

TWIN CITY ELEMENTARY TIGER TALES

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Upcoming Events

October 21 - PTA Movie Night, Hotel Transylvania 2 at 6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00).

October 25 - PTA Costume Dance at 6:00 p.m.

October 26 - Picture Retakes

October 27 - General PTA Meeting at 3:45 p.m.

November 10 - Veteran's Day Concert at 2:30 p.m.

November 14 - Reptile Man Assembly at 2:30/6:30 p.m.

November 14-17 - Scholastic Book Fair

November 17 & 18 - Fall Conference, No School

A Staff Hard at Work

Our staff is focused this year on several different professional development goals. First, we have been working on growing our growth mindset. Many of our staff have created personal goals that they are working towards, so check out our bulletin board in the main hallway and encourage our staff in their growth. Our teachers in grades 2-5 have also been working on revisions to our reading materials, Journeys. The goal of this work is to develop lessons that are more engaging, include connections to other texts, implement technology, and result in a high-quality writing piece connected to reading. So far the staff and students are very excited about these changes and we are seeing much richer discussion and written work. Finally, our staff continue to develop their technology skills through classes offered during our Technology Inservice Day on October 14th. Our classified staff attended workshops on October 20th and 21st as well. We are utilizing Google products, YouTube, Class Dojo, and many other online sources more in our teaching and planning.

Jog-a-Thon Thanks!

Our first fundraiser for the year was a huge success! Thank you to the volunteers that helped out. We exceeded our fundraising goals by nearly \$2000! This will mean even more opportunities for our students this year, so thank you very much!

Costume Dance

The PTA is hosting our Costume Dance on Tuesday, October 25th from 6-8 p.m. Students are encourage to wear their costume and come enjoy an evening of fun! Costumes must be school appropriate and many not include any weapons, blood, or scary masks. Admission will be \$3 and pizza, popcorn, candy, and pop will be for sale. Students must be accompanied by an adult.

School Photo Retakes

Picture retake day is planned for Wednesday, October 26th. Please be sure you return your picture packet with your child on the day of retakes.

School Counselor

I am excited to introduce our school counselor for this year, Cindy Taggart-Deffinbaugh. She will be at Twin City one day a week to work with our students. If you are interested in counseling for your child or social group opportunities, please contact her at cindytd@stanwood.wednet.edu.

Volunteer HIB Training

In order to volunteer in our school you must complete Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying training each year. If you need training, please stop by and ask! We are happy to accommodate you.

The following is a list of upcoming trainings:

Thursday, October 21st at 6:00 p.m. (This is PTA Movie Night too!)

Thursday, October 27th at 4:15 p.m. (Following our PTA meeting)

Tuesday, November 1st at 8:00 a.m.

General PTA Meeting

We will have a general membership PTA meeting on Thursday, October 27th at 3:45 p.m. in the Library. If you are not a member yet of our PTA, it is not too late to sign up. We encourage all families to join and appreciate the support you provide to our school.

Veteran's Day Concert

Our Veteran's Day concert will take place on Thursday, November 10th at 2:30 p.m. Students in fourth grade, fifth grade, and Mrs. Anderton's class will be performing a variety of patriotic songs. This is their fall concert, so please join us to watch them sing. We would also like to honor all of our families that are members of the military so invite them to come!

Reptile Man at TCE

The Reptile Man, Scott Peterson, will be coming to Twin City on Monday, November 14th for an assembly at 2:30 in the afternoon for students and an evening event at 6:30 p.m. for families. He will have several animals on display for the students to interact with. The evening event costs \$1 for admission and photos with the reptiles are available.

Fall Conferences

There will be no school for students on Thursday, November 17th and Friday, November 18th for Fall Conferences. Teachers will be offering evening sessions on Wednesday or Thursday night. We will also provide translators for our ELL families. This is an important time to connect with your child's teacher and work together as partners in their education. We hope that you can find a time that fits your schedule to join us for conferences.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be set up in the library the week of November 14-17. Students will be able to shop during their recess and specialist times. It will also be open after school and late into the evening one night. Volunteers are needed for monitoring the bookfair and operating the cash register. If you are interested in help out, please contact our librarian, Laura Laures at llaures2@stanwood.wednet.edu or 360-629-1270.