



# T.E.S. Express

Thatcher Elementary School

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## Open Enrollment Applications for students living outside TUSD Boundaries are due **BY MARCH 15th!**



### *From the Desk of the Principal:*

As you can see, the calendar is filling in fast! Please pay attention to the state testing dates and do your best to plan appointments around those times.

Now would be a great time to review the student handbook concerning the dress code at [ThatcherUD.org](http://ThatcherUD.org).

**Parents, you are needed now more than ever!** Ask your child each day if they have any homework. Math? ELA? Reading? Book reports? You can log on to ParentVUE to see their missing assignments and/or check their grades. Several students at various grades levels have missing assignments. Multiple missing assignments will add up and may reduce their grades significantly.

*-Mrs. Michelle Ferrin*

*-It Takes a Village! -*

## TUSD NOW HIRING!

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### Mark your Calendar

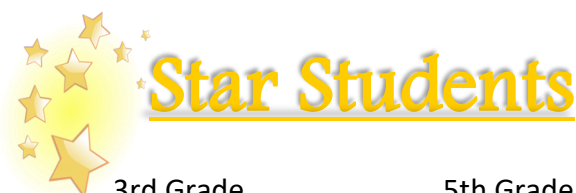
#### March 2023

- 1 6th Grade Maturation Program
- 2 5th Grade Maturation Program
- 9 4th Grade Ranch Field Trip
- 10 No School
- 13-17 Spring Break
- 21 5th Grade - AzSci State Testing
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- 27-30 Scholastic Book Fair
- 30 Spring Individual & Class Pictures



#### April 2023

- 4 3rd & 4th Gr AASA Writing Test
- 5 5th & 6th Gr AASA Writing Test
- 7 NO SCHOOL—EASTER BREAK
- 10 NO SCHOOL—EASTER BREAK
- 12 3rd Gr AASA Oral Reading Fluency Test
- 18 3rd & 4th Gr AASA Math/ELA pt. 1
- 19 5th & 6th Gr AASA Math/ELA pt. 1
- 24 5th Grade Field Day
- 25 3rd & 4th Gr AASA Math/ELA pt. 2
- 25 6th Grade Field Day
- 26 5th & 6th Gr AASA Math/ELA pt. 2



3rd Grade  
**Michael Gutierrez**  
**Michelle Diaz**

5th Grade  
**Kate Gibson**  
**Bodi DeMent**

4th Grade  
**Jacob Rhoton**  
**Pria Echols**

6th Grade  
**Mia Brown**  
**Aiden Labrum**

These students were nominated by their teachers after meeting the requirements: No unexcused tardies • Turned in all homework • Maintained a grade of 75% or higher • No major discipline problems

### Thatcher PTO

Our **TRIFUNATHON** is coming up in March—stay tuned for more details!

Candy Grams were a HUGE success! Thanks to all for the support in the See's Candies sales.

Questions? Please contact [thatcherptp@yahoo.com](mailto:thatcherptp@yahoo.com).



- Breakfast & Lunch menus can be found at [www.thatcherud.org](http://www.thatcherud.org) -

- Lunch money can be added to your student's account at [EZSchoolPay.com](http://EZSchoolPay.com) -

# 3rd

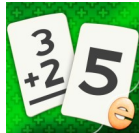
Wow, can you believe that March is already here! February was a month full of fun and lots of sweets. Students should be practicing their math facts. Mark your calendars, Spring

Break will be the week of March 13th-17th. We hope you have a safe and fun Spring Break.

Third grade state testing will be during the month of April. Parents, we appreciate all of your help at home and continued support.

The 3rd Grade Team

Mrs. Petersen, Ms. Romero, Miss Smith,  
Mrs. Hoopes, Mrs. Boren, Mrs. Nagy



# 4th

We have a **field trip on March 9**. We will be traveling to Duncan on buses and the kids will learn about ranching, all the things we get from cows, and be treated to a great day!

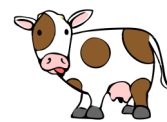
When we come back from Spring Break, we will head full steam into final AASA testing preparation. The Writing test is April 4. Reading and Math testing will be April 18 and April 25. These dates are for 4th grade testing. **Please do not schedule appointments for any of these days.**

Using their Clever account, 4th graders now have *Amira* available to them. *Amira* is an online reading/tutoring program that helps with fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. We are seeing great results from using it in the classroom! Please check it out at home. You will be amazed!

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

The 4th Grade Team

Mrs. Yochum, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Hatch  
Ms. Crandall, Mrs. Aranda, Mrs. Hogan



## Scholastic Book Fair

March 27-30

Northeast Corner of the Cafeteria

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday

11:30 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

# A.M.P.T.

This month in AMPT we are looking forward to learning more about Tessellations, and how we can apply different types of patterns to our art projects. Pair this up with a side of PE and this next month is looking to be a really fun month!

-Mr. Favian Reyes

# 5th

March brings the start of spring and warmer weather. Please make sure if your child is wearing shorts that they are long enough and that their shoes have backs or straps. No flip flops or other sandals without a strap on the back please. Spring also brings a bit of spring fever in which the students neglect their work. Please continue to encourage them to complete their homework and do their best. We will be starting our state testing the week after spring break. March 21-23 are our AZSci testing days. If you can avoid it, please don't plan on taking your child out of school before lunch on any of these days. Also, please make sure they eat breakfast and are well rested so they can think clearly while testing. Continue to encourage them to read and practice their math facts. Thanks for all of your support!

The 5th Grade Team

Mrs. Udall, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Allred  
Ms. Gasca, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Johns

# 6th

We would love to welcome Mrs. Locke to the team as a 6th grade teacher who took over for Miss Rose! She is doing great things with our 6th graders!

Please remember that students are in CORE classes until lunch time at 12:20pm. Your child needs to remain in class to gain important instruction until then. If you need to check out your child for lunch please do not check them out too much earlier than 12:20pm. State testing will be here before we know it and it is imperative that students are in class!

We cannot stress this enough...if your child misses school, they need to find their missed work on StudentVUE and COMPLETE IT! Any printed assignments can be given by the teacher when your child returns.



Finally, as 6th graders begin puberty at this age, please make sure that your child is showering regularly, using body products and changing into clean clothes daily. We do not want bullying to become a problem as the children go through these uncontrollable changes.

The 6th Grade Team

Ms. Kincaid, Ms. Cochran, Mrs. Ruland  
Mrs. Mattice, Mrs. Locke, Ms. Stahl