

Principal's Corner

Dear Taku Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a terrific break and holiday. Please review the important updates below.



- **Reading & Math Scores - Report Coming Home on Thursday 1/6.**
 - The goal is for all students to score above the 40th percentile in reading and math.
 - If your student's score is below the 40th percentile, we need to work together to help them catch up.
- **Attendance**
 - Attendance is a key to student success. Thank you for having your student at school, on time, every day. If your student has missed more than 10% of school, you will receive an attendance report on bright paper. It will be stapled to your student's reading and math scores.
 - Thank you for getting your student to school on time. This makes a big difference in their growth.
Students who are late miss important classes and risk falling behind.
 - 8:40am - Morning drop off begins
 - 8:50am - First bell and breakfast begin
 - 9:00am - Second bell and lessons begin
 - *THANK YOU. We care about your student's success and will do everything in our power to support their growth.*
- **Cold Weather**
 - Please make sure your student has winter gear. We go outside everyday unless it is colder than negative 10 degrees.
- **Taku Title 1 Goals**
 - **Goal #1: Increase reading proficiency by 5% at all grade levels.**
 - **Goal #2: 70% of all students will feel that others care about them or feel there is a positive peer climate at school. This is measured by the school climate survey in February.**

Do you know your student's grades? Is your student missing work? Parents can check their student's grades and work at any time using Q Parent Connect.

Login into [Q Parent Connect](#)

[Reset your parent password](#) - use this link to reset your password if needed

If you need assistance, please call the office and we can help you to get access.

I am proud to serve our Taku community. Please call or email anytime if you have questions, concerns, or celebrations.

All the best, Chris

Chris Opitz, Principal

Taku Specialist News

January 2022

Library



In January, we're exploring the magic of fantasy. This genre, or writing style, is one many kids love. Wishing all our Taku families a joyous start to the New Year.

Ms. Johnson



Music



Hello Taku families! In music class we have been working so hard on learning how to read music rhythms. We have also started playing instruments and singing many different songs. In 6th grade we have been learning the Ukulele and they are doing such a great job!--Ms. M



PE



Healthy Futures Logs:

- There are no Healthy Futures logs in December or January.

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



Art

We had some great clay creations in November and December! Look at the next page to see pictures.

In January, look forward to Kindergarten birds, 1st grade dragons, 5th grade animals and 6th grade houses.

All of this clay means I'll be sending breakable things home soon. If you have extra bubble wrap from holiday gifts, please send it to the art room!

Thank you!

--Ms. Feucht

Health

In Health class, we will be talking about Healthy Habits and how to care for our bodies. In 5th and 6th grades, we will begin our study of Human Growth and Development in early February. More information on this topic coming soon!

Katrina Rhodes



2nd grade made owls.

Clay Creations



3rd grade made
masks inspired by
Alaska Native Art.



4th grade made bowls inspired by Pueblo Pottery.



5th and 6th graders had some fun
making art even at recess!



January 2022

- 1/3 – Classes begin
- 1/6 – Report cards, assessment reports, and attendance reports coming home
- 1/11– PTA Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 1/17– **No School** (Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday)
- 1/20 – Eric Ode online family night 6-7 pm, more info coming

February 2022

- 2/8- PTA Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 2/16-2/17- Parent /Teacher conferences, **Half days (dismissal at 12:30 pm)**
- 2/18- **No school for students**, (Professional Development day for staff)
- 2/21 – **No school** (Presidents Day Holiday)

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Taku staff and students enjoying spirit days the last week before winter break!
Happy New Year!

