

Thorndyke Happenings

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Thorndyke Families and Community!

We hope you are as excited about the sunshine and warmth in May as we are! This week we are opening the play field for soccer, football, and yard games at recess. May also happens to be one of our busiest months of the year. All but six days will be devoted to state testing in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. See the calendar below to know what days your children are testing. 3rd and 4th grades take the SBA (Smarter Balanced Assessment) in Math and Reading/Writing. 5th grades take the SBA in Science, Math, and Reading/Writing. To help your children do their very best, make sure they get a good night sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast each morning. Encourage them to take their time and try their best.

Additionally, 5th grade students go to camp May 7-10 with their teachers and 5th graders from Cascade View and Tukwila Elementary. It's a tradition we've held in Tukwila schools for close to 50 years. If your 5th graders need any items on the packing list, please connect with Ms. Goodman.. Please join us on the 19th for the May PTA meeting so you can meet your new officers and hear about the new meeting format planned for next year. Toward the end of the month progress reports will be sent home. Be sure to review them with your children and consider asking the following questions:

- How do you feel about your grades?
- What are you most proud of on your progress report?
- What surprises you about your progress report? Why?
- What is something you can do differently between now and the end of the school year?
- What can we do at home to help you?

As we have shared in the past, we are working to improve attendance, behavior, and course performance at Thorndyke! Continue making sure your children are at school and on time each day possible. Encourage your children to follow the Thunderbird Three: Be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe. Lastly, encourage your children to try their best in class, stay focused, and be an active participant in all activities.

Thank you for partnering with us in the education of your children. If there is anything we can do to improve, please connect with us in person, phone, or email.

Aaron Draganov
Principal

Javier Roman
Assistant Principal

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following “Students of the Month” for the virtue of **UNDERSTANDING**: Jeyla Zavala Armienta, Michelle Sanicolas, Evelynn Fellows, Nabil Ali, Forest Webb, Kaitlyn Tran, Jolanar Al Azirji, Anab Hassan, Rigoberto Naranjo, Victoria Veth, Luis Perez, Shawniece Piper, Cassmara Overall, Da’Vaughn Williams, Makih Johnny, Osman Osman, Diala Almasalmah, Malina Vaimauga, Chase Clemens, Jose Yanes Ortiz, Chehalis Owjama, Victor Amezcua Vazquez, Thomas Asres, Ashley Hernandez Velazquez, Sabrina Anbesse, Jeff Garnica Godniez and Analia Vaitele.

BEAT THE BELL

“Beat the Bell” is our incentive program designed to encourage students to be on time to school. Those students who are on time to school could have their class recognized at our monthly assembly. Our **school begins at 9:00 a.m.** each morning. **BE ON TIME** and your class could potentially be recognized for this honor. Congratulations to **Ms West’s 1st grade** class and **M. Reid’s 4/5 grade** class for earning the honor of “Beating the Bell” for the month of April.

ATTENDANCE/TARDIES

It is **VERY IMPORTANT to Be on Time every day**. Students are expected to be **IN CLASS by 8:55 a.m.** Breakfast is served and announcements are made for the day. It is very difficult for the children when they arrive late and miss out on morning instructions. If your child needs to miss class, please remember to call the office, 206-901-7603, or send a note the following day.

2016-2017 YEAR BOOK

Don’t be left out! Order your Yearbook NOW! Your child’s year’s book will be filled with classmates’ photos, activity snapshots, faculty pictures and a pictorial journal of the school year. **Reserve your child’s book NOW to avoid disappointment.** Cost for each book is \$20.00. Order forms are available in the main office.

PE INFORMATION

With the weather changing to beautifully sunny, warm days, it is still important to make sure your student brings proper athletic style shoes on days they have PE. They need to wear flat bottom shoes that support their ankle and cover their toes. NO flip flops or sandals, please! This is for their safety. Thank you for your help in keeping your child/children safe.

DRESS CODE

As the warmer weather comes upon us, we need to be reminded of our dress code at Thorndyke Elementary.

In accordance with District policy, Thorndyke Elementary prohibits wearing clothing that is hazardous, destructive to school property, or which disrupts the learning process. Clean, comfortable clothing is the best guide. Children, under the guidance of their parents, should learn to make rational choices when selecting wearing apparel. **We do not permit loose-fitting, sleeveless T-shirts, tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, or T-shirts with violent, offensive, or inappropriate slogans. No clothing may promote or advertise tobacco or alcohol products. We do not allow “sagging” or “baggy” pants. Undergarments should be covered at all times. Footwear needs to keep the foot safe and secure. Students wearing open-toed shoes may be restricted from P.E. or recess for their safety.** Headgear, including hats and scarves, may be worn only outside, except for religious requirements.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

May 2 – 5th Grade Testing
May 4 – Special Person’s Day/Walk-a-Thon
May 7-10 - 5th Grade Camp
May 8 – Teacher Appreciation Day
May 9 – 4th Grade Testing
May 10 – 4th Grade Testing
May 11 – 2nd Grade Field Trip to Mercer Slough
May 11 – 3rd Grade Testing.
May 15 – 4th Grade Testing
May 16 – 3rd Grade Testing
May 17 – 3rd Grade Testing
May 17 – PTA Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
May 18 – 5th Grade Testing
May 20 – Girls on the Run at Renton Memoria Stadium
May 21 – 3rd Grade Testing
May 22 – 4th Grade Testing
May 23 – Student of the Month Assembly, 9:10 a.m.
May 23 – Progress Reports Sent Home
May 23 – **EARLY RELEASE at 12:45 p.m.**
May 24 – 5th Grade Testing
May 25 – **NO SCHOOL** – Snow Make Up Day
May 28 – **NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day**
May 29 – 5th Grade Testing
May 30 – 3rd Grade Testing
May 31 – 4th Grade Testing

THORNDYKE PTA

Congratulations to our 2018-19 PTA Board – Sharon Shipman, President; Duane Meyer, Vice President; Courtney Martinez, Treasurer; and Tai Kaku, Secretary

A HUGE thank you to our outgoing board, Lindsey Johnny and Dalila Sebring. Their commitment to the Thorndyke’s PTA is inspiring and greatly appreciated!!

Please join us **Thursday, May 17th at 3:30** for our PTA Meeting.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Support the PTA while shopping from the comfort of your own home. We have an account with **Amazon Smile** and we get 0.5% of all money spent.

Below you will find the link to support the PTA. You will need to click this link or sign into Amazon Smile every time you make a purchase. You can still use your account that you have set up with them.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-3194527>

If you haven’t joined the PTA yet, please be sure to send in your \$10 to join. For more information contact ThorndykePTA@gmail.com.

Did You Know.....

- ❖ Students should arrive at school **no earlier than 8:30 a.m.** and depart **no later than 3:30 p.m.** unless they are enrolled in a before/after school activity.
- ❖ You can call in an absence for your student @ 206-901-7603 at **any** time, 24 hours a day. Please include the name of your student, the reason for the absence and a phone number where you may be reached if there is a question.
- ❖ For the safety of our students and staff, please enter our school only by the main entry door. Visitors **MUST** sign in/out and wear a visitor pass.
- ❖ You can check your student's meal account balance by calling 206-901-8068. Keeping your child's account current is very much appreciated.
- ❖ If you wish to volunteer, either at school or on field trips, you **MUST** complete a volunteer application.
- ❖ You can find out about school activities online at www.tukwila.wednet.edu
- ❖ Our lost and found is located at the rear of the main lobby. Please check for lost items as this collection piles up quickly.
- ❖ Our school collects Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup labels. They can be deposited in the marked container in the office.



THORNDYKE IS A TITLE 1 SCHOOL

Thorndyke Elementary School receives federal money to fund a School-wide Title 1 program. Title 1 programs are intended to help ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments. The program focuses on promoting reform in high-poverty schools (those with 40% or more students from low-income families) and ensures student access to scientifically-based instructional strategies and challenging academic content. Thorndyke uses most of Title 1 funds to pay for important staff members. Funds are also reserved for professional development for teachers that is designed to raise the achievement of low-achieving students by improving instruction throughout the entire school. If you have any questions about our Title 1 programs, please feel free to speak with Mr. Draganov @ 206-901-7605.

The Tukwila School District complies with all federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, gender, color, national origin, or disability. This holds true for all district students, employees, and district employment and opportunities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's title IX/RCW 28A.640 officer and/or Section 504/ADA coordinator located at 4640 S 144th Street, WA 98168: T.C. Wallace, Title IX/RCW28A.640 Officer (206.901.8005) and, Section 504/ADA Coordinator (206.901.8035) **Thorndyke Elementary is a Schoolwide Title I School**

