

TWIN CITY ELEMENTARY TIGER TALES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

Upcoming Events

September 17 - School Pictures
September 17 - General PTA Meeting @3:45
September 21 - Hearing/Vision Screenings
October 5 - Jog-a-Thon, K-2 @10:30 and 3-5 @1:30
October 5 - PTA Movie Night @6:00
October 5- HIB Poster Contest Due
October 12 - Upside Down Boy Assembly @9:45
October 18 - *This is TCE* Open House
October 22 - Picture Retakes
October 23 - PTA Costume Dance
October 31 - Halloween Spirit Day

School Hours

- School starts at 9:00 a.m. and our doors open at 8:35 a.m. for student to have breakfast
- On Late Start Wednesdays school starts at 10:20 a.m. and our doors open at 9:55 a.m.
- Dismissal time is 3:30 p.m.

Welcome to the nearly 100 new families at Twin City this year! I am excited to also welcome Cammy Carlson, Amy Jackson, and Caitlin Voehl to our staff and Brianna Upper as a student teacher in kindergarten with Mrs. Martin.

School Photos

Picture order packets were sent home with students this week. Be sure your child brings their picture order form and money on **Monday, September 17**. Children will have photos taken regardless if they purchase a packet. Pictures are used for our yearbook and lunch cards.

Attendance Policy

Your child is bringing home a letter with updated information about the new attendance and tardy policies for Washington State and the Stanwood-Camano School District. Please read through carefully and return the last page with a signature.

Tiger Clothing

The PTA is proud to announce that our spirit wear with a new logo design is on sale now. All orders will be placed directly through the Custom Ink website at www.customink.com/fundraising/twin-city-pta-tiger-gear. All orders must be placed by October 5. There will not be stock kept on hand through the PTA office, so don't miss your chance to show your Tiger Pride! Merchandise will be delivered by the end of October.

PTA Meeting

Our first PTA general membership meeting is on **Monday, September 17 at 3:45 p.m.** The PTA Board members look forward to sharing with you opportunities for getting involved in our school. The Stanwood Camano School District requires all volunteers serving in our local schools attend Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) Training. This training will help you to identify HIB, know what to do when you see it and help our schools be a safe place for all students. The first HIB Volunteer training will be provided before the PTA meeting.

Volunteer Orientation

Twin City Elementary has a Volunteer Orientation planned for **Monday, September 17 at 9:15 a.m.** Along with the HIB presentation, we will train on how to use the office equipment, give a school tour, and take a photo for your badge.

Growth Mindset

This year we will be focusing on growth mindset both as a staff and student body. Our first mindset activity is around the book *This is Me* by Jamie Lee Curtis. We will have artwork and projects displayed across the school for our *This Is TCE* Open House in October.

PAX

PAX is the Latin word for peace and the PAX program focuses on peace, productivity, health and happiness for all students. The goal of PAX is for students to be able to self-monitor and self-regulate their behavior in different settings. Behavior management is done in positive ways that provide immediate feedback to students. All staff have the same expectations and are using the same vocabulary with students. Students celebrate good decisions and appropriate behavior frequently. These vocabulary words are unique to PAX:

- Spleem - undesired behavior or action
- Tootle - opposite of tattle; written feedback for positive actions of others
- Granny's Wacky Prize - 10-30 second activity that is a reward for meeting behavior expectations

We will be sending more information home about PAX as the year goes on. Ask your child how they are working on being a PAX Leader each day.

News from the Cafeteria

Do You Qualify for Free or Reduced Priced Meals?

Based on your household income your children could qualify for free or reduced priced meals. To find out if you qualify, you must fill out a National School Lunch and Breakfast Application. You will find the application in any school office and you must reapply each year. You may be surprised to learn you qualify for some assistance with the cost of the school meal program, so fill out an application today!

After School Dismissal

Thank you for all of your efforts in making our after school dismissal routine safe and smooth. I appreciate everyone's patience while waiting to pick up your student. I ask that you continue to honor the curb as a No Parking area and if you choose to park and pick your student up at the door, please be sure to use the designated crosswalks. Students will be seated in gym by grade level. If you are coming in the building to pick up, they will need to stay seated with their hand raised until they are dismissed by a staff member. In all our after school procedures we want to make sure that students go home safely with the correct person.

Staff Qualification

We are extremely proud of our staff and feel certain that we are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. You have the right to request information regarding professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s). This includes: if the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction; if state licensing requirements have been waived for the teacher on a temporary basis; the type of college degree of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degree or certificate; and if your child is receiving Title I/LAP services from teachers and/or paraprofessionals and their qualifications as well.