

T.E.S. Express



Thatcher Elementary School
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From the Desk of the Principal:

As you can see from the calendar, we have a lot going on this last semester. It is extremely crucial that your kids be here as we prepare for and take state testing. We hope our students approach these tests as prepared as possible, not feeling anxious or overwhelmed at the word "test." Encourage them to do their best!

There has also been an increase in tardiness. Several kids are showing up late in the morning, whether it be 2 minutes or 40 minutes. Please help your child to arrive on time as it delays the teacher from getting instruction started.

We have such amazing and bright students here at TES and we look forward to what their futures hold—let's continue to show them our support!

-Mrs. Michelle Ferrin



Nurse's Notes:

Many students have been coming into the Nurse's office with tummy aches, headaches, etc. just after school begins in the morning and shortly before lunch. While I love seeing all of the sweet faces, the school nurse is primarily for the 8 B's:

1. Blood Sugar (Diabetics)
2. Bleeding
3. Barfing
4. Broken Bones
5. Burning Up
6. Big Bump/Bumped Head
7. Bee Sting
8. Breathing Problems



Please remind your child to eat breakfast in the morning to help fill their tummy. Also, any child who needs to go home ill, should be sent by the nurse, through the office.

Stay well! - Nurse Rikki



Mark your Calendar

March 2022

2	3rd Grade Online Safety presentation
7-10	Scholastic Book Fair
10	4th Grade Cattle Field Trip
14-18	Spring Break
17	St. Patrick's Day
29	5th Grade AzSci Test



April 2022

5	3rd Grade AASA Writing Test
	4th Grade AASA Writing Test
6	5th Grade AASA Writing Test
	6th Grade AASA Writing Test
7	Spring Pictures (Individual & Class)
11	3rd Grade AASA Oral Reading Test
12	3rd Grade AASA ELA pt. 1/Math pt. 1
	4th Grade AASA ELA pt. 1/Math pt. 1
13	3rd Grade AASA ELA pt. 2/Math pt. 2
	4th Grade AASA ELA pt. 2/Math pt. 2
15-18	Easter Break, NO SCHOOL
20	5th Grade AASA ELA pt. 1/Math pt. 1
	6th Grade AASA ELA pt. 1/Math pt. 1
21	5th Grade AASA ELA pt. 2/Math pt. 2
	6th Grade AASA ELA pt. 2/Math pt. 2



The Office:

Students are NOT to be on campus earlier than 7:30 am as there is no adult supervision until that time

If you have an after school message for your **student please call that information into the office before 12:00pm.**

*Michelle Ferrin, Principal
Chelsea Estes, Secretary*

*Rikki Innes, Nurse
Machelle Jones, Nurse's Aide*

3rd

Wow! Can you believe that March is already here? February was a month full of fun and lots of sweets. We will continue to move forward in our Math objectives getting the students ready for the upcoming required **state testing**—Writing, Reading and Math. **The scheduled days will be April 11, 12, & 13. Please don't schedule any appointments on those days.**

Third grade classes use a lot of Clorox wipes. If you have any extra, we would love to have them donated to our classrooms. We will continue to have Reading and Math homework. If your child is struggling with multiplication facts, please practice the facts with them for 5 minutes every night so they will have them learned by 4th grade.

Thanks for all your help at home!
We really appreciate it!

The 3rd Grade Team
Mrs. Petersen, Ms. Romero, Miss Smith,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Boren, Mrs. Phillips



5th

Hello Spring! This new semester is cruising by! Please continue to check StudentVue and Google Classroom for assignments if your students are absent. Also, remind your students to keep reading nightly for 20 minutes, and practice their math facts often.

Standardized tests are coming up, and we would like to be as prepared as possible! The AzSCI, the Standardized test for Science, will take place on **March 29th**. Please make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and eats a good breakfast before coming to school that day. Also, if you feel inclined, teachers would continue to appreciate donations of tissues, hand sanitizer and other classroom materials. Thank you for all of your support, and we hope to make March a great month!

The 5th Grade Team
Ms. Matthews, Mrs. Udall, Mrs. Hunt,
Ms. Hirshouer, Mrs. Nagy, Mrs. Allred



4th

In February, students were treated to the Health and Safety Fair at EAC. They went away with goodies.

We have another **field trip** on March 10.

This time we are going to a cattle ranch and the kids will learn about ranching, all the things we get from cows, and be treated to a great day!

When we come back from Spring Break we will head full steam into final AASA testing preparation. **Writing testing is April 5. Reading, Math testing will be April 12, 13.**

These dates are for 4th grade testing. **Please do not schedule appointments for any of these days.**

Please continue to encourage your students to read at home and work on their multiplication facts.



The 4th Grade Team
Mrs. Yochum, Ms. Carter, Mrs. Hatch,
Ms. Crandall, Ms. Lawson, Mrs. Hogan



Thatcher PTO presents

TriFUNathon

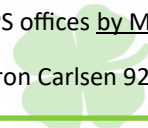
March 26, 2022

Races start at 8:00 • \$20/participant (includes shirt)

Preschool—6th Grade ONLY

Sign up in the TES and JDPS offices by March 11th

For more info, contact Kamron Carlsen 928-651-6448



6th

The end of the quarter is approaching **FAST!** Any missing work needs to be turned in **before Spring Break**. Check ParentVUE for these assignments or have your child talk to their teacher.

Mrs. Leavitt is collecting **soda can tabs**. The class that collects the most tabs gets a soda float party! The last day to bring in tabs is *Thursday, March 10th*.



We also want parents to be sure to check if their child is assigned Friday School. We have a lot of kids who are assigned that are not showing up.

Finally, please make sure your child is **showering regularly, using hygiene body products and putting on clean clothes daily.**

The 6th Grade Team
Mrs. Leavitt, Mr. Skinner, Mrs. Morris,
Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Kincaid, Ms. Cochran



ParentVUE

Please log on and verify your child's information.

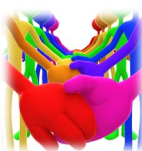
- If you have changed your address within the past year, please provide us with a new proof of residency.
- If you need to make phone number changes, emergency contact changes, etc., that should also be updated or your child may not be released to certain individuals.

Life Skills

We have noticed in the Office that several students, of all grades, **do not know their parents phone number or do not know how to use a phone.** Smartphones have taken over and are so convenient in dialing numbers for us, but please work with your child in **memorizing and dialing phone numbers.** In the event of an emergency, they need to be prepared and know how to operate any phone.



(The phone pictured is similar to the office phone.)



Counselors Corner:

Empathy is the ability to understand and connect to the feelings of another.

"Sometimes I feel just like you, I understand what you are going through. Sometimes you feel just like me. That understanding is called EMPATHY."

Empathy is the central component of emotional intelligence. There is a huge need for empathy in our world because, as anxiety increases in our culture, empathy decreases. So, we are working to develop a few key skills in order to live more empathetic lives.

- First, developing an "emotional vocabulary" to make sure we have the words to understand and describe what we are feeling personally.
- Second, being able to connect with others based on their feelings even though we may not have the exact same story or perspective as someone else.
- Finally, we will think about how listening and sharing helps create more empathy in our classroom and the world.



Open Enrollment for Fall 2022 is NOW!

Print out an open enrollment form online or stop by the office. A new form **MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR** for those outside district boundaries.

Applications due March 15th!

Music Schedule

- **After-School Orchestra Practice**
Tuesdays (Beginners) & Thursdays (Intermediate) at 2:30-3:30 in the Old Library
- **After-School Choir Practice**
Wednesdays at 2:30-3:30 pm in the Old Library
- **5th/6th Grade Band Schedule**
Subject to change. Mr. Hooper will notify as necessary.



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