

Happy New Year from TTMS!

January, 2019



WELCOME BACK!

Hi everyone! We hope you had a wonderful holiday with lots of time to spend with family and friends. The kids seemed a little sleepy last week – time to get back into the routine and gear up for the second semester! We have a lot of exciting plans, and a lot of work to do. This quarter is an extremely important time of the year for instruction – we know where we are, we know where we have to go, and will be working hard to get there! It is essential that your child is here at school unless they are really sick. That said, it is the time of year for colds and flu– please keep them home if they have a fever or a contagious illness. Lots of water, lots of rest, lots of handwashing will help!

CONFERENCES & TUTORING:

TTMS staff has been carefully assessing student progress and will be holding conferences on Friday, January 18th. These mid-year conferences are extremely important as we plan student progression through our program. Our system of competency-based progression is different than what students have experienced in the past, and we want to be sure parents and

JANUARY CALENDAR:

PLEASE NOTE! Due to the challenges in scheduling with various community organizations, the Field Experience and Fellowship Fridays may be switched around. THESE WILL STILL BE 3:15 or 3:30 DISMISSAL DAYS. The first Friday of the month remains FLEX FRIDAY, with 12:15 dismissal for all students. PLEASE CHECK the monthly calendar below, and the TTMS Friday Calendar posted on the website and in the Google Information Station.

FRIDAY, JAN. 4: FLEX FRIDAY

- 12:15 Dismissal. Please pick up promptly at 12:15, or students catching a bus from TTCS may ride the bus back to TTCS.

FRIDAY, JAN. 11: FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY

- PICK UP IS 3:30 at Turquoise Trail Charter School on Highway 14. ALL STUDENTS will be attending a workshop with NM Tech Works and students from Stonehill College in Boston.

SAT., JAN. 12: FUTURE CITIES COMPETITION, UNM

- GOOD LUCK TEAMS! Please contact Ms. Henderson if you need information about carpooling to the competition.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18: CONFERENCES

- Appointments are given first-come, first serve. Please respond promptly and plan to attend.

MONDAY, JAN. 21: MLK HOLIDAY, NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, JAN. 11: FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY

- PICK UP IS 3:30 at Turquoise Trail Charter School on Highway 14. ALL STUDENTS will be attending Community in Unity workshops with the Peaceful Project.

students fully understand progression goals and requirements. Appointment forms are attached to this newsletter. If you do not receive a form, we do not have any concerns about your child's progress at this time. Please check the Tyler app to see student grades. You may of course request a conference at any time by contacting your child's advisor.

We will also be starting tutoring on Tuesday, January 8th. Invitations have been sent home with this newsletter to students we feel would benefit from tutoring. While all students will certainly benefit from extra time at school, we need to open up the opportunity to students who may not have been able to attend in the Fall semester. It is also extremely important that students take this opportunity seriously, and not as an extended time to play around with their friends. Thank you for your understanding.

TTMS INFORMATION SESSION FEB. 5!

We are beginning to recruit for new students for the 2019-20 school year! TTMS will be holding an Information Session for prospective families on Tuesday, February 5th, from 5:30 – 7:00 across the street at the Southside Library. We will have student presentations from 5:30 – 6:00, and begin our presentation promptly at 6:00. We will have spaces available in Levels 1 & 2 (6th & 7th grade), and a few spots in Level 3 (8th grade). We're going to keep this year's family together, and keep it small as they rise to become the leaders of TTMS!

WE NEED HELP getting the word out – if you are willing to help us post flyers, or have other avenues of advertising that might be available to us, please let Sharyn know. We will be asking some students to share their work, and if you would like to share your positive experiences at TTMS, please let us know! If you are a Facebook fan, please friend "Turquoise Trail Charter School" and share the links about our expansion!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

We are extremely fortunate to have several amazing community partners working with us to develop programs you won't find anywhere else! Here is a sampling of what is coming up this semester:

- **SANTA FE STUDIOS:** Students will attend four workshops at the studios soundstage and film production locations. Students will be investigating the many, many roles people can play in creating a film – starting with the STORY. Where does a story come from? Students will be creating their own pitches for a film idea, culminating in a very special presentation on May 10th at The Screen. Stay tuned!
- **NEW MEXICO TECH WORKS:** We will be expanding on last semester's visit with Mayor Webber and City Councilwoman Signe Lindell with several exciting workshops and projects: New Mexico Youth Ambassadors, Video & Photography 101, and developing Community Outreach. Students will create projects demonstrating their new tech and community outreach skills!
- **COMMUNITY IN UNITY:** The Peaceful Project will return to TTMS for a four part series of workshops on peaceful conflict resolution and social emotional learning. These folks also offer wonderful parenting workshops – please contact Sharyn if you are interested.
- **MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL FOLK ART:** Planning is in the works for a partnership with the Folk Art Museum and several local and international artists. We will be exploring how artists use their medium for personal commentary, political expression and social justice.

IT'S GOING TO BE AN EXCITING YEAR! THANKS FOR SHARING IT WITH US!

