

February 2023 Tiger Tales

Taku Elementary • Kaitlin Tallman, Acting Principal



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER, Kaitlin Tallman

Dear Taku Families,

I hope this finds you well! We have settled into the second half of our school year and we are getting used to the new routine of the extended school day. As a reminder, we will have extended days January 30 - March 9.

As always, we are focused on attendance. Please have your student here at school, on time, every day. Drop off begins at 8:40am. Please do not drop off students before 8:40, we do not have supervision. When you see the yellow vests, you are clear to get out, and come into the school.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our PTA sponsored Family Skate Night Friday, 2/3/2023! Join us from 5:30-7:30 for some ice skating, music, pizza, and fun!

Take care,
Kaitlin Tallman



Student Art



Student of the Month Lunch with Principal Tallman



Taku Basketball



NURSE'S NOTE, Laura Beckett

Did you know students at Taku can get a free breakfast every day in the morning when they come to school?

Anyone who asks can get breakfast when they first arrive in their classroom. Please remind your student that it's important to eat first thing in the morning so they are set up for a successful school day. Many tummy aches are often the result of skipping breakfast in the morning.

~ Nurse Beckett ~

~~~~~ FEBRUARY FEATURES ~~~~~

Lego Robotics

Lego Robotics Returns to Taku
By Coach April LeFevere

The Taku Lego Robotics Team, TNT for short, was reactivated this fall after a couple year break due to the restrictions of covid. There were 19 students from grades 4th-6th that participated each Wednesday from 3:30 - 5:30. The 10 TNT finalists (team members who were at all the practices and demonstrated the Core Values) were getting set to participate in the Lego League Challenge Tournament in December but Mother Nature had other plans for us. Although we were very disappointed that we couldn't participate in the challenge, we ended our season with a little party on January 19th. A big thanks to Mr. Jon Harvill for volunteering his time each Wednesday afternoon helping the team and I understand how it all works. Mr. Harvill has been coaching the Taku team for several years and came back this year to get us organized and reintroduced to the program. A big

shout out to our Taku PTA for sponsoring our team's entry fees and materials. And finally, thank you also goes out to Jessica Carter for providing snacks for the season!



Science Fair

Taku Science Fair...Coming Soon!

It's that time of year...science fair packets were sent home with all interested students. If your child didn't bring home a packet, and you want them to participate, please email Ms. April at lefevere_april@asdk12.org and we'll get you one. Any questions about the Science Fair can also be directed to the same email address.



Students can do a demonstration/research project or an experiment but REMEMBER, the entirety of the project is to be done at HOME. There are project examples and ideas in the packet. The packet also contains the requirements such as keeping a research notebook, the parts of the scientific method, interview questions, and a display board.

Students in grades K-3 will be Primary entries and students in grades 4-6 will be Intermediate entries.

Students should do the work themselves *with* support from adults. Setting up a plan with a schedule as to when each stage of the project should be completed would be a really great support.

The 2023 Science Fair Timeline:

March 6

ALL projects due AT school (Early and/or late submissions will not be accepted)

March 7

Fair Judging Day - students will present their projects and complete their interviews

March 8

Individual classes can sign up to walk through and look at all the projects

Family Night for STEM/Science Fair from 6:00 - 7:30 (activities, science fair, pizza)

March 9

Winners announced and ALL projects go home (any remaining projects will be discarded)

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

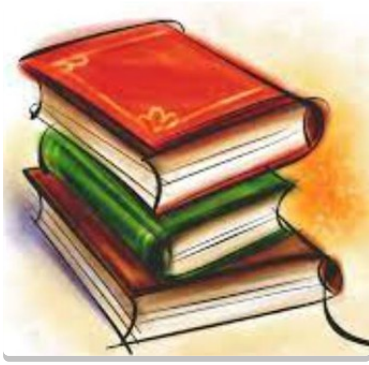
Primary Experiment: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, and Honorable Mention

Primary Demonstration: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, and Honorable Mention

Intermediate Experiment: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, and Honorable Mention

Intermediate Demonstration: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, and Honorable Mention

~~~~~ SPECIALIST NEWS ~~~~~



Library

Welcome to 2023 in our library!

Our second semester of this school year is going to be academically challenging and fun-filled! In the library, we're going to explore the genre of Fantasy, which many kids really enjoy reading. I'm looking forward to exploring magical worlds and beings, and often the battle between good and evil, with our students.

Sincerely,
Ms. Johnson, Taku Librarian

Music

Hello Taku families!

We are learning and having so much fun in music class. We have been focusing on singing, reading rhythms, and playing instruments. Taku Tiger musicians are awesome!



Sincerely,
Ms. Menapace, Music Teacher



PE

Our Healthy Futures program began in September. This program encourages kids to be physically active for at least 60 minutes a day and then log it on the exercise logs. Students can get incentives for doing at least 15 days in the month and turning in the log. K-3 Logs came home 4-6 Logs stay in PE Class.

Gym Shoes: Reminder: your student needs a clean, non-marking pair of gym shoes to leave at school for PE class.

Thank you,
Mrs. Washington, PE Teacher

Art

Welcome to 3rd Quarter!

Art is a great opportunity for kids to explore, engage, stretch their minds and even experiment with paints, shapes, glue, ways to cut and more. My style of teaching gives students a lot of decision-making and artistic choice. Sometimes it's a little messy and the results can be unexpected. That's good. Kids often learn more from figuring things out on their own than they do from perfect directions with me. I love to see their skills growing!



Sincerely,
Ms. Feucht, Art Teacher



Health

Welcome to Health class!

During the 2nd semester, the Elementary Health curriculum, The Great Body Shop, will cover Human Growth and Development and Diseases.

Sincerely,
Katrina Hill Rhodes, Health Teacher

~~~~~ IMPORTANT DATES ~~~~~

Taku PTA Presents:

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT



WHEN: Friday, February 3rd

TIME: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

WHERE: Taku Ice Rink

*Join us for a night of ice skating,
music, pizza, coffee and cocoa!*

Skates will be available to borrow! Please
come dressed for the cold ☺

Parents/Guardians must be onsite to supervise their own skaters.



2/20 - No School



2/21 - PTA Meeting

5:30pm in the Library



2/28 - Lunch with the Principal



THE BULLETIN BOARD, Office Ladies

Our extended school days have begun! Please see the schedule below.

- **January 30th to March 9th:** 30 minutes will be added to the end of the instructional day (**Restores 3 days of instruction**)
- **February 22nd and 23rd:** Full instructional days in lieu of the scheduled parent-teacher conferences (**Restores 1 day of instruction**)
- **February 24th:** Full instructional day. That would be in lieu of the professional development day (**Restores 1 day of instruction**)



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