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Office Hours: 7:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Dear Tanglewood Families,

March and April are very busy months! Our testing season begins with iReady diagnostic for students in grades 3-5 beginning on March 8th and 9th with ELA. March 15th and 16th, students in grades 3-5 take the iReady math diagnostic. Mark your calendars for the following days - Friday, March 18 there is NO SCHOOL due to Professional Duty Day for teachers. This also marks the end of quarter 3. Also, there is NO SCHOOL the week of March 21 - 25 due to spring vacation.

Students in grades 3-5 begin FSA testing in April. Here is the schedule:

- April 4.....Grades 4 and 5 take FSA Writing
- April 5 and 6.....3rd grade ELA
- May 3 and 4.....Grades 4 and 5, ELA
- May 10 and 11.....Grades 3, 4, and 5 take Math
- May 17 and 18.....5th grade Science

Please make sure your child is well rested, on time and at school each day for these important assessments! Check the AP corner in this newsletter for specific tips on how to help your child on the day of testing. If you have any questions, feel free to call. Sue Valentine is our test coordinator. She can be reached at the school number, 936-0891.

Sincerely,

Linda Buckley
Principal

Marilyn Crews
Assistant Principal

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COUNSELING CORNER

This year, Tanglewood's theme is Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Success! One fantastic way students can make sure they are on this path to success is by expanding their leadership skills. As a Leader in Me Lighthouse school, each month we focus on one of the 8 Habits. If our students learn and follow these 8 Habits of Happy Kids, they will help make Tanglewood the very best place to be each day!

The Habit of the Month for March is Habit 6: SYNERGIZE! You can help your student practice this habit at home by talking about and reinforcing the following concepts.

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 each 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.

April's habit is Habit 7: SHARPEN THE SAW!

Sharpening the Saw means:

- I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting enough sleep.
- I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school.
- I spend time with family and friends.
- If I have a problem, I solve it myself or ask a safe adult for help.
- I can name several people who care about me and whom I can trust.
- I find ways to help others.
- I have lots of hobbies and interests.
- I spend time doing things I enjoy.
- I understand that balance feels best – I know how to work hard and play hard.

-Lindsay Bentz
Counselor



Library Notes... by Martha Leung

We are excited to announce the

TWES Wild About Books themed Scholastic Book Fair.

Save the dates!

Monday, March 28 – Friday, April 1, 2022

Students can shop during school hours

AND

Parents are welcome to shop the fair with their student Wednesday evening, March 30th. Please enter through the library Parent Pick Up doors after 3:00p.m.



Visit our school's webpage at www.https://tan.leeschools.net/ and click on the Scholastic Book Fair banner to easily create a Book Fair eWallet. Let your child shop the Fair cash-free with our NEW digital payment option.

Parents Corner

People's stories...

This morning I was talking with a student who checks in with me each morning to set a personal goal for the day in the areas of responsibility, respect, and safety. He's a great kid just quick to react. As we were talking I was reminded that we all have a story and we are not all coming together with the same set of circumstances and supports. When you take the time to understand where someone is coming from it creates a bond and unconditional love is easy. Unconditional love is essential in raising self-confident children that love themselves and the world that they live in. Fear of punishment can cause children to give up who they are, to be what someone else wants and unconditional love allows them to be the best they can be. If you're a parent or caregiver err on the side of unconditional love. It is powerful!

From the desk of the Dean of Student Discipline, Jessie Hering

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

MESSAGE FROM OUR INFO SPECIALIST

Tardiness – Tardiness is defined as a student not being in the classroom when the class is scheduled to begin. Parents must follow the same process to excuse a tardy as they do to excuse an absence. Excessive tardiness shall be addressed on a case-by-case basis to determine if there is a pattern of non-attendance. Non-attendance for instructional activities is established by tardiness, early sign-outs, or absences for all or any part of the day. Tardiness to any class without documentation may be considered unexcused. Habitual tardiness is defined as six or more tardies to school or to an individual class per quarter. Principals have the discretion to excuse tardiness for extenuating circumstances. Unless excused under the provisions of this policy, accumulated tardiness will be recorded as unexcused absences.

Early Sign-Outs – Early sign-outs are defined as a parent or guardian signing out a child before the end of the school day. No student shall be released within the final 30 minutes of the school day unless the principal/designee determines it is an emergency. All schools shall establish procedures for early release that ensure that all students are treated consistently. Excessive early sign-outs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis to determine if there is a pattern of non-attendance. Unless excused under the provisions of this policy, accumulated early sign-outs will be recorded as unexcused absences.

Florida State Statute 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, Lynn Denoy, Alexandra Ducoing, and Camary Williams.

Estimados Padres,

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 18th Professional duty day-No School for students

March 21st-25th No School-Spring Break

April 15th No School-Good Friday

April 18th No School-Easter Monday



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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Instructional Corner

Tips for testing days:

- **Get your zzz's.** Sleep is probably one of the most important things your student can do in the days leading up to the test. Make sure they get plenty of quality rest so they feel recharged and ready to go on test day.
- **Breakfast IS the most important meal.** A nutritious breakfast is the best way to begin any day, but this is especially true on test day. Stay away from sugar and caffeine!
- **Lots of love.** Send your student off with some words of encouragement and plenty of support. Remind them to take a deep breath, take their time, and remember they've worked hard to prepare for this day. A hug doesn't hurt either!

Thank you to study.com for these FSA testing tips.

AP Corner

Attendance:

It is very important for students to be present and on time each day for instruction. Did you know...Chronic absence — missing 10 percent or more of school days due to absence for any reason—excused, unexcused absences and suspensions, can translate into students having difficulty learning to read by the third-grade, achieving in middle school, and graduating from high school (attendanceworks.org)? You can check your child's absences and tardies on FOCUS, or call Suzanne in the front office.