

Terminal Park Elementary

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THE EXPRESS

Terminal Park families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful spring break and is excited for the important learning opportunities ahead. The following information is intended to help you be more aware of what is happening at our school and better able to partner with us.

Tiger Character Trait - Perseverance

Throughout the school year we will teach the following Tiger Character Traits that are important for our students to develop: integrity, respect, compassion, responsibility, and perseverance. During May and June we will focus on perseverance, which includes: keep on trying, use positive self-talk, say "I can" or "I will" statements, be patient through challenges, have a positive attitude, learn from mistakes, and complete what you start. We hope you will ask your child about perseverance and how to apply this important character trait at school as well as outside of school. Perseverance is crucial for success in formal education and throughout life.

State Standardized Testing

We are approaching the time for Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA), our annual state standardized testing for grades 3-5. Here are the dates for the state testing:

Grade 3: May 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24

Grade 4: May 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24

Grade 4-5 split: May 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24,

Grade 5: May 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24, 25; June 1

Please avoid scheduling anything that will take your child out of school on the days he or she is testing. Third-fifth grade students should have brought home a letter with more details about what tests will be on which days and other information. Please let us know if you didn't receive this letter.

Welcome to Kindergarten

If you have a child who will start kindergarten next year, please plan to attend our "Welcome to Kindergarten" event on Tuesday, May 8th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

and kindergarten assessment screening on Wednesday, May 16th sometime during the school day. We are currently open for kindergarten registration, and we encourage you to register as soon as possible. If you register at one school and then move, you can change your registration to your new school. Please share this information with anyone else you know who will have a kindergartener next year.

PTA Officers Needed

There are openings for PTA officers for the 2018-2019 school year. Please consider volunteering to be a PTA officer. We work hard to adapt these positions to whatever works best for your schedule and the amount of time you have available. Involvement in PTA is not only a great way for you to support your child's education, it also allows you to be more aware of what is happening at our school and provide feedback to help us improve. Please attend our PTA meeting on Tuesday, May 8th at 3:30 p.m. in the Terminal Park library or email terminal-parkpta@gmail.com if you have interest in a board position. We want to work on getting our new PTA officers oriented this spring so that they are ready to go in the fall.

School Picnic

Please mark your calendar for our annual school picnic on Friday, June 8th. A special lunch will be served during regular lunchtimes, and visitors are invited to come and eat lunch outside with students. More details about food and pricing will be included in our June newsletter.

Thanks for your effort to support your child's education and our school. Please don't hesitate to communicate with us about any questions or feedback that you have. We value our partnership to help all students succeed.

Sincerely,

Tom Dudley, Principal

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 	7 NO SCHOOL— WAIVER DAY	8 "WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN" 5-6 PM IN THE GYM	9	10	11	12
3RD-5TH GRADE STATE TESTING BEGINS. PLEASE DO NOT PLAN APPOINTMENTS DURING THIS TESTING TIME (MAY 8-JUNE 1) SEE MR DUDLEY'S PAGE FOR DETAILS						
13 	14	15	16	17	18	19
5TH GRADERS TO CAMP THIS WEEK ARRIVAL BACK AT SCHOOL FRIDAY AT 12:30. PARENTS PLEASE PICK YOUR STUDENT AND LUGGAGE UP AT THIS TIME.						
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28 	29 NO SCHOOL TUESDAY- WEDNESDAY EMERGENCY CLOSURE DAYS NOT USED.	30	31		 JUNE 8 ALL SCHOOL PICNIC DURING LUNCHES