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# TIMES

Mrs. Kathy Pasquariello - Principal

Mrs. Heather Folmar - Asst. Principal

#### **CALENDAR**

#### January 2017

9 - Students Return to School

13 - Club Pictures (School Uniform)

16- No School

17-31 - Pennies for Patients to benefit

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

20 - Spelling Bee 8:30am (4th & 5th)

23 - School Advisory Council Meeting 2:30p

23-27 - Literacy Week

26 - PTA General Meeting #2 6pm Science Night

27 - Class Pictures (school Uniform)

#### February 2017

1 - Supper Club - McDonald's (Proceeds to Benefit Literacy)

2 - Early Release Day

**Vargas Orthodontics** 

**Huang's Martial Arts** 

8 - PTA Board Meeting - Open Invite 8:00am

#### 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!

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

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 New Year and welcome back to the 2017 school year! We hope all of you were able to find some well deserved time to relax and enjoy your family. It has been wonderful to see all of our students back at school and ready to learn! This month we are looking forward to celebrating Literacy Week from January 23rd through January 27th with the theme titled "Literacy Changes our World"! Please take time this month to celebrate Literacy with your child at home by settling down with a good book! Join us at McDonald's on February 1st to Celebrate Literacy with our Timber Trace teachers and families.

We are also looking forward to our PTA Science Night on January 26th. We invite all of you to attend an evening filled with exciting Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) activities for students to engage in throughout the evening. Please come and join in the fun!

In December, the district purchased 150 chrome books to increase the number of computers in each classroom. We would like to send a huge thank you to our PTA for purchasing additional Chromebook computers as well as Chrome book carts to increase the access for students! Thanks PTA!!

The staff at Timber Trace Elementary wish you and your family the very best in 2017!

Yours in education,
Mrs. Pasquariello

#### **Tiger Trust**

Thank you to those that have donated! For those that invested at the Gold level of higher, your student(s) will receive an invitation to Parents Night Out in March. There is still time to invest in Tiger Trust and receive great rewards like tickets to the spring Magic show, Fun Fair, Parent's Night Out and the Principle's Luncheon. Remember, 100% of the proceeds from Tiger Trust help fund projects to 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! For more information and Tiger Trust forms, please visit the PTA website. ALL INVESTMENTS ARE 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

#### **Cookie Exchange for Teachers**

We would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers and parents who baked delicious cookies for our teachers and staff for the holidays. It is such a wonderful tradition and greatly appreciated by all.

#### **Magic Show - Save the Date!**

Friday, March  $10^{th}$  is our annual magic show with the Amazing Mr. A. You won't want to miss this family fun event. Look for the flyer and ticket information to come home in mid-February.

# <u>Timber Trace Business Partners - A Great way to</u> 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 in PTA social media feeds, and most importantly, 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.

#### **PTA Board Meeting – Open Invite**

Are you interested in getting more involved in our school and PTA? Do you have a lot of creative ideas but not sure who to share them with? Join us on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the cafeteria for our Open Invite PTA Board Meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, share ideas on how to support our students and school. Come out, bring another class parent and discover what positions are available in PTA. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

### **Menchie's Friday!:**

Thank you Tigers for coming out to support our December Menchie's Friday. We raised another \$56.28! Please mark your calendars with the following Menchie's dates:

January 13 February 10 March 3

March 31 May 19

Remember that 20% of the proceeds will be donated back to our school when you mention Timber Trace at the time of purchase!

#### **Fun Fair Raffles**

Tigers, we need your help! Are you affiliated with a local business that might be able to donate a raffle item for our annual Fun Fair? Movie tickets, restaurant gift cards, cosmetics baskets, summer camps, rounds of golf - we welcome and appreciate all donations! Please contact PTA at <a href="mailto:timbertracepta@gmail.com">timbertracepta@gmail.com</a> of you have something to donate.

#### **Shady Lakes Drive to open soon**

Shady Lakes Dr. will be opening for traffic on January 17th. Traffic will be able to exit from 117th court north through Shady Lakes onto PGA Blvd.

Traffic will NOT be able to enter TTES if coming from Shady Lakes in the morning during arrival or the afternoon during dismissal. There will be no left turns into the school from 7:30 am- till 4:30 pm.

## **Traffic Safety**

We would like to thank all of you for your patience and flexibility as we have worked through our new traffic patterns this year. As we begin the new year we want to give a few reminders to assist in keeping all of our students and families safe in the drop-off and pick-up line:

- 1. Be courteous to others  $\,$  merging into the car line from Central and 117th Ct.
- 2. Pull as far forward as possible before letting your student in or out of the car
- 3. Make sure your child, as well as the safety patrol, are on the sidewalk before driving away
- 4. Always have students exit from the passenger side of the car
- 5. Please Do NOT use your cell phone while in the traffic line. Your focus and attention are needed at all times to keep your child safe.

#### **Box Tops**

Welcome back to school, parents! I hope everyone enjoyed winter break. We received our December check from the Box Tops for Education™ program and earned \$1,043. Way to go! We still need your help clipping and turning in Box Tops for us to reach this year's goal of \$2,000. The next submission deadline is March 1. We will receive our last check of the school year in April. Let's finish the school year strong!

#### **Literacy Week**

Literacy Week is scheduled for Jan. 23-27th. The theme is "Literacy Changes the World". We have already been planning many exciting activities. On Monday we will have Duncan FBLA students come and read to some of our primary classes. On Wednesday we will have Jersey Day; wear your favorite team jersey. Our annual McDonald's Night is scheduled for February 1st from 4-8 pm at Promenade Plaza. Please make plans to attend as a portion of the proceeds from TTES guests goes to support our literacy initiative here at Timber Trace. Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) will be held on Friday afternoon. Remember to bring a towel and a good book! We will again host a school wide community project. This year we will have a school supply drive to benefit the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County ...Please keep an eye out for further details. Happy Reading!

#### Congratulations to Ms. Homa's Class!

Congratulations to Ms. Homa's class for collecting the most money during The Boosterthon! They were awarded a field trip to So Crafty where they made fun winter items for their families.

#### <u>Kindergarten Day of Service</u>

The Kindergarten students participated in a day of service by giving back to our community on December 19th. Each Kindergarten teacher had a special project for the students to make. The students rotated through all 7 classes during the day. They made special items for the PBG Police, PBG Fire Dept., Quantum House, Homeless Shelter, VA Medical Center, Foster Teens, and Meals on Wheels. It was a great way to teach them about giving back to our wonderful community!

## **Jeans for Technology**

A one-time donation of \$10 allows a student to wear jeans every Friday in January, February, and March. Students are required to wear a school spirit or uniform shirt. Proceeds from "Jeans for Technology" will be used to maintain and expand school technology. Please direct donations to homeroom teachers or the front office. Jeans for Technology is sponsored by the Timber Trace Technology & Media Committee.

## **Keyboarding Practice**

Learning to keyboard is an important skill. It potentially frees those students whose writing output is slowed by the act of putting pencil to paper. This writing effort may inhibit the student's ability to be creative and do their best. Understanding that future standardized testing will be completed online, it is recommended that students begin to learn to keyboard in elementary school.

Keyboarding is defined as the correct finger placement on the keyboard and entering words at about the same speed that the child can write using paper and pencil. When students become proficient in keyboarding, they will be able to enter words faster than they can be produced by using paper and pencil.

Learning to keyboard takes time and effort. It is important for each child to learn correct finger placement. This needs to be automatic and rapid. Although your child will be exposed to keyboarding at school, the practice time required to learn this skill is greater than the time devoted to this task in the school setting.

The two sites noted below are excellent, free online resources.

Dance Mat Typing: <a href="www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/">www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/</a>

The Typing Club: www.typingclub.com

## **Timber Trace Business Partner Spotlight - Vargas Orthodontics**

Vargas Orthodontics is the business behind those helpful car hangers and the banner that hangs in the car loop. We are a proud supporter of Timber Trace Elementary and have enjoyed participating in several Timber Trace events over the years such as the Science Night and Fun Fair. At Science Night we always have fun showing the students how science works in the real world by taking impressions of children's fingers and bending magic orthodontic wires in different directions. Once again we will be sponsoring this year's Science Night on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and will bring our science tricks with us. At the Fun Fair we always have an exhibit table and give-aways to hand out to students. You can count on us to donate a dental hygiene basket to help the school raise funds at that event. We will also be visiting the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to perform our educational oral healthcare skit on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, which includes singing, dancing, and audience participation. Every student in attendance receives his and her own oral hygiene bag. Over the years, we have given out hundreds of these goodie bags.

Dr. Alberto Vargas grew up in Jupiter and his family still lives here. He has a wife and 3 sons. His office is friendly, neat, and especially caring. Vargas Orthodontics will work with any budget and insurance plan to make braces possible for your family. We are also bilingual and have varying hours so that you do not have to miss much school. Print this letter out with the attached coupon, so that you can get your savings. Forward this to a friend who comes in to get braces, and you will get a referral reward. We look forward to seeing more students from Timber Trace. Thank you for your business.



# **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society**

Timber Trace is collecting donations for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Pasta for Pennies program. The fundraiser will begin on January 9th and will end on January 27th. The LLS is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. Donations support LLS research, patient services, advocacy, public and professional education, and community services. You can help by sending in coins or bills which will be counted towards your child's class total. The class that raises the most will win a pasta party! We also have an online fundraising program. Please visit our web page: <a href="http://events.lls.org/pages/pb/TimberTraceElementarySchool-2017">http://events.lls.org/pages/pb/TimberTraceElementarySchool-2017</a>. Our school goal this year is to raise \$2,000.00. For any questions, please contact the adviser of Student Council/K-Kids: Mrs. Sirlin.

# **Science Night**

Please join us Thursday, January 26 at 6pm for the PTA General Meeting and Science Night. The South Florida Science Center is bringing their outreach STEAM program for our event. This is a great opportunity for your student to experience fun, hands on science activities. The flyer with complete details will be coming home soon in your child's backpack.