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NEWSLETTER 07

Dear Tanglewood Families,

Spring is in the air and the month of March brings a lot of fun activities to the elementary school. Our kids are gearing up for testing, and our teachers are working hard to ensure they are ready for these spring assessments. We are excited about the progress our students are making in the classrooms and are certain that we will achieve all of our goals during this time. Due to Hurricane Irma, testing was pushed back and begins on April 4 with FSA Writes for both fourth and fifth grade. FSA Reading and Math will follow through May 15.

Most recently, we celebrated Read Across America and recognized Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Parents, staff members and volunteers, thanks for coming and reading to our students at TWES. There were many visitors in the building, and we were so delighted to have you take part in this celebration. We ended the week by allowing the students to dress up as his/her favorite Dr. Seuss's character, and Horton from the book, Horton Hears a Who was seen on the news and throughout the halls of our school.

In our efforts to keep you informed of the activities at TWES, we will continue updating our website in addition to our monthly calendars. Please take note of our spring break coming up the week of March 19 through March 23. It's the time of year everyone looks forward to resting and relaxing before gearing up to finish the school year strong. Be safe and enjoy some "down time" with your friends and family.

I know how busy we all are, but your dedication shows how committed you are to education. With all of us working together, we will certainly increase student achievement for every child at Tanglewood.

Go Burrowing OWLS!

Very truly yours,

Linda Buckley
Principal

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Assistant Principal

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LIBRARY NOTES FROM MRS. EVANS

Kids, pets and books are a great combo!

Beginning or reluctant readers can be self-conscious about reading aloud with peers or adults. But pets can make great reading buddies! Studies show that animals reduce anxiety, and this is especially true for a child who is practicing reading skills. Dogs can be patient and judgement free listeners.

Tanglewood occasionally hosts specially training dogs that students can read to. Local libraries also sometimes host reading buddy dogs. If you have a pet at home, encourage your reader to try reading to him or her.

It's no coincidence that Scholastic's spring book fair is themed, "**Paws for books.**" You can pick up a whole new selection of stories your child can enjoy with your pet (or by themselves). It's a good time to start building a summer reading list.

The book fair will be in the school media center April 2-6th. The fair will be open from 7:30a.m.-5p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 7:30a.m.-2p.m. and then again during the evening 5-8 p.m. on Thursday; and 7:30 a.m.-12 noon on Friday. Keep an eye out for a flyer on the Scholastic book fair later this month and the fun promotions the book fair chair has in store for our students!

Counseling Corner

Tanglewood Elementary is very proud to be a **Leader in Me** school! Every single one of our students has so much leadership potential, and we are excited to see them grow their leadership skills throughout the year! Each month, we will focus on one of the **7 Habits**. If our students learn and follow these 7 Habits, they will help make Tanglewood an even better place to be each day! March's habit is **HABIT 6: SYNERGIZE!**

Synergizing means:

I know that TOGETHER IS BETTER. It is important to get along with other students and adults at school.

I get along well with others, even people who are different from me.

I work well in groups, even when I don't get to choose who is in my group.

I can name strengths or talents of my classmates.

I listen to other people's ideas because I know that together, we can combine our ideas and come up with the best solution for a problem.

If I am not getting along with someone, I try my best to solve the problem. If I can't solve it myself, I ask an adult for help.

I treat people kindly every day.

-Lindsay Bentz

Counselor



Suncoast Credit Union

Calling all Parents, Students & Guardians!

Suncoast Credit Union and Tanglewood Elementary School are teaming up to provide students with Tanglewood Mint, a savings program that will allow students to build their own savings account and learn about the value in saving money, compound interest and gaining first-hand experience with writing deposit slips.

To learn more about the program visit Tanglewood website/school info/related options/Suncoast Credit Union at Tanglewood.

To open an account visit the Tanglewood Mint.

Where: School Cafeteria

When: Every WEDNESDAY

Time: 7:25am to 8:00am

Student Assignment 2018-19

January 22—March 23, 2018

Current Pre-K student applications will be mailed on February 2nd.

Current 5th grade student applications will be mailed on February 9th.

Those receiving applications can save time by applying online.

Students new to the district cannot apply online, they must register in person. For more information please visit www.leeschools.net for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations.

Every Day Counts – Why School Attendance is So Important!

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits and help increase their chances of graduating from high school down the road.

When students reduce their absences, their grades and reading skills often improve—especially among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more confident in themselves, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future.

But when students are absent for an average of just **two days of school per month**—even when the absences are excused—it can have a negative impact. These absences have been shown in multiple studies to affect kids as early as Kindergarten. Elementary students who miss an average of two school days per month often have lower reading scores and difficulty keeping up with their peers academically.

We want your child to reach his or her highest potential, both in school and in life! That's why we care so much about making sure your student is here at school and ready to learn. If you need help developing strategies to improve school attendance, please call the school social worker, Paul Milford, at 239-771-4677.

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. Kristen Lolly, Jill Andersen, Dawn Velazquez, Julie Jefferis, Lindsay Bentz, Dawn Peterson, Amy Hyer, Mackenzie Halpin, and Whitney Cook.

Estimados Padres,

Si desean el boletín del mes en español favor de llamar a *nuestra oficina al 936-0891*

