

Tullar Times

Weekly Newsletter of Tullar Elementary School
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PRINCIPAL'S PEN STROKES



The PTO Halloween Bash is TONIGHT - This is an amazing night for our students! A HUGE thank you to all of the parent and staff volunteers who signed up to work various shifts to make this night a success.

Please remember that costumes need to follow district guidelines including no fake weapons or lookalike weapons. All students must be chaperoned by an adult on the premises, adults may chaperone more than one child.

I look forward to an amazingly fun evening of "spooktacular" fun and excitement!

SCHOOLGY ACCESS CODES COMING OUT TODAY!

By the end of the day today, Tullar parents will receive an individualized access code by email for Schoology. If it is your first time logging in to Schoology, please watch the videos that will come in the email for helpful hints! Schoology is an amazing platform (designed to mimic Facebook) where schools can disseminate information in a private manner to parents, staff, and students of Tullar Elementary only. Please take a minute when you receive the email coming from the email address rmarchionda@neenah.k12.wi.us to use your access code and take a look at the Tullar Schoology page. Please note that only the primary email address for your household will receive the code. We look forward to sharing pictures, school news and other resources with you. Check out our [2017-18 STUDENT DIRECTORY](#) on the Schoology page, under Resources (the only place you will find it - paper copies will not be sent home this year)! Other resources available on this page include past newsletters, class lists, a live Tullar calendar and many others. If you are interested, there is an app that you can install on your phone. You can also set up notifications so you don't miss anything important!

If you do not get an email by **5:00 pm Friday**, please email rmarchionda@neenah.k12.wi.us

CONFERENCE MEAL HELP NEEDED

Tullar's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will once again be providing meals for our teachers during conference times. We will be planning a potluck dinner for the evening of October 25 and a catered lunch on October 26, supplemented with snacks and treats for the long day. To sign up, please use this link: <http://signup.com/go/DHJJSqh>. Our PTO will be accepting monetary donations if you don't have the time to cook, but would like to contribute. All checks should be made out to the Tullar PTO. We appreciate the generous support of our Tullar Tiger families to help our teaching staff during the long days of conferences!

LOOK FOR THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT CONFERENCES THIS MONTH!

Your Tullar PTO will be hosting the popular Scholastic Book Fair again on Wednesday, October 25th from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 26th from 1:00 p.m. - 7:30 pm. This is a fantastic way to get books into the hands of both the students and into the teacher's classrooms! Please note that the dates are during our teacher conferences. We will be needing parent volunteers during this time to help in running the book fair. Sign up using this link: <http://signup.com/go/kQXsaKO>
Thank you for any help you can provide!

**BOOK
FAIR**
COMING SOON!



REMEMBER: 11:30 am DISMISSAL ON THURS., OCT 26 NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, OCT. 27!

GIVING GOBBLER IS UP IN OUR MAIN HALLWAY!

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! Please consider helping Tullar Elementary provide Thanksgiving dinners for several of our less fortunate Tullar families. The paper turkey for the Giving Gobbler, which is located outside of the Tullar office, is loaded with feathers that each have different Thanksgiving dinner necessities on them. Every feather is a different small item (can of cranberries, gallon of milk, pound of butter, dinner rolls, a dessert, a turkey). Pick the feather from the turkey of the item/items you wish to contribute, and help us create a full meal. Fill out your name on the base of the feather, and stick this part in the turkey's tummy. When you bring in the item, tape the feather to the item. Together, we can make a wonderful meal for OUR families in need! Please consider stopping by to pick a feather or two. All non-perishable items and monetary donations may be brought in to the office anytime with the feather affixed. All perishable donations (with the exception of turkeys) can be brought in on Friday, November 17th, and turkey's may be brought in Monday, November 20th, by noon (don't worry...a reminder will come home). Thank you, in advance, for your generosity! If you have any questions about the Giving Gobbler, please email Jen Pierstorff (jpierstorff@gmail.com) or Angie Kane (angiewatters@hotmail.com).



If you would like to be **CONFIDENTIALLY** considered for a Thanksgiving meal, please call Diane Galow at 920.751.6985 x23101, or email her at dgalow@neenah.k12.wi.us Your name and reason for needing this assistance is not shared with anyone - we are here to help!

TULLAR PTO PIZZA SALE A "CHEESY" SUCCESS!

A total of 2,052 pizzas were sold, and our profits from this sale were \$5,800. Our top sellers were the Briones family (99 pizzas) and Owen Kieler (94 pizzas). These top sellers each received a \$25 gift card. Additionally, for every 10 pizzas sold by a family, their family name was entered one time for another drawing. The following students/families will receive a \$25 gift card: The Gibbs family, the Janichek family, Josh Gomoll, Sam Barczak, Finleigh Burton, the Schrauth family and the Derouso family. Thank you students, staff and families for selling pizzas to support our school, thanks to the many parents who helped on pickup day and a HUGE thank you to our Eaton's PTO Pizza Fundraiser Chairs, Kari Hawkinson and Molly Wilgreen, for your hard work on coordinating this sale!

TULLAR YEARBOOK COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS

The Tullar yearbook committee is now seeking photos for the 2017-18 yearbook. We are looking for photos of Tullar Tigers playing on the playground the first day of school, on field trips, participating in sports and scouts, at Tullar events, etc. Group photos are best. Watch the Tullar Times and the Tullar Facebook parent group for specific submission requests throughout the year. Please email or message your photos to tullaryearbook@gmail.com.



BOXTOPS CONTEST ENDS NEXT WEEK!

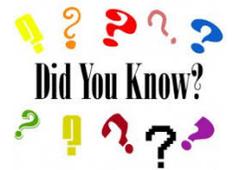
Please remember that next Thursday (10/26) is the end of our Box Tops Ice Cream Party Contest! Remember to look at all of your boxes and cut out those Box Tops. We will be announcing the winners of this contest next week.

WORLD LANGUAGE CLASSES OFFERED AROUND THE NJSD

NJSD is sponsoring World Language classes for elementary students in grades 1 through 5 beginning October 30th. The cost of the seven week program is \$25.00 per student. French, German and Spanish will be offered this fall. Registration forms have been sent home. If you have any questions call Jill Drake at 729-4736.



INTERESTING TULLAR TIDBITS



Every week, I will be sharing a tidbit about Tullar Elementary. My hope is that this will assist families to learn more about our fine school. This week's question is:

What are the rules for the new playground?

As you may know, our PTO did an amazing job with adding to our existing playground equipment right before school began. To keep all students safe, our staff has developed some safety rules for this equipment. Even though we do not monitor this equipment outside of the school day, we ask that families and the YMCA Before/After School Care follow these same guidelines so our Tigers have a consistent message about being safe.

Merry Go Round

- No crawling underneath the Merry Go Round
- One child per panel/spot (six kids at one time)
- No sitting/standing in the middle circle of this piece, this is only for hanging on with your hands!
- When another friend feels the need to stop, please be kind and stop the spinning motion

Climbing Mountain

- This is meant for climbing only, not jumping off or trying to run up the sides
- Watch for other friends who may be playing underneath
- Slide only down the middle of this equipment

The Wave

- One person at a time balancing across the equipment
- This piece is not meant for gymnastics, no flips on the bars

Tire Swing

- Two friends at a time
- Always seated on your pockets
- No pushing the swing for safety reasons, students on the swing can pump themselves

Bank of Swings/Adaptive Swing

- Stand far enough back from those on the swings to prevent getting hit
- Swing in a forward/backward motion only. No twisting swings or sideways swinging.
If someone who requires the adaptive swing is in line, please let him/her use it right away as equipment may be limited to what he/she is able to use

Solid Surface

- Please do not kick rocks onto this area, as the rocks can hurt the soft fall area.

TULLAR GARDEN HAD A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

Did you know Tullar has two large above ground gardens?

I would like to thank the following parents for weeding last summer: Christy Brazee, Vicki Denzin, Kristin Fischer, Jen Stielow and Cherie/Bryan Wirth. The garden was planted and maintained by Christy Brazee, Patty Halvorsen, Sara Otting, Jen Stielow and Cherie Wirth. Last year's grade five troops donated the garden plots, weeding gloves and a rain barrel to our younger scouts to carry on the garden tradition.

Hopefully next summer we will have another garden!

MAGNET CLASS FOR HIGH ABILITY STUDENTS

Do you notice that your child demonstrates a depth and complexity of thought, formulates new ideas and solutions, uses extensive vocabulary and may use alternative methods when approaching unfamiliar mathematical problems? If this describes your child then he or she may be a highly intellectual student that would benefit from participating in our Magnet Class for High Ability Students.

Magnet Classes are designed to offer students opportunities to work at a greater depth and/or breadth or at a faster pace than in the regular classroom setting. We will share more about our very effective Magnet Program and classes at our Magnet Parent Informational Meeting on **November 14th at 5:00 pm in the Shattuck Auditorium (600 Elm St. Neenah, WI)**. The informational meeting will provide an opportunity learn more about the Magnet Curriculum, meet the Magnet Teachers, hear about Magnet Testing and find out more about how to get your child involved in this program.

CONFERENCES ARE COMING...IDEAS TO MAKE CONFERENCES MORE PRODUCTIVE

As Parent-Teacher Conferences are next week, some suggestions on how to make the most of this time for you and your child are below.

- **Focus on the topic at hand: your child.** Our conferences are only 15 minutes, and that time goes quickly! Try not to use this time to ask questions about basic school policies. That information can be found in the elementary handbook, on our website, or by calling the office during business hours. This is your chance to get detailed feedback on your child, so make the most of it!
 - **Try not to get defensive.** It's natural to feel a bit nervous about parent-teacher conferences. Every parent wants to hear how wonderful his or her child is, and the teacher can and will tell you about your child's special skills and achievements.
 - **Take along a notepad and pen.** After the meeting is over you may forget some of what you discussed. Jotting things down as you go along will help jog your memory later.
 - **Give the teacher relevant information.** Let the teacher know of any changes at home. A new baby, a new step parent, a divorce or a death in the family can all affect the way your child behaves in the classroom. Keeping the school abreast of changes is imperative for us to assist in their learning.
 - **Remember the classroom and your home are markedly different environments.** If the teacher shares with you something that surprises you or sounds out of character for your child, please remember that school is a markedly different environment. Expectations of attention, listening and routines are long in duration and for many hours of the day, students may not be engaged in their favorite activity. The expectations of a Saturday at home and that of a grade school classroom have little in common.
Further, please remember that the dynamic in which we see our students is in a group of 20-26 other similarly aged children. What we see often times is different than what you may see at home, for obvious reasons.
 - **When speaking to other teachers stick to their area of expertise.** When you meet with your child's other teachers, limit your questions to their particular subject. Discuss art with the art teacher, wellness with the wellness teacher and so on. A list of when supportive teachers will be at Tullar for conferences went home several weeks ago.
 - **Leave with a plan of action.** Before you shake hands and say goodbye, find out the best way to follow up with the teacher if you think of more questions. Is there a good time to call the teacher? Does the teacher prefer to be contacted by phone or email?
- Thank you, Tullar families, for your continued dedication to your child's education. We look forward to a productive conference time with all families!



TULLAR'S SCRIP STORE IS OPEN!

SCRIP is basically purchasing gift cards at face value for MANY local and national businesses...And Tullar gets a kickback from each company for every card sold. The SCRIP store will be open during the BOO BASH tonight in our main hallway. It will also be open at the end of the school day from 2:50-3:20 pm. Stop by and see what is available - thank you for helping PTO!

OTHER DISTRICT or COMMUNITY EVENTS AND REMINDERS

A list of events happening in the district and community can be found on this site:

<http://www.neenah.k12.wi.us/community/communityevents.cfm>

All Park and Rec, basketball, football, community events and other notices will now be posted in this area so as not to take away from our newsletter's school content.

TULLAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.....

Where we are **RESPECTFUL**, **RESPONSIBLE** and **SAFE!**

RED RIBBON WEEK IS OCTOBER 23 though OCTOBER 27...

HELP OUR STUDENTS PLEDGE TO BE/STAY DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE!

Red Ribbon Week is coming up next week and Tullar is participating in this week long celebration. Red Ribbon Week is a week where schools and communities across the nation participate in activities promoting a drug, alcohol and tobacco free lifestyle. In addition to the dress up days sponsored by the Student Council next week, students will have an opportunity to make a pledge to live a healthy lifestyle and will do activities in the classroom.

In addition, Tullar will celebrate by having dress up days:

- **Monday, Oct. 23 is Don't Get Tied Up in Drugs Day**- All Students can wear a tie, hair tie or tie dyed shirt (No hats please!)
- **Tuesday, Oct. 24 is Team Up Against Drugs Day** - All Students can wear their favorite TEAM clothing or colors (no hats or hair dye please)
- **Wednesday, Oct. 25 is Wear RED for Red Ribbon Week Day**- All Students can dress in RED (no hats or hair dye please)
- **Thursday, Oct. 26 is I'm Proud to be a Tiger Day** - All Students can wear their Tullar Tiger gear or Tullar blue!

Please join Tullar in Red Ribbon Week by having a dialog with your child about using good choices when others want them to stray from making good choices. Examples: what to do if someone wants you to behave unexpectedly at school, what to do if you see someone making a bad choice at recess or how to stand up for someone being picked on by a bully.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TULLAR

(new events are always in **BOLD**)

Fri., Oct. 20	PTO Halloween Boo Bash, 6:00-8:00 pm, Tullar Gym
Mon., Oct. 23	RED RIBBON DRESS UP DAY: Wear tie dye or a hair tie
Tues. Oct. 24	Grade 4 Field Trip to the Grand Opera House in Oshkosh, 12-2:45 pm, Bag Lunch Needed!
Tues., Oct. 24	Grade 3 Field Trip to the Grand Opera House in Oshkosh, 12-2:45, lunch at Tullar
Tues., Oct. 24	RED RIBBON DRESS UP DAY: Wear your favorite team apparel
Wed., Oct. 25	RED RIBBON DRESS UP DAY: Wear Red for Red Ribbon Week
Thurs., Oct. 26	RED RIBBON DRESS UP DAY: Wear Blue for Tullar or wear your Tullar Apparel
Wed., Oct. 25	Picture Retake Day and All School Photo for Yearbook
Weds., Oct. 25	Scholastic Book Fair during conferences, Tullar Gym, 4:00-7:00 pm
Wed., Oct. 25	Conferences, 4:00-8:00 pm
Thur., Oct. 26	Students Dismissed at 11:30 am
Thur., Oct. 26	Scholastic Book Fair during conferences, Tullar Gym, 1:00-7:00 pm
Thur., Oct. 26	Conferences 12:30-8:00 pm
Fri., Oct. 27	No School
Tues., Oct. 31	Kindergarten students get a visit at Tullar from the Neenah-Menasha Fire Department, 9:00 am
Fri., Nov. 3	11:30 am Dismissal
Mon., Nov. 6	PTO Meeting at 3:30 pm, Tullar Library, NOTE TIME CHANGE!
Thurs., Nov., 9	Tullar Literacy Night, 6-7:30 pm, Join our Staff for a Fun Night of Learning!
Tues., Nov. 21	PTO Roller Skate Night at Fox Valley Roller Rink, 5:30-7:30 pm
Weds., Nov. 22	Staff Professional Learning Day - No School
Thurs., Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day - No School
Fri., Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Break - No School

Tues., Dec. 5	Tullar Holiday Concert Rehearsal, time TBD
Tues., Dec. 5	Tullar Holiday Concert, 6:00 pm, Pickard Auditorium at NHS. Students must arrive by 5:45 pm to the NHS cafeteria!
Wed., Dec. 20	8th Grade Band Holiday Tour, 9:00 - 9:30 am, Tullar gym, all grades
Fri., Dec. 22	Staff Professional Learning Day - No School
Dec. 23-Jan 1	Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL!
Tuesday, Jan. 2	School Resumes
Mon., Jan. 8	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm, Tullar Library
Fri., Jan. 19	11:30 dismissal
Mon., Jan. 22	Staff Professional Learning Day - No School
Mon., Feb. 5	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm, Tullar Library
Thurs., Feb 22	11:30 dismissal
Thurs., Feb. 22	Conferences 12:30-8:00 pm
Fri., Feb. 23	Conferences 7:45-11:45 am
Fri., Feb. 23	End of quarter - No School
Mon., Feb. 26	Staff Professional Learning Day - No School
Mon., Mar. 5	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm, Tullar Library
Fri., March 23	11:30 am dismissal
March 24-April 1	Spring Break
Mon., April 2	Staff Professional Learning Day - No School
Mon., April 9	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm, Tullar Library
Weds., April 25	Kindergarten Field Trip-Grand Opera House, 11:45-2:00. Bag lunch needed!
Thurs. May 3	Grade 3 - Field Trip to Heritage Hill
Mon., May 7	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm, Tullar Library
Fri., May 11	Tullar Fun Run, More Details Coming Soon!
Tues. May 22	Grade 4 Field Trip to Madison, More Details Coming Soon!
Fri., May 25	Staff Professional Learning Day - No School
Mon., May 28	Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
Thurs., May 31	Grade 5 Celebration (formerly graduation), Tullar Gym, 12:00-1:00 pm
Thurs., May 31	Grade 5 Awards, Tullar Gym, 1:00-2:00 pm
Fri., June 1	11:30 am Dismissal