

Terminal Park Elementary

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THE EXPRESS

Terminal Park families,

We are already near the end of the first trimester. It's amazing how time flies. 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.

Parent-teacher Conferences

We hope that a parent/guardian will be able to attend a conference for each of our students on November 15, 16, or 17. Our partnership with you is very important. Please see the attached letter about making parent-teacher conferences successful. For parents of students receiving LAP services, you are welcome to stop by to talk with Mrs. Kuzaro on one of the conference days if you have questions about your child's progress or LAP services in general.

Tiger Character Trait - Respect

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 November and December we are focusing on respect, which includes treating others the way you want to be treated, talk to others in a positive way, take time to understand someone who is different, use good manners and appropriate language, handle conflicts peacefully, be kind in words and actions. We hope you will ask your child about respect and how to apply this important character trait at school as well as outside of school. Respect is an important part of success in all areas and stages of life.

Volunteer Request

Terminal Park is eager to increase the amount of volunteers at our school. We specifically would like more volunteers for tutoring and recess. Students who need extra support with learning can benefit greatly from extra practice under the guidance of an adult. Our playground supervisors do a great job, but students benefit from increasing the amount of adults at recess, which could allow us to offer addi-

tional structured activities. Please contact our office or your child's teacher with your name and contact information if you're interested in volunteering. Please share this opportunity with any community members who may be interested.

Dress for the Weather

As we move into the time of year when the weather becomes consistently more wet and cold, please do your best to send your child to school with appropriate clothing (coats, hoods/hats, etc.). It is important for each student to stay warm and dry before school, at recess, and after school.

Lost and Found

Several items are added to our lost and found daily. Here are some actions you can take to help:

Write your child's name on clothing tags with permanent marker.

Remind your child not to leave coats on the playground.

Teach your child how to tie a coat around his or her waist.

Remind your child to check the playground and the lost and found to find missing items.

Come to the school to help your child find missing items if needed.

Before or after a parent-teacher conference would be a great time to look for lost and found items. Items that remain in the lost and found after November 17 will be donated.

PTA Membership and Fundraiser

We appreciate everyone who has joined PTA and who supported the PTA fundraiser. We encourage you to continue to look for ways to be involved as much as you can.

Thank you for your participation in your child's learning.

Sincerely,
Tom Dudley, Principal



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Express to Success

It's parent-teacher conference time!

November 2017

Dear parents/guardians,

You're invited to one of the most important occasions of the school year: a parent-teacher conference, which is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and help increase success.

We appreciate your flexibility to attend at your assigned conference time. We try to make arrangements for a conference time that fits your schedule. If the time the teacher sets does not work with your schedule, please call the office to reschedule. **No conference changes will be made by the office after Monday, November 13.** After November 13, all conference changes must be made directly with the teacher.

Here are some helpful tips for a successful conference with your child's teacher:

Before the Conference

- Talk with your child about school: success, challenges, likes, dislikes, feelings, etc.
- Write down your questions/concerns about academic progress, behavior, peer relationships, attitude, struggles at home, etc.
- If needed, check to make sure we have scheduled an interpreter.

During the Conference

- Listen carefully and take notes for future reference.
- If you don't understand something, ask to have it explained.
- Ask for suggestions about what you can do at home to help your child.

After the Conference

- If your child didn't attend the conference, talk with your child about it.
- Let your child know you are proud and set goals together to improve.
- Follow through on suggestions you agreed to try to help your child.
- Continue to communicate with the teacher about progress, questions, and concerns.

Your involvement and support with your child's learning is appreciated!

Sincerely,

Tom Dudley, Principal

Home of the PROUD TIGERS!



November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4  FULL MOON	
5 	6 1 HOUR LATE START	7 	8 5TH GRADE TO JA BIZ TOWN	9 	10  VERTRANS DAY OBSERVANCE NO SCHOOL	11 	
12	13 REGULAR START TIME	14 	15 TEACHER PARENT CONFERENCES SCHOOL RELEASES AT 12:10 LUNCHESES WILL BE SERVED			17	18
19	20 REGULAR START TIME	21	22 EARLY RELEASE AT 1:10 FOR THANKSGIVING	23 	24	25	
26 	27 1 HOUR LATE START	28 PICTURE RETAKES 	29	30 4th GRADE TO SEATTLE AQUARIUM 			