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Office Hours: 7:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Hello Tanglewood Families,

It is hard to believe it is November already! During these upcoming holidays, we are so thankful for all of our Tanglewood students and their families. We are honored to be able to work with our Tanglewood students. We rely on each other to help make a difference in the lives of our students. Without the partnership with our students, staff, parents and community, none of this would be possible.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our fall American Fundraiser! We will be able to help our students in staff in many different ways, thanks to your support!

With Thanksgiving and Winter Break approaching, please keep in mind how unscheduled interruptions prior to the holidays impact the students' learning. Please plan your trips during the times of breaks to keep loss of instruction at a minimum. Teachers will be teaching every day and students will miss out on valuable instructional time if they aren't at school. Your support with maintaining consistent attendance, including arriving at school on time, truly makes a difference. Every day counts! We appreciate your partnership and are thankful for the important role you play in your child's education.

Please remember that students should continue to read, write and practice their math facts over Thanksgiving and winter vacation. Consider keeping a daily journal or write about special events that happen during vacation.

We wish you all a safe and healthy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Linda Buckley
Principal

Marilyn Crews
Assistant Principal

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COUNSELING CORNER

As you may know, October was National Bullying Prevention Month! I have been going around to each class in the school and teaching students about bullying, the difference between bullying and mean or rude behavior, how to handle it when someone treats you meanly, and the difference between tattling and asking an adult for help. So that you can discuss these topics with your student(s) at home, I wanted to share the acronym I teach students to help them recognize what bullying is.

For students in grades K, 1, and 2, we use the acronym MOO. We learn that bullying is:

- M - Mean
- O - Over and Over
- O - On Purpose

For students in grades 3, 4, and 5, we add an additional "O" to the end and learn that bullying is MOOO:

- M - Mean
- O - Over and Over
- O - On Purpose
- O - One-Sided

To clarify a little more, bullying is aggressive behavior which must include the following three elements: 1) It involves an imbalance of power (this is the "one-sided" piece). Bullying is NOT a mutual conflict between two individuals; bullying must involve an imbalance of power. 2) It is intentional and purposeful and causes physical hurt or psychological stress (this is the "on purpose"). 3) It is repeated over time (this is the "over and over").

If your students describe mean behavior occurring at school, please encourage them to ask an adult for help. You can also talk through MOO(O) with your students to help determine if the behavior classifies as bullying, or if it is mean or rude behavior that is not bullying. There are many strategies students can use if someone is treating them meanly. These include: walk away or ignore the person, ask the person to stop and/or say it hurts your feelings, ask the person why they did the mean thing, take deep breaths to calm down, and ask an adult for help. Please encourage your students to use these strategies to help stop mean behavior before it becomes bullying.

**-Lindsay Bentz
Counselor**

Tanglewood Café is now selling snacks:

Chips/Assorted .75

Simply Chex/Assorted .50

Rice Krispy Treat \$1.00

Fruit Snacks .75

Fruit Roll up .50

Your child can purchase milk for .40 without getting a school lunch.

News from our School Social Worker

Sharing the Warmth of the Season from Our Tanglewood Family to Yours...

It's that time of year – the holidays are upon us. I know that many of you are thinking of or are already planning a family trip for the holidays. As you begin to prepare for the season, I'd like to stress the importance of school attendance. Every year, we see the number of absences rise during the weeks leading up to and the weeks following winter break. We recognize that holidays are an important time of year for families to reconnect, especially if they live in another state or country. With that being said, the final weeks of the 2nd Quarter are critical for students. Not being in attendance, even for a couple of days, can really put students behind. Regular attendance through the entire school year is important for the success of our students. The beginning and closing of each Quarter can play a significant role in your student's overall success.

This holiday season please continue to make education a priority and ensure that your children are in school every day and on time. If there are any barriers preventing your child from attending school regularly please reach out to me so we can work together. As always, if your family has any other specific needs please reach out to me so I can try to assist. I want to thank you for your continued support and wish you a happy and safe holiday season!

Kellie Amabile, School Social Worker

Parents Corner

6 Ways to Teach a Healthy Mindset

This month the emphasis is on New Mindset=New Results!

We can help our children move from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset in just 6 steps:

1. Teach your child how the brain works
2. Help them to identify their self- talk and how they feel
3. Help them find healthier self-talk options
4. Choose your encouraging words wisely
5. Be a healthy model
6. Watch documentaries, tell or read stories about achievements that resulted from hard work

From the desk of Jessie Hering-Dean of students

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. Dawn Velazquez, Dawn Peterson, Kimberly Mathes, Joseph McTague, Nikole Wilhide, Lynn Denoy, Alichia Rafferty, Alexandra Ducoing, and Camary Williams.

Estimados Padres,

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



Library Notes... by Martha Leung

Hoot! Hoot! Hooray! Our Read-A-Thon is on its way!!!

We are excited about the Tanglewood Read-A-Thon starting November 1st and are gearing up for a busy few weeks in the library. What a great way to encourage your student to read while supporting TWES!

That said, Graphic Novels have become a new favorite for many readers. Some of us compare them to comic books but they are far more than that. Graphic Novels offer great benefits to both reluctant and proficient readers alike.

One of the biggest concerns many parents have is how to encourage reading in their kids. No matter how many great novels you throw their way, some kids just don't love it. Enter graphic novels. Graphic novels are not glorified comic books; they are novels using images as well as words to tell a story. Graphic novels have many advantages:

The images give an overview of the story, which encourages the child to read the whole thing. By looking at the images they can get a sense immediately of what is happening, particularly good for kids who are really turned off books.

They are fast paced. Graphic novels move quickly, the plots are exciting and there is often a good dose of action along the way. This makes them exciting to read.

The images reinforce not replace the language. At first it may seem that this is just a glorified picture book but with a good graphic novel a full understanding is only really reached when the words and illustrations work together. A child may begin by skimming, but they'll soon be turning back to re-read and gain a better understanding of what is happening.

The language is high quality. A good graphic novel has to pair great illustrations with clear dialogue, the language and the images work together to create the story. With so little space for words they are chosen with a great deal of care for maximum impact and can seriously add to your child's vocabulary. They also deal with complex themes that will challenge them beyond their reading level.

Adapted from, <https://www.playfullearning.net/resource/5-great-reasons-read-graphic-novels/>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

No School November 22nd -26th Thanksgiving Break

Early Dismissal Friday, December 17th at 12:10

No School December 20th-31st Winter Break

ATTENTION TWES FAMILIES

The Clinic is looking for donations of pants and shorts for both boys and girls of all sizes. If you are cleaning out and need to get rid of pants, we will take them. They are also looking for undergarments that need to be new and in the package for both boys and girls of all sizes. Thank you in advance if you can supply these items, the clinic would really appreciate it.

[Parents' Bill of Rights - Lee County Schools](#)

The state, any of its political subdivisions, any other governmental entity, or any other institution may not infringe on the fundamental rights of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of his or her minor child without demonstrating that such action is reasonable and necessary to achieve a compelling state interest and that such action is narrowly ...

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AP CORNER

Just a reminder that bus safety is of the utmost importance. Please talk with your child about following the bus rules.

These are four basic rules for any bus.

1. Stay seated in your assigned seat.
2. Keep hands and feet to yourself.
3. Eat food and snacks when you get off of the bus.
4. Tell your driver if you have a concern.

If you have any concerns regarding bus safety, feel free to contact me.

Ms. Crews
Assistant Principal

Instructional Corner:

Students in grades K-2 have a new reading and language arts curriculum called "Wonders." Teachers have many materials and resources to use and are excited to use this new curriculum which replaces the old series which was "Reading Street." Teachers are happy to discuss the new curriculum should you have any questions!