



Home of the
Kittens!

December News

TCES/SEC



School Year 2021-2022

News From the Principal

Parents, although Covid cases and quarantines are keeping some of our students at home, please continue to ensure your children are attending school every day! One of the best parts of my day is seeing the children as they are getting dropped off in the morning. They hug you and run into the school. This is what we are aiming for! Learning, acceptance, and friendship.

Happy Holidays!
Mrs. C. Bolke

Important Dates:

Half Day for Students
December 17

End of 2nd Quarter
December 17

Winter Break
December 20– Jan .5

Students Return
January 6

No School– MLK Jr. Day
January 17

Dear TCES/SEC Families,
As the semester is coming to a close, I want to wish each of you Happy Holidays!

Your students have worked tremendously hard in their classes, they have learned to be good friends, they are learning how to help one another. Gaining the social skills has not always been easy after their long break of hybrid learning, but I have seen your children learning to get along

and understand how others may be feeling.

Your children's teachers are building a foundation in reading, writing, and math. They are learning to work with manipulatives to understand those hard concepts in math. They are using several different reading platforms, books, Reading Plus, and Read Naturally, to increase our reading skills. Writing is incorporated throughout classes and is developing, daily.

News From Student Council

During the month of December, Student Council will continue our first fundraiser. Members are selling hot chocolate Monday through Thursday mornings for \$1.00 per cup!

Funds raised throughout the year will be utilized for various community and school projects, as well as senior scholarships. Students are really excited for the fundraiser. It is the perfect way to warm up during these cold mornings!



News From Art Class

Students continue to work hard in art class! This month we are focusing on making decorative objects.

Kindergarten through third graders are working with spirals and concentric circles. These shapes are used by many artists; students discussed where spirals can be found in nature and math. We even looked at Fibonacci numbers and spirals!

Fourth and fifth graders are also crafting 3D objects. They are working with clay, paint, and paper.

We have so many great art projects planned for this year that we hope that there are no more interruptions due to surging Covid cases. If your child is needing to be remote, or if there is another shutdown, there are plenty of activities posted on

Schoology. Feel free to email if you have any questions.

Please ask your child about their creative activities at school. Hopefully they will be able to share a tidbit or a chunk of information!

Be well,

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News About the Spelling Bee!

Hi Families:

TCES and SEC will hold its first annual spelling bee on Thursday, January 13. Classroom spelling bees will be held earlier in the week and one to two students from each class will participate in the school spelling bee.

Our school spelling champion will represent us in the El Paso Spelling Bee. The winner of THAT bee will participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which will be in the late spring of 2022 in National Harbor, Maryland.

Please note that during the school competition, students will be given words randomly, without regard for age or grade. The spelling study list has been posted on Facebook. There are plenty of paper copies available. Students can also ask their teacher to print the list for them. For more information about the Scripps program, for study tips, and for reading lists, please visit

www.spellingbee.com

Please don't hesitate to email me with any questions.

Happy studying!

Thea Storz

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News From Music

Hello from music! For the month of December, we will be playing with a variety of different instruments including the xylophone, drums, bells, etc. We have been learning about The Nutcracker and will be performing some of the songs we learned from The Nutcracker with different types of instruments in class. I hope everyone has a wonderful winter break!

- Abby Harrison



News From PE

December news from physical education:

Remember to wear tennis shoes on P.E. days. K-5th will be working on soccer skills.

Thank you,

Ms. Fuss

PE Schedule

K- Every Other Monday & Every Thursday

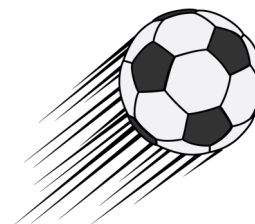
1st- Every Tuesday & Every Other Friday

2nd- Every Other Monday & Every Wednesday

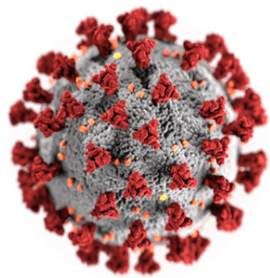
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4th- Every Tuesday & Every Other Friday

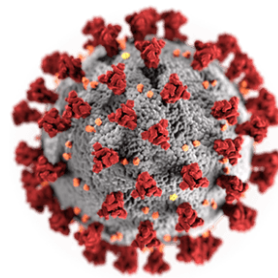
5th -Every Other Monday & Every Thursday



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News From The Nurse



Hello Families,

As everyone is aware, we are seeing a spike in Covid cases in students, family members and staff. Unfortunately, we are all subject to this virus. It has no friends. We are trying our best to keep the schools open and without your help we will not be able to. I know everyone is tired of the masks but we have to continue wearing them. We are seeing numerous students who come to school without them or are continually losing them or wearing them improperly. Please visit with your student about these issues because, when we have to shut student's classrooms down it affects the student learning and becomes a hardship on others and possibly yourselves.

Wearing a face masks slows the spread of COVID-19 by reducing the distribution of respiratory droplets by the wearer. The most important function of masks is source control. When there is universal mask-wearing, people protect each other from getting the virus. Mask-wearing, coupled with social distancing, hygiene practices, and other transmission-reducing practices, are critical for reducing the contagion rate of COVID-19.



Everyone is required to wear a mask the correct way, while in a school building, on school transportation, or at a school-sponsored event. If your kiddos are sick or if you think it might be a cold or allergies, please have them checked, because a lot of the Covid symptoms are the same. A lot of times when I send a student home, they do not have a temperature but do have other symptoms, so just because they don't have a fever at first, it is not an indicator that they don't have Covid.

Covid Symptoms include:

Chills, Cough, Shortness of Breath, Fatigue, Loss of Smell, Headache, Sore throat, Muscle/ Body aches, Diarrhea, Congestion/ Runny nose, Nausea, Vomiting, Fever.

If your kiddo has any symptoms, please keep them home. Thank you for helping to keep kids in school.



I wish you all a safe and healthy Holiday season.

Nurse Annette M.

