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Dear Tanglewood Families,

The holiday season is upon us, and it is an extremely busy time of the year! There is a lot going on here at TWES including FAST testing, Holiday House, and some festive dress up days! Please note some very important dates as well, as our instructional calendar was updated:

* Previously, Thursday, Dec. 21 was an early dismissal day. It is now a full day.
* Previously, Friday, Dec. 22 was a Hurricane Make Up day and we are IN SESSION that day.
* Friday, Dec. 22 is an EARLY DISMISSAL DAY. Dismissal will begin at 12:10.
* Monday, January 8th is Professional Duty Day, no school for students.
* Our first day back at school with students is TUESDAY, JAN. 9.

There are many sweatshirts and jackets in our lost and found. Please encourage your child to go to the parent pick up area where the lost and found is located to find their items. It is always helpful to write your child's name on the inside of their jacket. That way, we can return items to them quickly and easily.

Tanglewood continues to use School Messenger, Peach Jar, and FOCUS to communicate important messages regarding grades, general information, and emergency information. Please make sure we have your updated information including phone numbers, emergency contacts and email addresses.

We hope you enjoy time with family and friends during winter break. We feel very lucky and blessed to be a part of the Tanglewood Family! Enjoy your holiday season!

Sincerely,

Linda Buckley Marilyn Crews

Principal Assistant Principal

**The School Board of Lee County, Florida:**

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**School Board Attorney: Kathy Dupuy-Bruno, Esq.**

**COUNSELING CORNER**

Tanglewood is a Leader in Me Lighthouse School! This means we believe all students have the potential to be leaders, and we are working to develop leadership skills at school every day.

Our school theme this year is Out of This World: Learning, Leading, and Beyond! To help enhance the “leading” aspect, we would love for students to practice their leadership skills at school AND home. Just as in the past, each month we will focus on one of the 8 Habits. If our students learn and follow these 8 Habits of Happy Kids, they will help make Tanglewood an OUT OF THIS WORLD place to be each day!

November and December’s Habit is Habit 3: PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST! You can help your student practice this habit at home by talking about and reinforcing the following concepts.

Putting First Things First Means: ● I decide what is most important and do that first.

● I write lists of the things I need to do.

● I make a schedule and follow it.

● I often work before I play. [Grab your reader’s attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]

● I say no to things I know I should not do.

● I make good choices even when others make bad choices.

● I am organized.

● I honor the commitments I make.

January’s habit is Habit 4: THINK WIN-WIN!

Thinking Win-Win Means:

● I know that I cannot always get my way, and I respond nicely when I don’t get my way.

● When I have a conflict with someone, I try to find a way we can both get what we want.

● If something does not work on the first try, I think of another way to do it and try again.

● I look for something positive in every situation.

● I know that games are not always about winning, but about learning and having fun.

● I consider what other people want, not just what I want.

● I listen to other people’s ideas. I know that by combining other people’s ideas with my own, we can come up with something I never would have by myself!

● I try to help people.

● I fill the buckets of others by giving compliments.

Thank you for helping your student practice their leadership skills at home. Also, look for a separate activity sheet coming home each month that will focus on one of the Habits and has an activity you can do together as a family! Your student can then return this activity sheet to have the chance to be displayed on a bulletin board at school!

Lindsay Mills- Counselor

**Library Notes… by Martha Leung**

Keep Your Kids Reading Over the Holidays

Winter break is a great way for students and families to relax, recharge, and reconnect. By helping your student make the most of their time away from school and encouraging fun learning and reading over the holiday, your student will be ready to pick up just where they left off before the break. Education.com makes some fun suggestions for keeping kids minds sharp over the holidays.

· Having your children read holiday cards when they are received in the mail and let them write a message in outgoing cards.

· Letting children read ingredients from holiday recipes while you bake together. It's a great way for them to learn measurements and temperatures.

· Setting aside time for kids to "show off" their new reading skills to visiting relatives. Children love being the focus of attention, and grandparents are usually more than willing to see their progress.

· Making special holiday readings a tradition. Find a special book for Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanzaa and have each member of the family read from it at the same time each year.

· Even if no books make your child's wish list, make sure you give at least one as a gift, and encourage them to read it.

· Find books that focus on an interest your child has. For example, if they ask for a bike, find a book on Lance Armstrong, or a children's book that includes a bicycle adventure. There are books out there to suit every interest under the sun – it just takes a little browsing.

**PARENTS CORNER**

Restorative Practices at home can strengthen family relationships, teach responsibility, and foster empathy. Here are few ways parents can implement these practices: Family Meetings: Schedule regular family meetings where everyone can share their thoughts, feelings, and concerns in a safe, open environment. Use these meetings to address conflicts, discuss household rules, and plan activities together. Restitution and Responsibility: Encourage children to take responsibility for their actions by making amends or restitution when they've caused harm. This might involve apologizing, helping to fix what went wrong, or finding ways to contribute positively to the family. Emotional Check-Ins: Encourage open communication about emotions. Create a safe space for kids to express their feelings without judgment. Collaborative Decision-Making: Involve children in family decision-making when appropriate. This helps them feel valued and teaches them to consider different perspectives. Family Bonding Activities: Engage in activities that foster a sense of togetherness, such as family game nights, cooking together, or volunteering as a family. These activities strengthen family bonds and create shared experiences. Creating a supportive environment where everyone feels heard and respected is a perfect addition to this year's New Year's resolutions.

From the Desk of the Dean- Jessie Hering

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**December 22nd Early Dismissal 12:10**

**December 25th to January 5th Winter Break**

**January 8th Professional Duty Day, No School for Students.**

**January 15th Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School.**

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. As of September 5, 2023, 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. Rachel Drake, Lauren Easterbrook, Moira McNamara, and Dawn Velazquez.

[**Parents' Bill of Rights - Lee County Schools**](https://www.leeschools.net/parent_portal/parents_bill_of_rights)

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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Please help us return lost items by labeling your child’s items including jackets, water bottles, and lunch boxes. Our lost and found is located at the bus ramp. If your child has lost something, please have them stop by and check the lost and found.

**TWES uses car tags to improve the efficiency of the parent pick up line, and bus tags for students who ride the bus are required by the district. Sometimes, these items get lost. To help us offset the cost of replacing these items, starting on January 9th, we will be charging $1 per item. When requesting replacement, please send in $1 to assist us with the cost of replacement. Thank you for helping Tanglewood to run efficiently!**

Thank you for the overwhelming response for our before/aftercare program. We do have a waiting list at this time. Our before care hours are 6:30-7:25 a.m. and our aftercare hours are 2:10-6:00 p.m. The aftercare hours phone number is 239-939-2417.

Asbestos Notice:

This school has been recently inspected and certain asbestos-containing materials or assumed asbestos-containing materials such as: fire doors or roofing materials that are tested prior to repairs or removal as needed, have been located in the school buildings. Please be aware that the School District of Lee County has an active management plan designed to ensure that the building is maintained safely for all occupants. These materials are being controlled in accordance with the Asbestos Management Program for the School and following the limitations and procedures of the policies and requirements of the Asbestos Operations and Maintenance Program of the School District of Lee County. The report listing the location, quantities, and condition of all known materials and contains the details of the control procedures is available at the school office for your inspection during normal school hours. Copies of the whole or parts of the school’s asbestos file can be supplied to you at a cost of $0.15/page.

Suspicious Activity Reporting Tip Line

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool.

* Instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.
* Students can report anonymously from their personal devices or via icon on their Chromebooks.

FortifyFL Link: <https://getfortifyfl.com/>

**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS-BE ON TIME!** 7:25-7:50 School Doors Open/Breakfast 7:55 Instruction Bell rings 2:10 School Gets Out 3:00 Office Closes

SRB is Back-Student Run Branch, a financial education partnership between Suncoast Credit Union and local schools. Suncoast Credit Union will be at Tanglewood Elementary on Wednesdays from 7:25-7:55 a.m. in the cafeteria.

**TWES SOAR EXPECTATIONS S**afety First **O**wn Your Own Learning **A**ctive Learning **R**espect Others

**Tanglewood is a dress code school. Please take a moment to review the dress code with your student. A few highlights: Crocs are not permitted at school. Shorts should be finger-tip length and hoodies are not allowed. Here is the full-dress code for your review:**

**Dress Code Policy**

General Expectation: The purpose of the dress code is to encourage students to focus on the learning process without the distractions of unsuitable dress and grooming, as well as developing good habits that will lead to "dressing for success" in college and career. Students shall maintain a clean, orderly appearance at all times. Personal appearance shall not disrupt the educational process.

**Tops**

* Any TWES T-shirt, club sirt or award shirt is allowed.
* Tops may have a logo no larger than a half dollar.
* Tops must fit loosely enough that all buttons can be closed.
* Transparent or see-through tops, tops that bare midriff, strapless, spaghetti strap, low-cut clothing or tops, halters backless, tube tops, muscle shirts or any clothing which may be distracting are prohibited.
* Tops may not have rips, tears, or holes.

**Jackets/Sweaters**

**Pullover sweatshirts and jackets are not allowed.** All sweatshirts must have a zippered or buttoned front which is left open.

**Shoes**

Tennis shoes must be worn at PE. Closed toe shoes are required daily. Wheeled shoes, High heeled shoes, flip flops, bedroom slippers or shoes without a heel strap are not allowed.

**Bottoms**

* Pants, capris, and jeans must not have rips, tears, or holes.
* Shorts or skorts- must be fingertip length.
* Leggings are acceptable if worn under a dress or skirt or with an appropriate length top which goes to the mid-thigh area.

**Dresses/ Skirts**

* Minimum length is fingertip or just above the knee. No slits above the knee (Shorts under skirts are preferred)
* Strapless, spaghetti straps, low-cut, halter, or backless dresses are not allowed.

**Belts**

* Belts are not required: however, pants must be worn at the waist or use a belt.

**Hair, Head Wear, and Makeup**

Hair coloring or style that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment, as determined by the principal, is prohibited. Bandanas, scarves, and hats are not allowed with the exception of hats for outdoor activities. Additionally, makeup and acrylic fingernails are not permissible.