

August, 2023 Tiger Tales

==== Taku Elementary · Kaitlin Tallman, Principal ====



Principal's Corner, Kaitlin Tallman

Dear Taku Families,

It's my pleasure to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope you all have had a relaxing and fun summer break, even with all this rain.

The Taku Staff are ready to kick this year off in true Tiger fashion!

I would like to welcome all of our new families, whether you are joining us from another school in the District or have relocated from another city, state, or country. We are excited to share all that Taku has to offer!

The dedicated Taku Staff has been working tirelessly to finalize schedules, fine-tune our instructional practices, engage in professional learning opportunities, and update class routines and expectations, all with the goal of fostering academic success. Our teachers are eager to meet students and begin this year's journey with them.

I look forward to the start of the new school year and our continued collaboration and positive partnership to ensure your children are successful.

Go Tigers!

Best regards,
Kaitlin Tallman, Principal

Back to School Open House

Come meet your teacher and learn more about our school goals at our Back to School Open House!

Join us TOMORROW, August 16, 2023, from 5:30-6:30pm

Class lists will be available to view, and you can enjoy a sweet treat provided by our PTA.

Late Start Mondays and Drop OFF Times/Procedures

Just a reminder that our school start times for the 23 - 24 school year is a bit different.

Mondays will now start later than usual. Drop off begins at 9:40am and the first bell rings at 9:50am. Instruction begins at 10:00am. Student release time will remain the same at 3:30pm.

Tuesdays - Fridays are normal drop off and pick up times. Drop off begins at 8:40am and the first bell rings at 8:50am. Students enter their classrooms to eat breakfast and get organized. Students are considered tardy after 9:00am. Student release time remains the same - 3:30pm.

Plan your pick up and drop off routine in advance so students know how they are getting home.

Please take the following survey and let us know your plans for late start Monday!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScmkbbB96PUimqZFo44ZQiptax-Kgj99M7pWkMlvrtivwV_aw/viewform

If you have any questions about school start and ending times, feel free to contact the office. 907-742-5940.

SAFE ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Arrival

School Drop off and supervision begins at 8:40am (9:40 on Mondays). Please do not drop off students before 8:40 (9:40 on Mondays). Thank you. Students who are not in their classroom by 9am will be marked late.

Thank you for having your students in school on time.

As always, the beginning of the year can be a little hectic during drop off and pick up. Please be patient, flexible, and safe.

- Please do NOT let your students out among the parked cars.

- **Wait until you are at the "Drop off and Pick Up Begins Here" sign.**
- Please stay in your vehicle and use the drop off and pick up lines.
- Pull all the way forward for drop off and pick up.
- Please do NOT park during drop off and pick up. This is the key to keeping our vehicle line moving.
- The lot is busy and we want to keep all kids safe. Thank you for your help.
- Strive for 8:45 drop off. This is a good rule of thumb.

Dismissal

School dismissal is at 3:30pm. It is a busy and hectic time, especially for a couple of weeks until we get our flow down.

PRO TIP: Feel free to come at 3:25 and avoid the initial traffic jam. :-) Staff will supervise students outside until 3:45pm. At 3:45, students and staff will enter the building and you will need to park and come to the office to pick up your student.

PRO TIP #2: If you have kindergarten or first grade students, PRACTICE getting in and out of your car and seats and belts.

Please be patient, flexible, and safe.

- Please use the pickup line and stay in your vehicle.
- Pull all the way forward to the drop off and pick up sign.
- Staff will help kids get in and out of vehicles
- Staff will supervise and waive you forward so we can load as many vehicles at a time as possible.
- NEVER waive your student into traffic or between parked cars.
- If at all possible, have your student enter and exit your vehicle on the right side out of the way of passing traffic.
- Do NOT block the bus lanes - both the entry and the exit
- If you are meeting your student, please wait by the main crosswalk near the road. We will send students to you.

Lunch / Recess Schedule

Time	Activity	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
11:25 - 11:55	Recess	K - Akaran	K - Burnworth	1 - Abell	1 - Lopez
11:55 - 12:25	Lunch	K - Akaran	K - Burnworth	1 - Abell	1 - Lopez
12:00 - 12:30	Recess	2/3 - Ireys	2 - Wolkoff	3 - McMahon	
12:30 - 1:00	Lunch	2/3 - Ireys	2 - Wolkoff	3 - McMahon	
12:30 - 1:00	Recess	4 - Chatwell	5 - Ferretti	5/6 - Thomas	6 - Phillips
1:00 - 1:30	Lunch	4 - Chatwell	5 - Ferretti	5/6 - Thomas	6 - Phillips

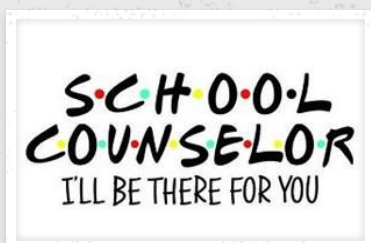
Nurses Note

Hello Taku! My name is Nurse Karra!

This is my first year in this office and I am very excited to support you and your students! If there is anything that you want me to know or ways I can support your student at Taku, please reach out to me. The start of the school year is a busy time for all of us. If your student has action plans or daily medications, please get those to me as soon as possible. I cannot give your student medications unless we have completed the correct forms. Wishing you a happy and healthy back-to-school season.

Nurse Karra

Phone (907) 742-5948



Meet Our Counselor

Hello, I am Abby Bauer!

I joined the Taku family as the Elementary School Counselor last March of 2023. I am so happy to be here and be a part of such a wonderful school and community!

I hold a graduate degree in Counseling Education, and I have work experience in healthcare and residential treatment programs. I am passionate about listening to, talking to, connecting with, and helping families and children of all ages. I would like the students to think of my office as a safe place, where they are always welcome. I am proficient in successful intervention strategies, coping skills, and evaluation techniques.

I look forward to working with the students and promoting academic, personal, and social development support and methods. I will work with students at the classroom level, small group level, as well as at the short-term individual counseling level. I will also be meeting with parents, collaborating with teachers and staff, and consulting with community organizations to benefit and meet the needs of Taku students.

Important Dates



Back to School Open House

Join us August 16, 2023, from
5:30pm - 6:30pm.



First Day of School!

- First day for 1st through 6th graders is August 17, 2023
- First day for PK - K is August 24, 2023



Kinder Academy

Monday 8/21 from 1:00pm-
3:15pm (lunch provided)
Tuesday 8/22 from 9:00am -
11:15am (breakfast provided)



Kindergarten Coffee and Kleenex

Kindergarten Parents: Join us
8/24 after morning
announcements for Coffee and
Kleenex in the staff lounge!



Taku has a Facebook!

Go "Like" our page!
<https://www.facebook.com/taku365/>

Thank you WillowRidge Construction Company!



Willow Ridge generously donated \$250 to provide a "Welcome Back Breakfast" for our hardworking teachers and staff on their first day back to work.

Community support of our teachers and staff is imperative to the functioning of our school. We appreciate your support!

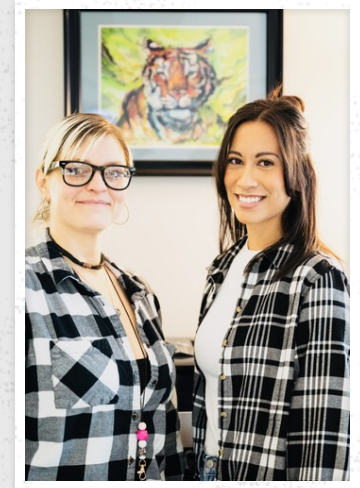
THE BULLETIN BOARD, Office Ladies

WELCOME BACK TAKU FAMILIES!

We are excited to see both familiar and new faces!

Just some friendly reminders:

- Absences can be reported in parent connect. If you are planning a vacation please let the office know so we can enter a pre-arranged absence.
- Students who arrive to school at or after 9am need to come through the front office to get marked tardy. We have breakfast in the office for late students.



~ Joy Gordanier (AA) and Alexia Rickard (Secretary) ~

Volunteering at Taku

If you are interested in volunteering at Taku this upcoming year, please fill out the volunteer form ASAP. This must be done every school year. Parents who filled out the form last year will need to reapply.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSft2SM758xCY0fkBu7cYj6vdYGO4RRJt7LFAqrCKaQDHMwPMg/viewform>

We encourage families to do this now, that way, as events, field trips and other volunteer opportunities arise you won't have to scramble last minute. The volunteer process includes a background check and can take up to 5 business days before ASD's Office of Equity approves

or denies your application. Once we have received the approval/denial we will email you to let you know.

PTA Vacancies for 23-24 School Year

The following PTA positions will be vacant for the upcoming 23-24 school year:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Teacher Representative
- Parent Volunteers

We would love to have you [join](#) the Taku PTA! If you are interested, please join us for the September PTA Meeting!



Taku Elementary

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