From the Curriculum Director,

I am thankful for this school. Where else would you find the director singing of pumpkins wearing a candle on his head?

November has some important dates to be thankful for as well.

Monday November 5th, Mr. Kelly will be painting Time Machines at the Manzanares Campus. A Time Machine is a smallish rug or piece of cloth, into which students step to solve conflicts. He invites students and parents to take the time to help create 7 of these rugs for classes. We will paint from 10:00 to 12:00. Parents must stay with and help their kids. Demonstrations on the layout, creation and use of the time machine will be given.

Please RSVP.  warren@tisataos.org

On November 12th and 13th, parents will be meeting with teachers in conference. The opportunity to use two whole days to conduct these conference rights is a blessing.

Happy November,

Warren Kelly
TISA
**TISA PTA**

It was so great to see so many smiling faces having fun at the Fall Festival. We raised just over $250 thanks to our 50/50 raffle, and a generous $75 contribution from our raffle winner Donna Longo. Also a big thanks to Cid’s for donating refreshments to keep our children smiling!!! A great kick off to our 2012 – 2013 Fundraising Goal of $10,000!

The mission of the TISA PTA is to directly support learning opportunities for our children; our goal is to create a fun family friendly environment at our school. We are in need of volunteers to head up committees for fundraising events to help us reach our $10,000 goal. This money will be used once again to help fund field trips for kindergarten through eighth grades as well as help to pay for much needed school and art supplies for the 2013 – 2014 school year! Please feel free to contact our PTA President Molly McMullin at molly@twirlhouse.com, if you are interested in helping out!

All parents are welcome to attend meetings as often as they would like to contribute ideas, and help our school community grow in a constructive way. We encourage all parents to get involved in any way that you can. There will be no TISA PTA meeting in the month of November due to Parent Teacher conferences and Thanksgiving break our next meeting will be on Tuesday December 4th at 5:30 pm. Pizza and childcare will be available.

**From the Foundation**

The Friends of TISA Foundation met on Wednesday, October 24th. We are focusing on developing our publicity materials to present to potential donors. We are looking for funds to pay a professional designer. If you like to help us achieve this goal by donating to us, please let us know. We will also be having a bake sale at Cid’s Food market soon. Donations will be needed. Look out for further news about this event. Everyone is always welcome to join us at our meetings. They are held the last 4th Wednesday of the month at 5pm. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 28th.

**Arrival of baby Brayden!**

Miss Nicole would like to announce the birth of her son baby Brayden. Brayden was born at Holy Cross Hospital on Monday, October 29th at 2:28pm. Nicole would like to thank all of our parents and staff for the support during her maternity leave. Nicole will be in and out of the office for the next few months and is still receiving all e-mails. Please continue to be patient with our office sub Tanya. Miss Nicole looks forward to seeing you all very soon and continues to work from home to help in any way possible.
I have some good news, TSV has the registration packets ready for the 2012-2013 school ski program. The link is http://www.skitaos.org/content/school-releasestc, it will take you to TSV school registration homepage. Please print out all 6 pages and sign and initial every page that needs it. Copies of the registration packet will also be in both offices if you are not able to print them out. Please make sure you check the ski or snowboard option on the 3rd page. Please make sure payment is turned in along with the registration packets, $135. Payment will only be accepted in the form of check, money order, or credit card which will be filled out on the 3rd page of the registration packet. Please note that the bus fee will be paid to TISA separately. Once all the registration packets are turned in I can get you an amount. The bus fee should be paid no later than December 18th. All registration packets must be turned into the office no later than November 16th and will be mailed out to TSV on Tuesday, November 27th. The school ski program will start January 14th and end on February 11th.

TISA PHI,

Don’t forget! There is a TISA PHI mascot creation competition!

At this time I have just a handful of submissions. Students will design the TISA PHI (rhymes with pi). They will also write a creation or origin story for the TISA PHI. The TISA PHI, CHAMPION OF THE 3 C's and TISA-NESS!

Why a Phi? Phi is a letter in the Greek and Roman alphabet that is used to symbolize an important and universal mathematical truth. This truth has been given various names: "The Divine Proportion," and "The Golden Ratio," among them. Phi is present in natural processes of GROWTH. It is also present in the HARMONICS of music. Many people associated Phi with Fibonacci’s Spiral - which is the shape in a sea shell, and the shape of a galaxy.

But what if PHI was a creature? What would he/she/it look like, how would he/she/it move and talk? What would he/she/it do or say?

That, my friends, is the challenge. Submissions will be judged by the PTA. TISA will have a mascot. The award for this winning submission is that this submission will be used to develop, and improve our presentation to the community.

Warren Kelly
First grade held a sharing circle where we expressed how helping others made us feel inside. Words such as, "Hopeful, good, joyful, happy, helpful" and "Like a good person" were exchanged within our class.

In 3rd Grade we are thankful for “…life, what we have, family, nice parents, friends, homes, Legos, cats, dogs, pets, weekends, houses, food that’s on our tables, to be alive, water, fish, shelter, electricity, school, teachers, chess club, and great things we get to do…”

Happy Thanksgiving from Ms. Ale’s Class!

We the TISA fifth grade are thankful for:
best friends, a good education, burritos, ice cream, lots of art, dance, parents and family, pets, a small and good school, being alive and life itself, food, homes, & shelter, good teachers, teachers who appreciate their job, fishing, the world, sugar, movies, water, helpful people, bacon, cows, eccentric people, awesome, beautiful people, no bullies, comics, anime and books, a good president, steak, beef & elk jerky, a relatively good country, cotton candy, music, popsicles, trees, people that aren’t afraid to express themselves, a safe environment to be risk takers in, everything, cool hats, wilderness, cookie monster, paper creations, awesome clothes, sports and martial arts, internet, donuts, duck tape, drama, happy childhood, pancakes, whipped cream, Domo, and of course PIZZA.

Welcome to November!! October came and went so quickly. This month we are continuing to work on our film unit. We will be making timelines and writing our first research paper. We are excited about the film unit. We are entering new territory in math! Algebraic expression!! We have finished our ABC books and will be presenting to the first grade very soon. Come and see our first books of the year!! Have a great break to everyone!! WE WISH YOU WELL - the 7th grade!!