

# TWIN CITY ELEMENTARY TIGER TALES



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## School Hours

- School starts at 9:00 a.m. and our doors open at 8:35 a.m.
- On Late Start Wednesdays school starts at 10:20 a.m. and our doors open at 9:55 a.m.
- Dismissal time is 3:30 p.m.
- Please be sure your students are here at least 10 minutes prior to school starting
- If you must change students go home plans please call the school before 2:45 p.m.
- Please call (360) 629-1270 to report your child's absence

I am excited to introduce new staff at Twin City Elementary. We are fortunate to have the opportunity for new people join our team. Welcome to:

- Bre San Nicolas, Third Grade Long Term Substitute
- Becky Greene, Paraprofessional
- Alyson Riggan, Paraprofessional
- Diane Wennerberg, Paraprofessional
- Melisa Donnelly, Speech/Language Pathologist

## New Year, New School

We are so excited to open the new school year with an updated building. Over the summer through funding from the Capital Projects Levy our school received an all new HVAC system, LED lighting throughout the building, new carpet and tile flooring, and updates to all the restrooms. In addition the gym floor was repainted and refinished. This spring we look forward to new playground equipment as well!

## Growth Mindset

This year we will be focusing on growth mindset both as a staff and student body. Our first mindset activity is around the book *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds. We will be celebrating **Dot Day on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** and encourage students to wear dots that day. We will have artwork displayed across the school for you to enjoy as you walk the halls.

## Attendance Policy Letter

Your child is bringing home a letter with updated information about the new attendance and tardy policies for the Stanwood-Camano School District. Please read through carefully. The back page of the letter needs to be **signed and returned to school with your child as soon as possible.**

## PTA Meeting

Our first PTA general membership meeting is on **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** The PTA Board members look forward to sharing with you opportunities for getting involved in our school and the District Superintendent will be presenting information about the upcoming Bond measure to replace Stanwood High School. Childcare and light snacks are provided, so we hope you can join us!

### **School Photos**

Picture order packets will be sent home with students next Wednesday. Be sure your child brings their picture order form and money on **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. Children will have photos taken regardless if they purchase a packet. Pictures are used for our yearbook and lunch cards.

### **Volunteer HIB Training**

The Stanwood Camano School District requires all volunteers serving in our local schools attend an upcoming Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) Training. This training will help you to identify HIB, know what to do when you see it and help our schools be a safe place for all students. Twin City Elementary has a Volunteer Orientation planned for **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** Along with the HIB presentation, we will train on how to use the office equipment, give a school tour, and take a photo for your badge.

### **News from the Cafeteria**

#### *Do You Qualify for Free or Reduced Priced Meals?*

Based on your household income your children could qualify for free or reduced priced meals. To find out if you qualify, you must fill out a National School Lunch and Breakfast Application. You will find the application in any school office and you must reapply each year.

### **Jog-a-Thon**

Our first fundraiser for the year is our annual Jog-a-Thon where students will complete laps on our field (or the gym if the weather is bad) on **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. All the money raised goes into the PTA General Fund, which provides fieldtrips and enrichment opportunities for our students. Students can collect donations based on a per-lap cost or receive flat fee donations. More information will come home on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please help support our students and our school by pledging your donation.

### **PTA Spirit Week**

We will be showing off our Twin City Tiger pride during our Spirit Week, which will be Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Student may dress up each day based on the theme, but still must wear clothing that meets the dress code.

- Monday, October 3 – Stripes
- Tuesday, October 4 – Crazy Hair
- Wednesday, October 5 – Pajamas
- Thursday, October 6 – Neon
- Friday, October 7 – Orange and Black – wear you TCE logo gear if you have it!

### **After School Dismissal**

Thank you for all of your efforts in making our new after school dismissal routine safe and smooth. I appreciate everyone's patience while waiting for your student and am please to say that the process has become very efficient. I ask that you continue to honor the curb as a No Parking area and if you choose to park and pick your student up at the door, please be sure to use the designated crosswalks.