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Todd Topics

From the Principal's Pen

Hopefully winter is almost over and we can begin to get ready for spring. Thank you to everyone that attended parent/teacher conferences and our APTT meeting in February. Staff are working diligently to make up the conferences that were missed due to school cancellations. We always look forward to seeing everyone at conferences. Also, thank you for your support at the Scholastic Book Fair, the Pizza sale, and bake sale.

Please join us at upcoming PTO meetings. Planning for the spring carnival is well under way and we look forward to your support in helping to make the carnival a success. Our next meeting is March 12th at 3:30.

Spring break will be the **FIRST** week in April. We will return to school on Monday, April 8th so mark your calendars. Hopefully all the snow will be gone by then! Students will not attend classes April 1st - April 5th returning on April 8th.

Family reading night and our Todd Expo is on March 21st from 5:15 - 6:45. We invite all prospective families and/or friends to come and see the many positive things happening at Todd. Todd offers many extracurricular programs plus a solid curriculum during the school day and an excellent after school program. are available upon your request. Please mark your calendars for a fun night of Dr. Seuss activities, food, and highlights from Todd. If you know of any families interested in attending Todd School please invite them to the Expo. Central enrollment will be on site to register any students not already registered. Please make sure you register your child if they will be 4 before the first of September for 4K. If your child will be 5 before the first of September and your child did not go to 4K you must register at your son or daughter KEC. Please share this information with family members and friends who might have a 4-year-old or 5-year-old next year.

Our spring sing will be on March 26th in Todd School Gym. Our Kindergarten students will be performing at 5:30 and our Second-Grade students will be performing at 6:30. Please make sure you come to support your children.

REMINDER: Breakfast is served from 7:30 - 7:45. Students should not be outside before 7:30am unless they are enrolled in the EXCEL before school program. Just another reminder: **DOGS** are not allowed on the playground. If you are walking to school with your dog, please remain across the street with your pet. Please remember to follow the parking rules at Todd. You are not allowed to park in the bus lanes in front and you are not allowed to park in the drive through lanes in back. If you need to escort your child into the building, please park across the street or on the designated parking stalls.

Todd School will have 2 teams competing in the Destination Imagination competition on March 23rd at Parkview High School in Orfordville. Congratulations to all the students and staff that will perform that day. Todd will host the Tri-Star basketball competition for our Just Say No members on March 10th. Thanks to all the Just Say No members that participated and congratulations to the students moving forward in the regional competition.

March 2019



As we begin to plan for next year we want you to be able to share your opinions and ideas about your child. Please watch for a parent interest survey coming home at the end of March. Please complete the survey at your earliest convenience. We will use the information for planning our class lists for next school year.

We are currently taking summer school applications. Please make sure you return your application as soon as possible. Enrollment is based on a first come first serve basis.

We have many exciting things going on at Todd. Please remember to get involved with your child at home and at school. We always welcome volunteers.

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News for March JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

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| March 4-7 | JUMP ROPE FOR HEART |
| March 4- | Pastries for Peeps- 7:30-8:00 am |
| March 8- | No School-Afternoon Conferences |
| March 10- | Begin Daylight Savings Time-
Spring Forward |
| March 11- | 1 st Grade to Hospital-Lamaster |
| March 11- | NO TIMBERWOLF TIME |
| March 12- | PTO Meeting -3:30 pm |
| March 15- | 3 rd Grade to Big Hills- Ash and Mr. G |
| March 18- | Spring Picture Day |
| March 20- | 3 rd Grade to Big Hills- Straub/Wilson |
| March 21- | Dr. Seuss Family Night and Todd Expo-5:15-6:45 |
| March 23- | DI Competition |
| March 25- | 3 rd Grade to Big Hills- Parsons |
| March 26- | Spring Sing- Kindergarten @ 5:30
2 nd Grade @ 6:30 |
| March 27- | Opera for the Young-2nd and 3rd Grade to
BMHS |
| March 29- | NO TIMBERWOLF TIME |
| April 1-5- | SPRING BREAK |

EC News

We have had a busy February in the early childhood classroom. We continue to introduce new letter sounds and are working hard on counting, color and shape names and the letters in our first names. We now have 8 friends in our morning program and 11 friends in our afternoon program. As the weather begins to turn warmer, we hope to get back outside and enjoy the playground. Please continue to dress your children for the weather. It has been a snowy cold winter. Have a great March



K4 News

In March, 4K will be doing our Buildings Unit of Study! We look forward to welcoming CCI for a visit! If any of our families have any contacts who work in construction, please let us know if they'd be interested coming in and sharing their knowledge with us!

We appreciate all your patience as we "reconstruct" Todd School. We have been observing some interesting things that workers have been doing in our building! We are excited about what our new rooms will look like when we are all done!

We will learn the following letters/sounds: Xx, qu, ch, and sh and DLI students will learn the following sonidos: h, y, x, and k. We hope you are enjoying your new games to practice letters and numbers with your child!!! We had so much fun making and playing the Feed the Monster and i-Spy games! Looking ahead, our final APTT Team Meeting is the night of

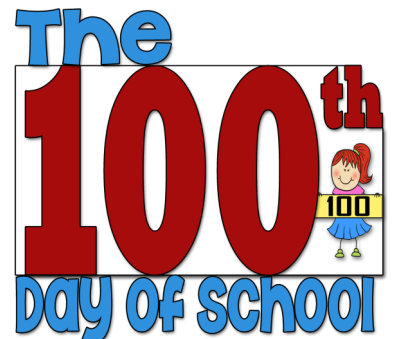
Thursday, April 18th and we hope to see everyone there!



Kindergarten

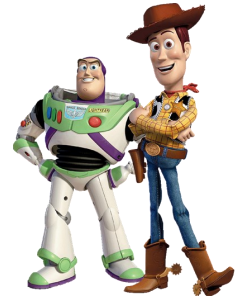
We celebrated the 100th day of kindergarten in February. We made special 100 day hats and counted to 100 many ways. We finished our celebration with a 100 day parade around our school complete with musical instruments. We also celebrated Valentine's Day with a caring party. We enjoyed reading the Valentine's cards our friends gave to us.

During math we are adding numbers and mastering story problems. Keep practicing fact fluency!



1st Grade News

First Graders have been working hard on learning related facts in math! They have been making two addition sentences and two subtraction sentences with the same three numbers. In reading, the students are working on a unit called Meeting Characters and Learning Lessons. In this unit, the students are learning story elements. In writing, the students finished up working on writing opinions and are starting to learn how to write realistic fiction.



Grade 2 Todd Topics

Second grade is working hard on getting ready for 3rd grade.

In math, we are finishing 2 digit subtraction with and without regrouping. We will be starting time and money before spring break. Any practice at home would be helpful!

In reading, we will continue working on building our strength as readers and reading longer books with better comprehension. We are talking about the characters, what we know about them, the setting and how that makes a difference in the story and the problem/solution.

In Science, we are talking about how the Earth changes through volcanoes, hurricanes, and other natural occurrences. We will also be learning about how plants and animals change in different areas.

Our field trip from February to the Opera for the Young was rescheduled for March 28th. Please make sure you returned the new permission slip. Hoping for spring!!

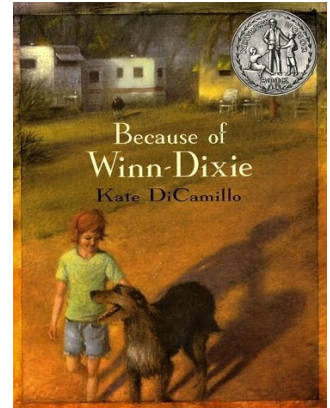


Grade 3 News

Students will be going to Big Hills Park to learn about maple syrup. We will also go to see the Opera on March 27th at Beloit Memorial High School.

In DLI students are learning about the weather. Students are learning to plan their writing with graphic organizers and then turn their plans into paragraphs. We've been writing a lot about weather.

The monolingual classes are reading with special interest in the characters. We are all reading the book Winn Dixie. We can learn a lot about life. We are learning that really studying a character can help us understand the whole book. In Writers Workshop we are writing fairy tales with a twist. Our math concentration is on fractions.



Notes from the Office

Just a couple of important notices:

*** Please make sure that you are observing ALL traffic and parking restrictions. NO PARKING IN THE BUS LANE.**

*** Final statements have been sent home-if you were eligible for a fee waiver -it was attached. You MUST return the signed waiver before the end of the year to have this year's fees waived.**

***If your student is late you MUST come into the office to sign them into school.**

***ALL outside doors are locked at 745. You must pull up to the front door sidewalk to let your students walk into the building.**

Greetings from the music room. We have been doing a lot of singing, playing and having fun in the music classroom. We have two great concerts that are coming up soon:

5K will have their Spring Concert, Pajama Party, on Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 at 5:30pm

2nd Grade will have their Spring Concert, On Broadway, on Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 at 6:30pm

First grade has been talking about the four instrument families during music class. We have also been learning about the musical fantasy, Peter and the Wolf. Ask your child to tell you all about this story and the instruments that go along with it.

Third grade has been working hard on learning how to play the pre-corder during music class. It is similar to a recorder, just smaller. Keep an eye out in Class Dojo for a special song performance in a couple of weeks.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming 5K and 2nd grade concert!

-Mrs. Kristin Ward (Todd Elementary School Music Teacher)--



Snappers' Reading Club

We kicked off the Snappers' Reading Club on January 28, 2019. Please be sure to have your student fill out their goal sheet and bring it back each time they reach a goal (base) for a prize. When your student makes it through all the bases and scores a homerun they will earn a free ticket to a Snappers' game. The last day of the Snappers' Reading Club is Friday March 29, 2019.

Additionally, we are selling tickets to the Todd Night at the Snappers-Friday May 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm. If your student earns a free ticket they are welcome to use it that night. The tickets are \$7.00 each and the PTO earns half of the price for each ticket sold. Please ask your student's teacher if you need a new form.

Did you know that Nutrition can improve student success?

A healthy, balanced diet is linked with academic achievement. In fact, the absence of certain food groups or nutrients in a child's diet can negatively impact grades and attendance. Kids who don't eat enough fruits, vegetables, milk and dairy foods tend to get lower grades than students who do meet dietary recommendations. Deficits of specific nutrients like vitamins A, B6, B12, C, folate, iron, zinc and calcium are associated with lower grades and higher rates of absenteeism and tardiness among students.

Room for Improvement in Kid Snack Choices

Research shows that kids get nearly one quarter of their daily calories from snacks-making snacks almost like the fourth meal of the day. Unfortunately, research also shows that healthy foods are NOT what's commonly on a child's snack tray. Kids are far more likely to snack on sweets or crunchy, salty snacks than nutrient rich food group foods.

How can you help?

- Provide a variety of nutritious foods at home-fruits/vegetables, whole grains, healthy sources of protein & low-fat dairy
- Keep high-calorie, low-nutrient foods and drinks out of the home-especially sugar-sweetened beverages
- Limit eating in restaurants and fast-food restaurants, and limit takeout food
- Teach children to pay attention to feelings of fullness: Offer smaller portions, allow them to choose their own portions, and don't force them to "clean their plates"
- Model healthy eating for children by choosing a healthy diet
- Eat dinner as a family at home, and get children involved in shopping for and preparing meals

****Don't forget to stop at the Todd School Pantry and stock your home with healthy food choices. The pantry is open every Monday from 2-5 and is available to all of our Todd families. Contact the office with any questions.**

¿Sabías que la nutrición puede mejorar el éxito de los estudiantes?

Una dieta sana y equilibrada está vinculada al logro académico. De hecho, la ausencia de ciertos grupos de alimentos o nutrientes en la dieta de un niño puede afectar negativamente las calificaciones y la asistencia. Los niños que no comen suficientes frutas, verduras, leche y productos lácteos tienden a obtener calificaciones más bajas que los estudiantes que sí cumplen con las recomendaciones dietéticas. Las deficiencias de nutrientes específicos como las vitaminas A, B6, B12, C, ácido fólico, hierro, zinc y calcio se asocian con calificaciones más bajas y tasas más altas de ausentismo y retraso entre los estudiantes.

Un espacio para mejorar las opciones de bocadillos para niños

Las investigaciones muestran que los niños obtienen casi una cuarta parte de sus calorías diarias de los bocadillos, lo que hace que sean casi como la cuarta comida del día. Desafortunadamente, la investigación también muestra que los alimentos saludables NO son lo que comúnmente se encuentra en la bandeja de bocadillos de un niño. Es mucho más probable que los niños coman dulces o bocadillos crujientes y salados que los alimentos ricos en nutrientes del grupo.

¿Cómo puedes ayudar?

- Proporcione una variedad de alimentos nutritivos en el hogar: frutas / verduras, granos integrales, fuentes saludables de proteínas y productos lácteos bajos en grasa.

- Mantenga las comidas y bebidas ricas en calorías y bajas en nutrientes fuera del hogar, especialmente las bebidas endulzadas con azúcar.

- Limite comer en restaurantes y restaurantes de comida rápida, y limite la comida para llevar.

- Enseñe a los niños a prestar atención a los sentimientos de plenitud: ofrezca porciones más pequeñas, permítales elegir sus propias porciones y no los obligue a "limpiar sus platos"

- Modele una alimentación saludable para los niños eligiendo una dieta saludable.

- Cene con su familia en casa y haga que los niños participen en la compra y preparación de comidas.



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