



TFS Bulletin

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Happy October to our TFS Community!

I feel like I just wrote to you in the September newsletter yesterday and here we are in October. Everyone at TFS is busy in their routines of the day: breakfast, circle time, centers, lunch recess, literacy block, rest time and dismissal. I love this time of the year because the new-year jitters are subsiding and we haven't lost everyone's attention to the winter holidays...we are running smoothly and very productively.

I would like to talk for a few moments about TFS and our Scientific Research Based Intervention (SRBI) model. Schools all over the state are developing their plan to address students' development and progress through this model. The philosophy behind this state-wide initiative is that all students' progress should be monitored and adjusted before they meet with failure or inadequate progress and are referred to special education. This model suggests that support is delivered within a series of levels, or tiers. The first tier represents instruction and assessment that is provided to all students. The second tier of instruction and support is provided to students who are not making progress at the level they should be given their age and grade. The third tier is provided to the smallest amount of students, who are not making progress despite the first two levels of intervention. Think of the three levels as a pyramid with level one being the base, level two is the smaller middle part and level three the smallest point at the top.

One of the ways we can gauge our students' abilities is through assessments. Your child may have spoken to you about some of these assessments (DECA, ESI-R, Literacy assessments) taking place in their classroom by their teacher or another teacher. We will have more information to follow in future newsletters and at parent teacher conferences in November.

Enjoy the long weekend with your child and we will see them on Tuesday.

Dawn Davis

Whenever you enter or leave the parking area with your children, please hold a hand. There is a great deal of movement in the parking areas and in the walkways and no child of TFS age has the judgment to be left to walk alone in these areas. Not only that, they are short, which means that drivers can't see them when they are backing up. If your child resists, tell them it's a school rule. Thanks for your attention on this.



The Friendship School has collected over 3000 juice drink pouches and in December the school should be getting over \$64 for the collection of them. Keep saving your drink pouches!

Meadow Farms Fundraiser orders will be ready for parent pick-up starting on Friday, October 16th.

Important Dates

10/09/09: Professional Development- NO SCHOOL
10/12/09: Columbus Day- NO SCHOOL
10/14/09: Hispanic Heritage Dinner - 5:30-7:30pm
10/16/09: Pick-up for Meadow Farms Fundraiser

Hispanic Heritage Dinner Event
On October 14, 2009 from 5:30-7:00 we will be hosting our annual Hispanic Heritage dinner event. We will have special Hispanic cultural performances throughout the evening by students and special guests. Please bring a food item to share with families and staff. We are requesting the following food items: **Main Dishes, Side Dishes, Salads & Desserts**
Please remember we are a peanut-free school. Please label all food items.
All Friendship School Families are welcome.
Thank you,
The Hispanic Heritage Committee

