

Tullar Times

Weekly Newsletter of Tullar Elementary School
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PRINCIPAL'S PEN STROKES

Welcome back to a new school year!

The staff at Tullar appreciates all that you, as Tullar families, have done to get your child ready for this school year. Our students have done a fantastic job this week, and we appreciate all of the help from home! Talking positively about school, getting your child to bed at an early time, helping your child to get into a routine, feeding your child a healthy breakfast...All of these contribute to a successful school day. We look forward to a great year with your family!

TULLAR TIMES - A GREAT WAY TO STAY INFORMED!

The Tullar Times will typically be sent as an email with the link to the newsletter site. This week, I am doing a PAPER COPY sent home with all students AND an email blast with the link to the newsletter. If you do not have access to the internet, and wish to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact our office at 920.751.6985 ext. 23100.

If you did not get the email blast at 12:00 pm TODAY, please be sure to fill out the last page of this newsletter and send to school ASAP. Also, if you want other email addresses added (daycare provider, grandparents, etc.) please note that as well. Sometimes families have multiple people picking up children, and this is a great way to keep everyone in the loop!

The Tullar Times will be a **BI-WEEKLY** (every other week) newsletter. Please note that the newsletter email will ALWAYS come on the last day of the week. On the week that the Tullar Times is not published, a simple email blast with reminders for the week will go out on Friday. The title of the e-blast will be "Friday Tiger E-Blast". Please remember to ALWAYS look for a Friday email from Tullar. Keeping up with what is happening at Tullar will assist your Tiger in many ways! Though Tullar uses many ways to keep families informed, the Tullar Times is the official manner in which we communicate with families.

Again, if you do NOT receive an email blast this Friday at 12:00 noon, PLEASE fill out and return the form in this newsletter to ensure you stay connected!

I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

Please join us for Tullar's First Family Community Fun Night of the year. PTO will be sponsoring a FREE Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, September 13th from 3:30-5:00 pm on our playground. This is meant to be a fun after school activity for families to reconnect after summer and to meet new friends and families. Ice cream and toppings, as well as pretzels, will be provided. Please note that students will not be allowed inside the building to use bathrooms. Be sure to use the restroom before you leave home!

If you want to sign up to assist in scooping, please use this link:

<http://signup.com/go/woxWsvH>

Thank you, PTO, for giving our families that fantastic opportunity for building our community at Tullar!



TULLAR PTO PIZZA SALE COMING SOON! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

With your help, PTO is able to support Tullar School in a variety of ways. Additionally, they offset field trip costs for **every** field trip. The PTO sponsored fall fundraiser is held in an effort to raise funds to offset these costs. This is one of two major fundraisers the PTO sponsors during the school year. Eaton's Pizzas are not only GREAT pizzas, they are also **LOCALLY MADE** with fresh ingredients. The PTO has received great support and feedback from our Tullar families about past Eaton's pizza sales. Sales will begin September 13th. **THANK YOU** families for supporting our Fall Pizza Sale.



Information will be coming home with your student next week with details regarding the sale and order forms, but make a note about these dates:

9/13 – Order forms go home with students

9/25 – Order forms and money due to Tullar

10/11 – Pizza pickup at Tullar (exact time coming soon-usually after school)

Even if you simply sell one pizza, we appreciate your support! Every pizza helps!

WHEN THINGS DO NOT SEEM "JUST RIGHT"

Many families often have questions about school, particularly since school in 2017 is **VASTLY** different from school that you may have experienced (even if it wasn't that long ago).



If you have a question or concern about something in your child's classroom, please contact the teacher directly as your initial contact. I strongly recommend a personal or phone contact versus an email which can often be misinterpreted or unclear. Many times, a simple miscommunication can occur, leading to confusion on both ends. If you have an issue that is not resolved by this contact, please call me at 751-6985, ext. 23101 or email dgalow@neenah.k12.wi.us

If you have a question about something school specific, such as a procedure or policy, contact me. I would rather we dialog before a problem gets bigger, as we want our families to feel connected and part of our school. If your child is ever having an issue that you need assistance with (family issue, loss of a loved one, bullying) we are here to help. The more we know about our Tigers, the better equipped we are to deal with situations when they occur. We want to be a **TEAM** and work with your family to give your child the best education possible!

JOIN THE TULLAR FAMILY FACEBOOK PAGE TODAY!

Did you know Tullar families have a **closed** Facebook Group? If you are on Facebook, you can search for "Tullar Tiger Families" and ask to join. Mrs. Galow and Marti Price verify that people asking to join have a child currently at Tullar (we limit enrollment to current families at Tullar so we cannot approve grandparents or daycare providers) or are employees at Tullar. The Facebook page is another way to ask questions about Tullar and find out general information. The Facebook page will not allow posts asking for childcare, ride sharing or sales of any kind for liability reasons.



Please remember, however, that the Tullar Times newsletter is the only official publication of Tullar, so always consult this newsletter for the most accurate, up to date information as the Facebook page is maintained by families.

If you have any questions please email mprice03@gmail.com.

TULLAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.....

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

HALLOWEEN BASH

Mark your calendars!!! Tullar's PTO is in full swing planning the annual Tullar Halloween Bash! The Halloween Bash is an all school event sponsored by the PTO, which takes place at Tullar School on Friday, October 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Students and families are encouraged to wear costumes and enjoy a night of fun! Most adults DO wear a costume (appropriate, please) so join in the fun by dressing up. Siblings and friends are welcome!



Please note that supervision is NOT provided, so every student must have an adult that is watching them. Adults may supervise multiple children but students may not come without a responsible adult.

Please remember when planning your child's costume that fake knives, toy guns or any other look-alike weapon are never allowed on school grounds, even at a dance after school hours. This is for Tullar students, siblings and friends, so please no scary costumes (fake blood/death themes).

The event will feature a DJ, dancing, costume contest, food, games, and lots of SPOOKTACULAR fun! Volunteer information is coming soon - **We need many volunteers to make this a success, especially after the event at clean up time (8:00-9:00 pm), so think about volunteering!**

MAY I EAT LUNCH WITH MY CHILD?

Parents, grandparents and special adults are **ALWAYS** welcome at lunch at Tullar. To make the lunch run smoothly, please use the following protocol:

1. Always sign in at our school office. Anyone eating with a child must check in to the office and wear a visitor's badge for security reasons. Younger (non-school age) siblings are also welcome to eat with the student and parent, but must follow the rules of our lunchroom.
2. Parents can bring their own lunch to eat, and can also bring a lunch from an outside source for your child if you wish. If you are a parent and plan to eat school lunch, you must notify our office of your choice of red or blue entree, your name and child's name/teacher by 8:00 am on the day of the lunch. Our lunch count must be in by 8:30 am, as all food is sent from a central location. Parent lunch costs are deducted from the child's account.
3. If someone ***other than a parent*** is eating with the child (grandparent, aunt), they must have written permission from the parent to eat lunch with the child. They must also bring a lunch, as we have no way to accept money for lunch from guests other than parents. The visitor must sign into the office, and wear a visible visitor's badge obtained from the office for security reasons.

A grid of student lunch and recess times follows:

GRADE	LUNCH	LUNCH RECESS
K	11:30-11:55	12:00-12:25
1	11:30-11:55	12:00-12:25
2	11:00-11:25	11:30-11:55
3	11:00-11:25	11:30-11:55
4	12:00-12:25	11:30-11:55
5	12:00-12:25	11:30-11:55

CHARTWELLS FOOD SERVICE CHARGING POLICY

Please be aware that there is a "Limited Charging" policy for the NJSD food service program through Chartwells. If a student's lunch account is negative by more than \$20.00, he/she will not be able to choose a main entree item. Rather he/she will get a cheese sandwich, milk and fruits/vegetables for their lunch meal or he/she could bring a cold lunch. The cheese sandwich, milk and fruits and vegetables will be the only available lunch option for the student until the balance is paid in full and positive. **Please note: You will be charged for a full lunch if your child is given a cheese sandwich meal.** If you have any questions about this policy or your child's balance, please contact Chartwells Food Service by calling 920.751.6800 ext. 10150.

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 IS A "PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY", AND WHY CAN'T MY CHILD BE IN SCHOOL ON THOSE DAYS?

If you have volunteered in a classroom in the past two years, you can see the systematic changes in not only what we teach, but how we teach. These changes in curriculum (what we teach) and in process (how we teach) come at a cost...Advanced training for staff. Elementary teachers were formerly generalists, where they knew enough about each subject to teach it.

Students taught from text books, so the subject matter stayed fairly consistent from year to year.

In 2017, teachers are actually specialists in subject areas. Classroom teachers are doing research based interventions in math and reading, teachers are differentiating for higher achievers and teaching in a completely different fashion to reach all students. Additionally, Neenah has invested in technology for our students, and teachers are learning more about how to use this technology to facilitate 21st century skills. Our content changes at lightening speed, as we are no longer wed to teaching from a textbook.

We thank our families for understanding this need for staff to learn so that our Tigers can be ready for anything!

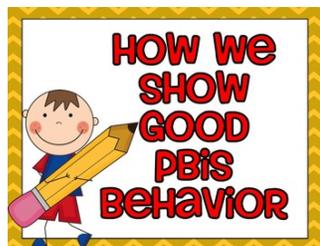


CUB SCOUT RECRUITMENT NIGHT

If you have a boy in grades K-5 that MIGHT be interested in joining Cub Scouts, please join us for an evening of fun, information and registration! Join our Scouts on Tuesday, September 19th from 6-7:00 pm at Faith United Methodist Church (corner of Tullar Rd and Cecil St.) If you are unable to make it, please contact Peg Feltz at 920.993.8610. Hope to see you there!

TULLAR BEHAVIORAL CORNER

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) is a school-wide system for teaching students expected behaviors for all areas, rather than assuming they know what Tullar staff expectations are for a given area of our school. This also means that every staff member has the same expectations for each area, leading to less confusion for students about what the rules actually are for each area of Tullar.



On Wednesday, students learned expected behaviors for many areas of school. Please ask your Tiger what expected behaviors he/she learned!

Additionally, Tullar Elementary has a monthly character education theme for grades k-2 and 3-5 that we will be reinforcing at Tullar.

This month's theme for all grades is RESPECT. Please ask your child

how he/she shows respect at home and at school.

Thank you for reinforcing our PBIS program at home by discussing how your child shows respect in your family and in the community.

A letter was sent home earlier this week with each student detailing this program. There are many components to PBIS, so please read the letter closely!

TULLAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MONTHLY THEME

Grades k-5: RESPECT

How does YOUR Tiger show respect?

BIRTHDAYS AT TULLAR

Birthdays are fun and memorable for children of all ages. At times, students want to bring a special treat to share to commemorate their special day.

While we do allow treats for birthdays, they **MUST** coincide with the NJSD Wellness Policy at all schools.

This policy states what can/cannot be brought for a special treat. In a nutshell, **ONLY** healthy treats may be brought. Thus, cupcakes, candy or the like will not be allowed to be dispensed. Please understand this is a district policy, and not a Tullar policy. It also is for the health of all students.



Please note that we do have many allergies in other classrooms, so PLEASE abide by instructions given by your child's current teacher regarding allergies in your child's room.

Finally, please refrain from bringing food treats to teachers of previous years to ensure the safety of their current classroom, as allergies are different in each and every classroom.

Thank you for helping improve the wellness of all Tigers, and for keeping our Tigers safe!!

OTHER DISTRICT or COMMUNITY EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Go to the following site for a list of events happening in the district and community:

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

As a note, this will appear in every Tullar Times, and this is where all of the Park and Rec, basketball, football, community events and other notices will now be posted.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TULLAR

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

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| Mon., Sept. 11 | First PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm, Tullar gym. Please note that all future meeting dates/times will be established at this meeting |
| Wed., Sept. 13 | PTO Ice Cream Social, 3:30-5:00 pm, Tullar Playground |
| Wed., Sept. 13 | PTO Pizza Sale Order Forms Go Home |
| Wed., Sept. 20 | Fall Picture Day, 8:15 am, Tullar gym |
| Mon., Sept. 25 | PTO Fall Pizza Order Forms and Money Due at Tullar |
| Fri., Sept. 29 | Staff Professional Learning Day - No School |
| Fri., Oct. 6 | Grades 1-3 ONLY, annual Fire Presentation, 1:00 pm, Tullar Gym |
| Weds., Oct. 11 | PTO Pizza Fundraiser Pickup at Tullar, Times TBD |
| Fri., Oct. 20 | PTO Halloween Boo Bash, 6:00-8:00 pm, Tullar Gym |
| Tues. Oct. 24 | Grade 3 Field Trip to the Grand Opera House in Oshkosh |
| Wed., Oct. 25 | Picture Retake Day and All School Photo for Yearbook |
| Wed., Oct. 25 | Conferences, 4:00-8:00 pm |
| Thur., Oct. 26 | Students Dismissed at 11:30 am |
| Thur., Oct. 26 | Conferences 12:30-8:00 pm |
| Fri., Oct. 27 | No School |
| Fri., Nov. 3 | 11:30 am Dismissal |
| Thurs., Nov., 9 | Tullar Literacy Night, 6-7:30 pm, Join our Staff for a Fun Night of Learning! |
| Weds., Nov. 22 | Staff Professional Learning Day - No School |

Tues., Dec. 5	Tullar Holiday Concert Rehearsal, time TBD
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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
Fri., Jan. 19	11:30 dismissal
Mon., Jan. 22	Staff Professional Learning Day - No School
Thurs., Feb 22	11:30 dismissal
Thurs., Feb. 22	Conferences 12:30-8:00 pm
Fri., Feb. 23	Conferences 7:45-11:45
Mon., Feb. 26	Staff Professional Learning Day - No School
Fri., March 23	11:30 am dismissal
March 24-April 1	Spring Break
Mon., April 2	Staff Professional Learning Day - No School
Thurs. May 3	Grade 3 - Field Trip to Heritage Hill
Tues. May 22	Grade 4 - Field Trip to Madison
Fri., May 25	Staff Professional Learning Day - No School
Mon., May 28	Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
Thurs., May 31	<u>TENTATIVE</u> - Grade 5 Celebration and Awards Day
Fri., June 1	11:30 am Dismissal

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE
VERY IMPORTANT DETAILS
ABOUT THE TULLAR TIMES!**

IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER ALERT!

Today we are sending home a paper copy of the newsletter as well as sending an **email** alert with the newsletter link today at 12:00 pm.

If you did not receive the email alert at 12:00 pm on Friday, 9/8/16, please use the form below and return to the office ASAP. We will do this same process in two weeks with the second newsletter to ensure all families are updated in our system. We know we are missing many addresses, this will assist us to update our system.

Also, if you need additional email notifications, you can include as many email addresses as needed by detailing below. If your daycare, child's grandparents or any other provider needs an email alert sent electronically, simply give us the addresses below.

Please note that our newsletter can ALWAYS be found online, even if you do not receive an email alert, at:

<http://www.neenah.k12.wi.us/schools/tullar/newslettersandforms.cfm>

All newsletters from this school year will be available on this page.

Please indicate ONLY if an email address did NOT RECEIVE THE ALERT on Friday, 9/8/17 at 12:00 pm. Remember to check your spam folder as well to ensure that you truly did not receive the email blast from Tullar.

If you received the alert, you do not need to do anything!

I DID NOT RECEIVE THE EMAIL ALERT ON 9/8/17 at 12:00 PM ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT(S) AND WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THESE ALERTS. PLEASE FILL ON ONLY ACCOUNTS THAT YOU WANT TO RECEIVE ALERTS!

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade: _____

Father's name/email: _____

Mother's name/email: _____

Other name/email: _____