

Tortuga Preserve Elementary School Newsletter

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Tips from our Teacher Leaders

Are You a Bucket Filler?

At Tortuga we focus on the positive things each student and teacher is doing. Saying positive things about a person or "filling each other's bucket" makes everyone feel better and work harder. When your child comes home do you fill his/her bucket? Ex: "Thank you for..." or "I like when you..." add something positive they did. Do you ask questions and encourage his/her interests? "What did you like best about your day?" or "What do you hope you'll do tomorrow?" or "What are the names of 4 students you sit by?" All of the caring, and genuine bucket filling will make a difference in their life! Reference: Tom Rath. How Full is Your Bucket?



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our school is using The Leader in Me program as an introduction to personal leadership. Your child will have the capacity to lead in his/her life and affect those around him/her by making positive choices. The Leader in Me provides activities that will help children learn practical character and life skills that will lead to those positive choices. Through the use of the 7 Habits, students begin to realize that they have control over much of what happens in their lives and can be true leaders. Their choices can affect their day, their relationships, and their future.

Habit #1

Be Proactive means to take responsibility for your choices and behaviors. Habit 1 is the key to all of the other habits; that's why it comes first. Be Proactive says, "I am in charge of my own life. I am responsible for whether I am happy or sad. I can choose how I react to other people or situations. I am in the driver's seat." Young children can easily learn to understand that different choices yield different results. The goal is to teach them to think about those results before they decide what to do. Discussions can focus on taking care of themselves, taking care of their things, reacting or not reacting to others' behavior, planning ahead, and thinking about what the right thing to do is. With your child, think of ways to Be Proactive.

Additionally, the "Parent's Place" is available at www.TheLeaderInMe.org. Here you will find ideas to use at home to reinforce your child's learning and involve the family in a fun, interactive way (Franklin Covey Educational Solutions).

GALS News

The GALS are involved in a whirlwind of events and enjoying getting to know each other. The GALS are busy memorizing the pledge they created for our club. They have already started giving back to our community by volunteering for Building Better Readers, Math Night, filling PBS orders and reading to students from Ms. Grida's class. Mrs. Potts from Bank of America will be here on the 28th to talk about "Dressing for Success". We are excited to team up with the Varsity Lakes GEMS to have a craft night. They will create items for the Animal Shelter, Veterans, ACT shelter and our local Food Bank to bring holiday cheer. Our GALS have embraced the true meaning of giving friendship to other, which is part of their pledge. We are very proud and happy to announce Tortuga Preserve staff members have volunteered their time to mentor our GALS! Each girl has been assigned a mentor, and their first assignment is to introduce themselves using eye contact, firm handshake and a clear voice. Ms. Vest and Ms. Channels are extremely proud of our GALS!



Big Rig Books will be visiting our school November 10th. Big Rig Books is a mobile literacy outreach initiative focused on fostering recreational reading beyond the classroom by encouraging reading and providing books for children.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR ^{CT}

Of all the things we help our children learn and do, helping them to develop a healthy self-esteem is very important. It affects all aspects of their lives- how they learn, how they interact with friends, how they treat others, and how they handle adversity.

What is self-esteem?

Self-esteem is our beliefs about our self and how capable and loved we feel. It is our direct shield against life's challenges.

Mr. Gleason

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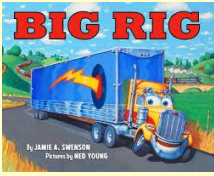






IXL Competition

Mrs. Woolverton won the trophy for three consecutive weeks in a row! Way to go Mrs. Woolverton! However, Mrs. Joyce's class has come in a very close second place for the last two weeks. Ms. Smith (Third Place), Ms. Aulenbach (Fourth Place) and Mrs. Pappas's (Fifth Place) classes rounded out the top five. Fifty-eight students received a snow cone on Friday! If the Fourth and Fifth Grade students practice 60 minutes outside of school hours on IXL they receive a snow cone. Last week we had 58 students from grades Fourth and Fifth receive the snow cones. Your hard work and dedication will pay off! Don't forget to download the free app on your device so they can take it anywhere.



Thank you to all the awesome volunteers that made our book fair a success. *You ROCK!!*



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5 Family Math Night Grades 3-5 5-5:30 Dinner 5:30-6:30 Math Activities 6:30-7:30 Bingo for Books 	6 Report Card Day 
Yankee Candle Fundraiser 23 rd -Nov. 6 th				
9	10 BIG RIG  By JAMIE A. SWENSON Pictures by MEB YOUNG	11 Schools Closed Veteran's Day 	12 GALS Meeting 7:30AM 	13 Veteran's Day Program 8:30-9:15 
16 Wooden Rose GALS Fundraiser starts: \$1 "Tell someone you are thankful for them"	17 Picture Re-take Day CHEESE!  SAC 5:30	18 <i>Please update emergency cards if your phone number/address has changed.</i>	19 	20 Interim Report Day 
Wooden roses for sale during lunch \$116th-20th				
23 GALS Mtg. 7:30AM	24 Food Pantry 4:00-6:00	25	26	27
Thanksgiving Break - Schools Closed 11/25-27				

Coming Next Month.....

Dec 7th-11th: PTA's Holiday House
 Dec. 10th: PTA Meeting-Dinner-Chorus Concert
 Dec 21st-Jan. 1st: Winter Break Schools Closed
 Jan. 4th: Students first day back from Winter Break

