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Remember that all classroom
goodies must be store bought.

No homemade cupcakes or
cookies please.



Important Dates

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| December 6th–14th Hanukkah | December 11th– Singing Owls Performing @ Edison Home 7:00pm |
| December 7th-10th Holiday House | December 21st- January 1st -Winter Break |
| December 8th- Pictures with Santa | December 26th-January 1st Kwanza |
| December 10th-Singing Owls & Violinist Perform @ the Airport 10: 30am | January 4th - School Reopens-Students Return |
| December 11th-Kdg Winter Program 9: 15 to 9: 45am | |



“Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose”

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Welcome to the last edition of the Tanglewood newsletter for 2015. We have had an amazing start to the school year as everyone is working diligently to meet our school goals for this year and we are very blessed to have such wonderful students, families and business/community members.

We want to encourage all of our students to continue to read every day since reading is an essential skill in our daily lives. We also want to encourage parents to work with their child on basic math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) as this will assist them as they move into more complex mathematical problems during the school year. One free program your child can use every day to practice math and language skills at home is Compass Learning (<http://lcsdcompass.leeschools.net/clologin.aspx>).

A special thank you to Coach J, Coach S, Coach L, staff members, and all the volunteers for another great Turkey Trot. Also, I want to thank the following businesses which supported our Turkey Trot: Publix, Target, Sun Harvest, Head Pins Bowling, McDonalds, Walmart, and Lee Roy Selmons. We appreciate their donations and their time to support our annual Turkey Trot. The students had a great time and it was nice to see all the families who came out to support their child.

The annual PTA Holiday House will start Monday, December 7th. We appreciate our Tanglewood PTA parents and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to prepare the Holiday House for our students. It is always a magical time at Tanglewood and we appreciate the help.

In closing, Mrs. McBride and I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday and we are thankful for an amazing staff, outstanding students and excellent parents. We are honored and thankful to be part of the Tanglewood family, too.

Ms. Wipf
Principal

Mrs. McBride
Assistant Principal

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Superintendent

Attendance Matters

Attendance is a critical factor in any student's school success. Students should attend every day except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that takes place during the school day with make-up work. Did you know that by being absent just two days a month a student will have missed 10% of the school year? That's nearly a whole month of class! Being absent 18 days or more per school year can put a student behind academically. Attendance matters! So parents, what can you do?



Make School Attendance a Priority

Talk to your child about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation.

Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.

Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day. If that is unavoidable, bring in a doctor note to excuse your student's absence.

Know the school's and state's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.

Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.

Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and are not always a reason to stay home.

Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.

If you have any questions about the school's attendance policy or if there is a barrier to your student attending school, please contact the school social worker for assistance. Your social worker and your school want to partner with you to ensure your child gets the best education!

Kayla Schusterman, MSW (School Social Worker)

Florida State Statue 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Tanglewood Elementary School are fully certified, but are engaged in training to add the endorsement English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their current certificate. Brittany Mauk, Kristen Lolly, Jessica Hering, Jill Andersen, Samantha Huston and Tessa Marlatt.



Library Notes

The holiday season is here! Remember to ask Santa to leave books under the tree this year - - books in our homes make a statement. Our family values reading! There are many stories on bookstore shelves, illustrating the holiday spirit in action. When out shopping, make sure a stop at the bookstore is on your agenda. The holidays also mean more time to spend with our families and friends. Turn off the TV and electronic devices and settle in for a comfortable evening at home with an old favorite game, or learning a new one, makes for quality family time. Jigsaw puzzles are fun to work on together, in a group problem-solving effort. Books, games, and puzzles - - 3 gift ideas to bring the family together, during this magical season!

Wishing you the happiest of holidays! May all of our Tanglewood families enjoy the blessings of this wonderful time of the year.

See you back again happy and healthy in the New Year!

Mrs. Gindele

Estimados Padres,

Si desean el boletín de diciembre es español favor de llamar a nuestra oficina al 936-0891.



Counseling Corner

Mrs. Clement

School Counselor Theme for December

2015: This month our "OWL" standing students are focusing on being kind and compassionate. Demonstrating concern for the well-being of others by giving support and showing empathy are just two ways to show kindness. Talk to your kids about how they can sharpen their own saws simply by treating others as they want to be treated. Discuss ways they can work together at school, home, and in their community to spread kindness this Holiday Season.

Habit #6: Synergize and #7: Sharpen the Saw

Mindset(s) and Behaviors for College- and Career-Readiness:

Mindset:

Belief in using abilities to their fullest to achieve high-quality results and outcome

"I CAN" Behavior Standards:

Goal #1~Self-Management: Demonstrate the ability to balance school, home, and community activities

Goal #2~Learning: Participate in enrichment and extracurricular activities

Goal #3~Social Skills: Demonstrate empathy