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Dear Tanglewood Families,

We are all so thankful to be back at school together! Hurricane Ian has changed all of our lives in some way, but we are back to a regular schedule and a normal routine. If your family has further needs, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our school Social Worker Ms. Amanda and Dean Jessie have resources that they can match up with a specific need.

Please check the newest district calendar and our school calendar for the most up to date information. We have rescheduled many events and our calendars are full once again.

As we move closer to some cooler weather, please make sure jackets and water bottles are labeled with your child's first and last name. This really helps us to return items to their owners. We already have many jackets and water bottles in the lost and found; if you think your family is missing any items, please have your child check the lost and found by the bus ramp. All lost and found items not picked up will be disposed of the last day before Thanksgiving Break. Lunch boxes, water bottles and other items become unsanitary if left over break.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Tanglewood Elementary! We are so thankful that you are a part of the Tanglewood family!

Linda Buckley
Principal

Marilyn Crews
Assistant Principal

The School Board of Lee County, Florida:

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COUNSELING CORNER

As you may know, October was National Bullying Prevention Month! Due to Hurricane Ian, Tanglewood will be focusing on Bullying Prevention in November and December. I will be going 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 Mills

Counselor

Library Notes... by Martha Leung

As we take time out to be with family and friends this holiday season, there is no better time of year to practice gratitude. The TWES library has many books about the upcoming holidays and gratitude in general. Feel free to visit the library with your student and chose a book or two to read together over the holiday breaks. If you haven't already, this year is a good time to start a tradition of sharing what you are grateful for during your holiday get together.

In the spirit of gratitude, we would like to send our most sincere appreciation to all of the people who help make our TWES Library the magical place it is. From our weekly library volunteers who sacrifice their time to spend countless hours processing fairs successful, and everyone in between. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Your kindness is appreciated. Happy Holidays!

Parents Corner

The Giving Closet at Tanglewood is committed to taking care of students who have lost their toys/homes due to Hurricane Ian. (We have 67 students currently.) The Giving Closet is our program that ensures that students have what they need each and every school day though providing clothing, toiletries, shoes and food to students every school day. We are adding an extension to our program for December and we will be including replacement toys to the identified students.

The total amount of needed funds to raise through donations, and our bracelet fundraiser is \$4,280.10. I'm asking our community to help create new positive memories for these children who have experienced different levels of trauma from this hurricane. The stories are endless but we have the power to make a positive impact on their hearts and minds, I hope you will help me.

Thanks for your consideration,

From the desk of the Dean, Mrs. Jessie Hering



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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

11/18 Turkey Trot

11/21-11/25 No School

12/1 Picture Day

12/21 Early Dismissal 12:10

12/22-1/6/23 Winter Break

1/9/23 Professional Duty Day/No School

[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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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. As of September 5, 2022, 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, Jacqueline Gianelli, Kristen Lolly, Kimberly Mathes, Justin Medeiros, Dawn Peterson, Donovan Petrey, and Dawn Velazquez. (Elementary Education K-6 and ESE K-12) Justin Medeiros.

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.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS-BE ON TIME! SCHOOL HOURS:

7:25-7:50-School Doors Open/Breakfast

7:55-Instruction Bell Rings

2:10-School Gets Out

3:00-Office Closes

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 hour 6:00 p.m. The aftercare hours phone number is 239-939-2417.

TWES SOAR EXPECTATIONS

Safety First

Own Your Own Learning

Active Learning

Respect Others