

Terminal Park Elementary

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Terminal Park families,

We hope you have had a great start to 2018! 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.

Improvement Efforts - Assessments

Our dedicated staff members work hard to help students acquire the knowledge and skills to meet state standards. We administer a variety of assessments that provide us with information about student achievement and help us improve instruction. As we administer required district and state assessments as well as practice for these assessments, you may hear from your child about schedule changes and tests. We will communicate with you formally about dates for our annual SBA testing, which will occur in May for grades 3-5. While we prepare students to do their best on the state assessments, it's important to understand that test preparation helps students acquiring knowledge and skills requisite for success throughout their future and not just to get a good score on a test. We strive to make all testing a positive experience for students; we want them to desire to do their very best without feeling worried about it. We appreciate your help encouraging students to do their very best on all assessments so that their scores will accurately represent their abilities and so they can develop the important quality of persistence.

Technology

The Auburn School District department of technology has worked efficiently with the funds from the technology levy passed by voters to get technology in the hands of students and teachers to improve student learning. This effort has included deploying Chromebooks to schools at an amazing pace. Terminal Park is now at a one-to-one ratio of Chromebooks for students in grades 2-5. First grade classrooms have one touchscreen Chromebook for every two students, and

kindergarten classrooms have one tablet for every two students. We are working as staff to continually improve the integration of technology to help students learn more effectively and develop the technology skills requisite for future success.

PTA Fundraiser - Sticker Machine

Your child may have told you about the new sticker vending machine near the main office. Our PTA decided this would be a good way to raise money and something that would be fun for students. The following video explains how this program works: <http://stickermachineintro.com/>

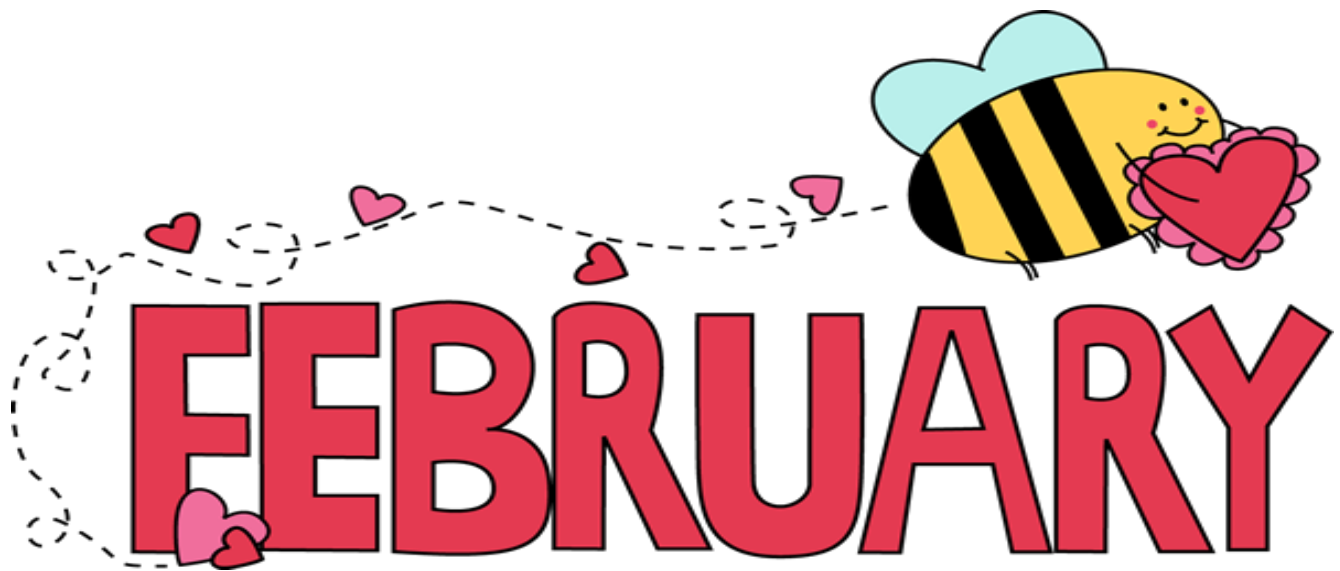
Terminal Park Scholarship - Thank You!

Last year we started a new tradition to offer college scholarships to two former Terminal Park students who are graduating from high school. Funds were gathered through staff donations, and the scholarships were presented to students at a special assembly in June to promote college readiness for our students. In order to increase the amount of funds available, we decided to have a fundraiser at Red Robin, which took place on January 23rd. We appreciate anyone who was able to participate to help us raise more funds. A special thanks goes to Chris Williams, first grade teacher, for coordinating the Terminal Park scholarship and fundraising and for organizing the assembly to present the scholarships and encourage our students to prepare for college.


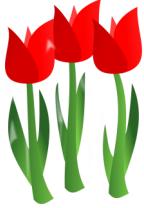




Thank you for the support you provide for your child's learning and our school. We encourage you to be involved and communicate with us about any questions or feedback you have. We're all working together to ensure a great future for our students.

Sincerely,

Tom Dudley, Principal



FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 GROUND HOG DAY 	3
4	5 MISSOULA CHILDRENS THEATRE AUDITIONS 3:15 PM	6 MCT PRACTICE	7 MCT PRACTICE	8 MCT SCHOOL PERFORMANCE	9 MCT NIGHT PERFORMANCE 7:00 PM	10 MCT NIGHT PERFORMANCE 7:00 PM
MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCES THIS WEEK						
11	12	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> 	15	16 	17
18  <small>PRESIDENTS DAY</small>	19 PRESIDENT'S DAY—NO SCHOOL	20	21	22	23	24
MID WINTER BREAK 19TH-23RD						
25	26	27	28		