

TIGER



TIMES

Mrs. Kathy Pasquariello - Principal

Mrs. Heather Folmar - Asst. Principal

CALENDAR

December 2016

8 - Early Release day 11:30am
 9 - Geography Bee 8:30am (4th & 5th)
 16- Tiger Trust Ice Cream Party
 20 - Cookie Exchange for Teachers
 23 - No School (Teacher Work Day)
 26 - Start of Winter Vacation

January 2017 (Partial Calendar)

9 - Students Return to School
 13 - Club Pictures (School Uniform)
 16- No School
 17-31 - Pennies for Patients to benefit Leukemia
 20 - Spelling Bee 8:00am (4th & 5th)

PTA has a NEW WEBSITE!

If you are looking for forms, flyers, general information and more, check us out at www.timbertracepta.weebly.com!

Thank you Business Partners!

Vargas Orthodontics
 SportsTyme
 So Crafty Art
 i9 Sports
 SuperKids Pediatrics
 Gundaloo.com
 Mathnasium of Palm Beach Gdns/ Jupiter
 Maaco Collision Repair & Auto Painting
 American Top Team Palm Beach Gardens
 Meier Orthodontics
 Huang's Martial Arts

If you would like more information on becoming a TTES Business Partner please contact Juan Uribe at: Juan.Uribe@fpl.com

Dear TTES Families,

Happy Holidays to all of you! It is such a busy time for all of us during the holiday season. It's important for us to take time to care for ourselves and those around us. It can also be a time to begin teaching our children about helping others who may be less fortunate than ourselves. Our Holiday Toy Drive kicked off last week and families can still donate as little or as much as they are able to support families in need in our very own community.

This season we encourage all of you to take time to relax and enjoy each special moment with your children. Snuggle up with a good book or tell a story. Talk with your child each day about how their day is going and let them express themselves through their own words about what is important to them. Set those electronics aside and take time to talk with each other!

From all of the staff at Timber Trace Elementary to all of our families, community partners and especially our students we wish you a joyous and happy holiday!

*Yours in education,
 Mrs. Pasquariello*

Tiger Trust

Thank you to those that have donated! Your student(s) will be receiving an invitation to the Tiger Trust Ice Cream Party on December 16th. Remember 100% of the Tiger Trust proceeds go to the PTA to help fund projects that enrich the education of every child at our school. This includes support for our teachers and new technology. The Tiger Trust program ensures that Timber Trace remains an "A" rated, 5 Star School! There is still time to invest in Tiger Trust and receive great rewards like tickets to the spring Magic Show and Fun Fair, as well as Parents Night Out and the Principal's Luncheon. For more information and Tiger Trust forms please visit the PTA website. ALL INVESTMENTS ARE 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Timber Trace Business Partners - A Great way to Support TTES!

Dear Parents and Community Members:

Forming a business partnership is a phenomenal opportunity for businesses to support your local schools. By becoming a business partner with Timber Trace Elementary, and making a tax-deductible donation, you will receive favorable exposure with over 850 local families and the community.

Your entire donation will go towards the school to help purchase items including computer software, books, materials, supplies and much more.

Business partners will receive recognition in the school newsletter, on a fence banner, on our business partner webpage and PTA social media. Most importantly you are partnering to support the schools and our future generations! In addition, you will be able to distribute flyers throughout the year to our families and receive an invitation to our Annual Fun Fair in April to promote your business.

Fall into Fun

Oh what a night! Thank you to all the families that came out to support PTA's Community Fall Event. It was a wonderful evening filled with books and a delicious pasta dinner and dessert donated by Brio Tuscan Grille & Haagen Dazs.

Thank you to our event coordinator Jillian Veroxie for all her hard work that made the evening such a success. Also, thank you to all our teachers, staff and volunteers that helped set up, serve and clean up - we couldn't have done it without you!

Menchie's Friday

Thank you Tigers for coming out and supporting our November Menchie's Friday. It was another great turnout and we raised \$71.13. **Our next Menchie's Friday will be December 9th.** Please mark your calendar for January 13th for our Menchie's Friday after the holiday break. Hope to see you there for a delicious Menchie's treat!

Supper Club Update

Tigers, thank you for supporting our supper club event at Five Guys Burgers & Fries! We raised \$469 from that evening! Look for more supper club events starting in January!

Holiday Joy Drive

We are collecting shoes/sneakers/toys/books/clothing for the Palm Beach Gardens Police And Fire Department's Annual Holiday "Joy" Drive. Please drop off unwrapped items in the front office until December 12. Help us make a child's holiday a little brighter by making a donation. Any questions? Call Mrs. Arbit at 561-366-6211.

Cookie Exchange for Teachers

We will be in need of volunteers to help sort and distribute holiday cookies to our teachers on Tuesday, December 20th after morning drop off. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at timbertracepta@gmail.com. If you haven't already, this is a great opportunity to get involved with PTA.

Positive Behavior Support Corner

Students are being recognized for their Random Acts of Kindness during the month of December. For each kindness shown, a heart is placed on our Grinch's bulletin board. The goal is to fill the Grinch's heart with love this holiday season.

Please support TTES by completing your holiday shopping online through www.schoolstore.com. This is a year long fundraiser and purchases can be made online at any time.

Box Tops

Great job, everyone! Thanks to all the Box Tops you turned in, our school received a check from Box Tops For Education™ for \$1,043.40. These funds will help PTA purchase new technology for the school. Our goal for the year is \$2,000. Keep the Box Tops coming in! We'll be submitting again in late February and we'll receive a second check in April.

Remember to clip and collect Box Tops over winter break so you can turn them in when we return to school in January! You can find Box Tops on many of the products you will be using for dinners and parties. For a list of participating products, go to BTFE.com. Thanks for your support. Have a great break!

Media Update

In the media center we promote STEM through literature and we held our STEM airplane contest again this year. The objective was to complete the most loops rather than go the furthest distance like last year. The winning team from each fifth grade class was entered into a drawing and 20 lucky students will attend a special tour of Jet Aviation facility on Dec. 14th. The students will have an amazing opportunity to see how these airplanes operate and ask question of the staff who work closely with these air crafts.

BOB is Back!!!! Battle of the Books is a competition where we battle with our minds! We are meeting and practicing for our big battle in January. Teams consist of 5 students and each member was required to read 5 titles off the SSYRA list. (15 titles in all). Please join me in congratulating our students for committing to this challenge! We wish all our teams good luck!

Our 4th graders have all read The Last Egret by Harvey Oyer and are getting very excited about his visit on Jan. 10th for a presentation at 8:30 in our cafeteria. Students have been eagerly checking out and reading several other titles in his Charlie Pierce series! What a great opportunity for our student to experience Florida's history first hand.

4th Grade St. Augustine Trip

Fourth Grade St. Augustine Trip final payment is due. Please pay \$30 by check or online.

5th Grade Recess Runners

Fifth grade students participate in a lot of healthy activities at recess such as soccer, catch, tag, and basketball. One group of fifth graders, called Recess Runners, likes to walk and run with their friends while getting healthy. So far this year, this group has traveled more than 2,500 miles! For each 5 miles that a student runs, he/she gets a charm. Each month there is an opportunity to earn a themed charm for running 2 miles in a single day. Look for these Recess Runners all over campus proudly wearing their necklaces and charms.

TTEs FIFTH GRADERS HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Our wonderful fifth graders were asked to help a local charity, "Kiting for Kids" with a toy collection drive to help children in our community with severe medical issues. Our students designed 30 boxes with winter and holiday themes. Their projects were done with many kinds of paint, including tempera, glitter and metallic. The results were amazing, earning them praise for their hard work and talent. Over 100 students had their work displayed in north area businesses and their project were featured in the Jupiter Courier. Congratulations to these talented and caring students!

The Hour of Code

With demand growing for students with skills in computer science and programming, **Code.org** launched The Hour of Code.

Timber Trace students will have Hour of Code activities in the months of December and January. We hope the challenge will spark students' interest in learning more about computer technology. Even if students don't intend on growing up to become computer programmers, advocates insist that learning code can help students succeed in a broad range of skills.

President Barack Obama is lending his name to the project with a video that encourages students to take up the challenge. The video can be viewed by visiting <http://bit.ly/1gSZQls> or searching YouTube for "Hour of Code + Obama".

Navigate to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJiOJ2FbK1I> to see how Computer Science is changing everything.

"Everybody in this country should learn how to program a computer...because it teaches you how to think," said Steve Jobs in a 1995 interview. All students can learn to code. Girls and students of color are severely underrepresented in computer science. The Hour of Code provides a fun, engaging introduction to coding aimed at absolute programming beginners. Students of any age can get started by visiting <https://studio.code.org/> to begin coding tutorials. New this year are grade 2-5 tutorials based on the Disney movie Moana!

Grade K-2 students have not registered for The Hour of Code. Parents may do so if they wish.

Grade 3-5 students will use their 8-digit student ID number for both username and password to log into The Hour of Code after they register in Technology class.

Code.org is a non-profit dedicated to giving every student in every school the opportunity to learn computer science, and expanding participation of girls and students of color. Learn more at www.Code.org.

i-Ready

i-Ready supports instruction using engaging, contemporary animation; the lessons are challenging and interactive. The result is an experience that attracts and holds your child's interest while also teaching important skills and concepts. These lessons are proven to help students grow academically. As students complete each assignment successfully, they earn credits that can be used to play games.

i-Ready instruction provides a series of comprehensive reports designed to make classroom instruction more effective. These reports include data about student performance on these individualized lessons so that teachers can make informed decisions about the instruction that is right for your child. Homeroom teachers will inform students when home use of i-Ready is beneficial.

i-Ready has two free apps available from i-Tunes. **Door 24 Plus** for grades 1-5. Door 24 Plus focuses on fact fluency and computational fluency. **World's Worst Pet** focuses on vocabulary development for fourth and fifth grade students.

Parents are encouraged to help their child(ren) memorize the student portal username and password. Students use the portal at mysdpsc.org to access district-approved learning resources.

Student Portal Username = s (followed by student ID number, without "pb")

Student Portal Username Example = s12345678

Student Portal Password = last 4 digits of student ID number, followed by capitalized initials, followed by last 2 digits of birth year

Student Portal Password Example for Harry Potter born in 1980 = 5678HP80



Business Partner Spotlight



Mathnasium of Palm Beach Gardens-Jupiter, a math only learning center, opened in 2010 and serves the Palm Beach Gardens and Jupiter communities. Our Managing Director Constance Tisdale, has always been passionate about education for students and holds a BS in Education from Northwestern University.

It is our mission to help kids in our community excel in math through both year-round math and summer math programs. Our unique assessments and curricula address fundamental skills gaps and enrichment needs from grades 2 through High School math courses. We are also your "GO TO" center for homework clarification and support.

Our focus has always been to instruct students as to the "WHY" of math, rather than just promoting rote and mindless memorization, to enhance the critical thinking skills of our students. We also pride ourselves in creating an upbeat atmosphere with caring and extremely capable staff of math experts in order to pair a positive environment with math. Confidence building is a major priority for us!

We are proud to be business partners with area schools in our community. We are thought of as a resource to help students reach their potential in math.

Here are some comments from parents:

"I brought my daughter to Mathnasium at the referral of a friend. My daughter (2nd grade) was not having trouble at math but I'm a big believer that if your child falls behind in math they are going to have trouble catching up, and math concepts build upon one another. She has been going to Mathnasium 2 times a week for 3 months. Not only is the feedback from her teacher positive but my daughter is so confident. She was recently given a "questionnaire" in her guidance class. The question was "what are you proud of?" her response was "that I only got 2 wrong out of 40 questions on my mid-year math assessment."

"A couple years ago she was doing math at another center and getting her to do the at-home work was a challenge. She loves that Mathnasium does not send work home (so do I!). She also loves the consistency of instructors."

"I could not be happier with Mathnasium. I tell this to Connie each time I go in!"

Mathnasium is located at the Frenchman's Crossing Shopping Center at the corner of Alternate A1A and Hood Road. Call us today at (561) 626-5966 and find out how we can help your student.

A decorative string of colorful lights (red, green, and blue) is draped across the top of the "Happy Holidays!" text.

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