 for Thanksgiving break.

Wishing everyone a safe Thanksgiving filled with gratitude and joy!

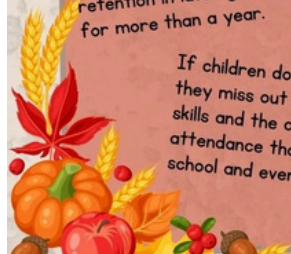
Sheri Woodall
TES Principal



Attendance Matters in the Early Grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year - about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even 4K, can predict lower academics, poor attendance, and in extreme cases, retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year.

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into middle/high school and eventually college and careers.



Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?



64%

of kids with good attendance in K and 1st
(missed 9 or fewer days both years)



43%

of kids with at-risk attendance
(missed more than 9 days both years)



41%

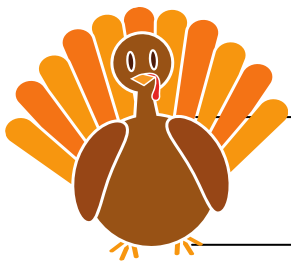
of kids chronically absent in K or 1st
(missed 18 or more days one year)



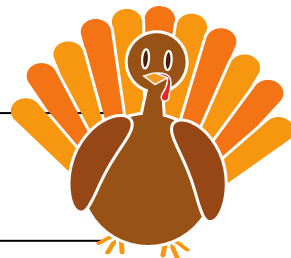
17%

of kids chronically absent in K and 1st
(missed 18 or more days both years)





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November

November 1st

Friday- No School

November 4th

Monday- No School

November 5th,6th,7th

Monday-Wednesday
Vision Screenings

November 7th

Thursday
In Person
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
4pm-7pm

November 11th, 12th, 13th

Monday-Wednesday
Hearing Screenings

November 13th

Wednesday
World Kindness Day

November 15th

Friday
Kindergarten
Grandparent's
Celebration
9:40am

November 22nd

Friday
Glow Day

November 25th- 29th

No School- Fall
Break



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Office

Attendance

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.

Your child must be picked up promptly at their designated pick up times (see below).

Please communicate with your child's teacher for any changes on pick up

Pick up times

- **Door #10** - Grades 4K, @ 3:05 5K & Grade 1 @ 3:10
- **Door #9** - Grade 2 @ 3:10
- **Door #8** - Grades 3, 4 & 5 @ 3:12

Drop off times

Door #10 - Grades 4K and 5K

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

Doors open 7:50 a.m.

Kids In Motion

Please arrive before 7:25 a.m. or your student will have to wait outside.

Please fill out your Skyward Online Annual Student Information. Login to your Family Access Skyward and follow Directions.

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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Office

Lost and Found

If your student has lost items, have them check the Lost and Found right by the Cafeteria

Be sure to look on the tables in front of the office during conferences.

We will have all the lost and found items out for Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 7th from 4:00pm-7:00pm

A big thank you to Park City Credit Union for your generous donations of snacks, hats, gloves, toothbrushes, and toothpaste for our students.

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!



Nurse Trina's Newsletter

Hello Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we enter the Holiday Season!

A few informational items:

~Vision Screenings 4K-1: Our friends from the Tomahawk Lions Club will be back this year to assist with vision screenings for those students in 4k-1st grade along with any others who have noted concerns. Keep an eye out (no pun intended) for permission/information forms. If you wish to have your student opted out of this screening please notify me ASAP.

We plan to screen Nov 5th-7th.

~Hearing Screenings K-1: The Lincoln County Health Dept will be working with us to perform hearing screenings on children in KG and 1st grade on **Nov 11th-Nov 13th** and then a rescreen day on 11/18. Again, please contact me ASAP if you would like your student to opt out of this screening.

~Medication Transportation: It is best practice for parents/guardians to pick up and drop off medications that students may need to take at school so they remain out of the hands of other children AND are not misused while in transport. That being said, I do have medication lock boxes for transportation of medications to and from school. Please communicate with me directly if your student will need to transport medications independently (ie: on the bus).

~Medication Forms: All prescription meds needing to be given at school require a provider and parents written consent. All over the counter meds require parents' written consent. Forms can be requested from the School Nurse (me) at armstrongt@myhatchets.org OR found on our Tomahawk School Website under Health Services.



~Bridging Brighter Smiles: BBS is again back in our buildings. Please register your child for a dental cleaning and screening today!
<https://bridgingbrightersmiles.org/>

~Flouride in City Water: The city of Tomahawk is considering eliminating fluoride in city water sources. Please continue to follow this as it advances. Should this go through, I suggest you contact your student's pediatrician and/or dental office to determine if supplementation will be necessary.

Additional information on fluoride in water can be found here:
<https://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/faq/index.html#:~:text=Almost%20all%20water%20contain s%20some,and%20promote%20good%20oral %20health.>



Fun Items:

~World Diabetes Day: World Diabetes Awareness day is Nov 14th. Please wear blue in honor of somebody you know who is a Diabetes Warrior on this day.

~Small Town Saturday and City of Tomahawk Christmas Tree Lighting:
Pictures with Santa will take place 11a-1p and the tree will be lit at 5:00pm on Saturday, Nov 30th.

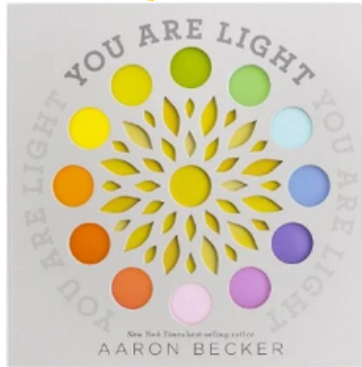
As always, please call or email with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you,
Nurse Trina



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Music



Students in Grades Kindergarten, First Grade, Third Grade and Fifth Grade are preparing for this year's Holiday Programs. In class we are using books by Aaron Becker to discuss light and light that each of us has inside of us that can carry us and encourage others.

Please mark your calendars for "Light of Hope"

Wednesday, December 11th.

**9:00am Kindergarten and Fifth grade
performance and art show**

**1:00pm First and Third Grade
performance and art show**

Please note that
Second and Fourth Grade Students
will be presenting the
"Featuring the Fine Arts" Program on
March 12th

Counselor Corner



Celebrate World Kindness Day -

November 13, 2024

On Wednesday, November 13, our school will be celebrating World Kindness Day, a special day dedicated to promoting kindness in our school, community and beyond. This day is an opportunity for students, staff, and families to focus on small acts of kindness that make a big difference!

At school we will be focusing on random acts of kindness and being kind to everyone.

At home, families can join the celebration by:

- Encouraging discussions about what kindness means and how to practice it daily.
- Sharing stories of kind deeds your children have done or received.
- Participating in acts of kindness together, like donating to a charity or helping a neighbor.

Let's work together to create a ripple effect of positivity and compassion that extends far beyond just one day! Thank you for helping us spread kindness!

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Hatchet Pride

Hello Hatchets!
In November we will focus the first week on Fairness, Kindness, and Diversity skills as a school. Please see the pictures for tips on how to reinforce using these skills at home as well as at school.



Please consider emailing Mrs. Sennett at sennettc@myhatchets.org with any insights. Thank you for all your help!
Hatchet Pride Coaches



Mrs. Courtney Sennett
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This month we are also going to be celebrating the great work our school has done in the first Trimester with a school wide Glow in the Dark Day! Make sure to take a look at the flyer for more information.

TES TRIMESTER 1 CELEBRATION

GLOW IN THE DARK DAY

Friday, November 22, 2024

TES students are invited to join in Glow in the Dark Day to celebrate finishing Trimester 1. Students are encouraged to dress up in neon or glow in the dark clothing for the day. In addition to participating in fun classroom activities throughout the day, students will each receive a glow stick and have the opportunity to buy glow in the dark packs.

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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

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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 |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TREATS!

SURPRISE YOUR CHILD WITH A BIRTHDAY
TREAT IN THEIR CLASSROOM! TREATS ARE
DELIVERED TO THE CLASS.
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AVAILABLE:

COOKIES \$8 DOZEN.
RICE KRISPY BAR \$13 DOZEN
BROWNIES \$12 DOZEN
CUPCAKES \$12 DOZEN
BAGGED SLICED APPLES & CARAMEL \$15
DOZEN

PLEASE CALL AT 715-224-7046 OR
ANDERSONS@MYHATCHETS.ORG

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED 5 DAYS IN ADVANCE.



