

APRIL Showers, Flowers, & Tests



Yesterday it looked like we were flying away to Oz – windstorms, rain and snow appeared at lunch, but then it was sunny in time for PE! We noticed most of the students out there had jackets on, which is great. HOWEVER -

FOOD IS FUEL! EAT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH!

Ms. Henderson's science classes are learning about nutrition and the chemistry of food – where do the proteins, carbs, and fats in our food come from? Why are they important? One of the first lessons was a survey about eating habits, and we discovered MANY of our students aren't eating breakfast, and we often see them trying to get away with not eating lunch! These growing brains and bodies NEED good nutrition! Please check in with your kids and be sure they are getting some quality protein and fats into their bodies before they come to school – nut butters, apples, other fruits, eggs, meats, and cheese are all good sources. Many foods touted as “breakfast” are very high in refined sugar and carbs (which turn into sugar in the body) and lead to a big energy crash. And no food isn't good either! We want our kiddos feeling strong and healthy 😊

WE WILL HAPPILY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF HEALTHY SNACKS FOR TESTING WEEKS!

APRIL CALENDAR:

FRIDAY, APRIL 5: FLEX FRIDAY, 12:15 Dismissal

Students must be picked up at 1:00 – there is no aftercare for middle school students at TTCS. Thanks!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12: FIELD EXPERIENCE FRIDAY: Folk Art Museum

- This is the first of our two workshops with the Folk Art Museum. PICK UP AT 3:30 at the Folk Art Museum.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8: SPANISH SPELLING BEE – GO IRAM!

- Cheer on Iram at the Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque – contest starts at 9:30. Ms. Gray and Ms. Iveland can drive a few students. Contact us for details.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

- Conferences will be held by appointment to discuss class placement for next year. Appointment forms attached.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19: MID SEMESTER BREAK: NO SCHOOL.

- Happy Easter and Passover!

MONDAY APRIL 22 - FRIDAY APRIL 26th: ELA PARCC TESTING

- VERY IMPORTANT to be here and on time this week!

FRIDAY, APRIL 26th: FIELD EXPERIENCE FRIDAY: Folk Art Museum

- Santa Fe Studios pitching workshop: 9:15 – 11:15
- Folk Art Museum trip – 12:30 – 3:30 PICK UP AT 3:30 at Folk Art Museum

MONDAY APRIL 29 - FRIDAY MAY 3: MATH PARCC TESTING

- VERY IMPORTANT to be here and on time this week!

TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBILITIES!

We all know that accidents happen – such as laptops accidentally getting taken home instead of turned in. We need to start stepping up the responsibility on this issue – it is stressful for everyone when we think a machine is missing. If this does happen, PLEASE send Ms. Gray or your advisor an email, or call the school at 986-4011 as soon as you realize it so we don't worry about it all night! THANK YOU. We don't want these great technology opportunities to go away because of irresponsibility!

TESTING SOON! REALLY IMPORTANT!!

The new version of PARCC standardized testing will arrive soon – middle school students will be testing the weeks of April 22nd (Language Arts) and 29th (Math). Our students have worked hard this year and we are confident they will do well. Ms. Henderson was very impressed with how seriously the students took their Science SBA testing – we want this attitude to continue with this round of testing. It is very important to TTCS and to our future as a middle school that our students show what they know and earn the good scores they are capable of earning! Here is how you can help:

- EAT BREAKFAST!!
- GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP – 8 HOURS MINIMUM, 9 OR 10 IS BETTER!
- TURN SCREENS OFF AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE BEDTIME!
- GET TO SCHOOL ON TIME! WE NEED TO START PROMPTLY AT 8.



SAVE THE DATES!!

FRIDAY, MAY 10th

FILM PROJECT PITCHING CONTEST!

10:00 at THE SCREEN

Come hear our students pitch their film ideas to a panel of judges! This will be a very exciting wrap up to this year's project with Santa Fe Studios.

FRIDAY, MAY 17th

EXHIBITIONS OF MASTERY!

TIME TBD

Students will present their selections of their very best work of the year to their teachers, parents, and peers.

FRIDAY, MAY 24^h

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY!

10 am – 11 am (approximately)

Join us for an awards ceremony celebrating the best of TTMS, and the Yearbook Release party.

Light snacks reception to follow.

DISMISSAL IS AT 12:15

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