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Remember that all classroom  
 goodies must be store bought.  
 No homemade cupcakes or  
 cookies please.



February 4th - Spring & Class Pictures  
 February 9th- PTA Board Meeting  
 February 16th – No School President’s Day  
 February 18th-Volunteer/Business Partner  
 Breakfast @ 9:00

February 19th –PTA Family Fun Night  
 February 20th - Q3 Interim Reports  
 February 23th - SAC Meeting @ 5:30  
 February 26th - TWES Night of Science 5:30 to 7:30 &  
 Open House for 2015/16 Incoming Kdg Class



“Whatever you are, be a good one.”

~A. Lincoln

Dear TWES Students and Parents,

Welcome to the February Newsletter!! It is amazing we are in the second half of the school year and we have many things to accomplish before the end of year. I want to thank the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents whose child is participating in the extended day program on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Consistent attendance is what will make the program a success for your child. Another way all parents can continue to support their child is by reading to and with them every day. Research shows as little as an extra 10 minutes of reading each day can close the achievement gap. Please encourage your child to pick up a book and read.

Beginning Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> school buses routed to Tanglewood will be utilizing Tanglewood/Manchester BLVD. Please use caution when traveling to and from Tanglewood since there will be a higher volume of bus traffic.

Tanglewood's PTA has begun collecting donations for the annual auction and they are looking for your help!! This year's auction dollars will be used to complete our beautiful outdoor classroom. The theme of the auction is “Big hats, big fun, big winners!!” Race to the TWES Derby night! The auction will be held at the Alliance For the Arts on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30PM. With the help from families, community members and businesses TWES PTA will reach their goal!!

As always, if you have any questions or if we may assist in any way please contact us!

Sherri Wipf

Shane Musich

Principal

Assistant Principal

## Library Notes from Mrs. Gindele February 2015

**February is Library Lovers' Month!** Thank you for making Tanglewood's library a fun and educational place to be. Through your continued support, our library has been able to purchase many new books and place them on the shelves. So far this school year, our total circulation to date is **65,668!** ~ That many books have been checked out to our scholars, teachers and parents! The value of libraries in all of our lives cannot be overly stressed - - *Readers aren't just leaders, but leaders are always readers.*

### What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

AR is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his/her own level and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) AR gives children, teachers and librarians feedback based on the quiz results which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

Children using AR choose their own books to read rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience, as they can choose books that are interesting to them. Teachers and librarians help your child choose books at an appropriate readability level that are challenging without being frustrating, ensuring that your child can pass the quiz and experience success.

In most cases, children really enjoy taking the quizzes. Since they're reading books at their reading and interest levels they are likely to be successful. This is satisfying for most children. Best of all, they learn and grow at their own pace.

### Noteworthy Events

Children's author, K D Rausin, will visit Tanglewood on **March 20th**. She will spend the day with our scholars reading her newly released book Elle and Buddy and personally sign copies for boys and girls. More details coming soon!

**Scholastic Book Fair** is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Nurse Notes

The clinic is in need of donations of any size for boys pants.

### Health tips on lice prevention:

To reduce the chance of your child contracting a case of head lice, start by not sharing items that touch the head.

- \*Combs and brushes
- \*Hair clips and accessories
- \*Hats and headsets
- \*Scarves and coats



Thank you ,  
Nurse Tonia



## COUNSELING CORNER

Hello! It's month two as the School Counselor and I have met so many wonderful student and parent leaders! What have your kiddos been learning? Well, in January I focused on teaching students some highly effective leadership habits such as showing empathy and listening. You may hear them using some familiar phrases such as: "Seek First To Understand Then To Be Understood" or "Listen Before You Talk." Don't be confused! We are busy building leaders one child at a time!! Please reinforce these habits at home!

Honesty is the Character Word for February, which means to be truthful and trustworthy. Talk with your kids about telling the truth when faced with a difficult situation. Reward the truth. As parents, we are often quick to scold. Sometimes we aren't always so quick to praise. Reward honesty with loads of praise and hugs. It will build self-confidence and reinforce the positive behavior. Plus, a child can never get too much love. ~Mrs. Clement

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. Mary Chavoen, Brittany Mauk, Kristen Lolly , Jessica Hering, Jill Andersen and Jeffrey Phillips.



Estimados Padres,

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

