

TISA

TAOS INTEGRATED SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

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THE TISA GAZETTE

Director's Message:



School Ski Program

We are now able to move forward with the school ski program for grades 2nd and up. Registration packets need to be turned into the office by Monday, November 28, 2011. This is a 5 week program starting on Monday, January 16th through February 13th. The cost is \$135 for 5 half days which includes equipment. Lunch is not provided so be sure to pack one. Payment should be turned in with the registration packet and Maya will be our main sponsor for the school. Many parents have already volunteered, thank you and I will keep you updated as more information comes in. I am working very hard to get the shredders program going for K-1st grade. In order to make the program work, we will need at least 20 kids from these grades participating in the shredders program. This is also a 5 week program starting on the same date as the school ski program. The cost is \$325 for a full day lesson, lunch, and supervision. So far I have about 12 kids signed up and need 8 more kids. Call me for more information if needed!



PTA Update!

The TISA PTA, now nationally affiliated as well as a 501c3 Association, has already had three very well attended meetings. We are looking forward to a productive year directly supporting learning opportunities for our children. It was so great to see so many smiling faces having fun at the Fall Festival. We raised just over \$400 thanks to our raffle, sixth grade cake walk, and a generous \$100 contribution from our raffle winner Shanene Tomlinson. A great kick off to our 2011 – 2012 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. Thus far we have been successful in forming a committee for fundraising to help us reach our \$10,000 goal. We are now working on getting groups of parents together to work on Playground Improvement as well as parent education and family support. Please be sure to look for a letter in your mail within the next week, and take the time to read it, we truly need your financial support.

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. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 15th at 5:30 pm. Pizza and childcare will be available. The next fundraising committee meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 8th, at 4:15pm. Childcare is available for the fundraising meetings as well.



Hope to see you there!

1st Grade!

First Grade has been learning about Ancient Egypt. They have made crocodiles to put on our "Nile River". Next, they will each make their own miniature sarcophagus and "mummy" to put in it. Our goal is to make the inside of our classroom look like the inside of a pyramid.



LOST & FOUND!!

We have a lost and found box located by the Office. Since the weather is slowly changing and students are wearing jackets more often, we are finding many jackets being left behind on the playground.

Please stop by the lost and found box see if any of the items in the box belong to your child. The box is filling up fast with nice jackets.

4th Grade

The 4th grade has been doing a study of plants and animals. So far we have learned about the cuttlefish, the mouse, and we are working on the lion. Each student has chosen an animal to write a report on. The reports are due November 4th; please remind your 4th graders of this important date.

In Math, we are learning measurements. We have done meters, centimeters, kilometers, inches, yards, feet, miles, grams, kilograms, and now we are working on pounds and ounces. After our measurement unit we will be working on fractions. As you can see, we are learning a lot in our class!

Eden Ratigan

5th Grade!

In October, the 5th grade read a translation of "L' Morte d' Arthur" - the Arthurian legends. They also read from Chaucer's "Cantebury Tales." Using these original texts as a springboard for their own writing and drama, the 5th grade then recreated the legends as multi-step tableaux dramatic pieces.



In the sciences, the 5th grade enjoyed testing the proposition that soda companies were leaving a small space in their aluminum cans empty. Indeed the stated portion of 355 mL of soda is less than the capacity of the can, which ranged from 360 to 380 mL. We hypothesized that the extra space was used to reduce spilling a newly opened can and to account for pressure due to the carbonation of the can.

We are investigating the Black Death in honor of the season. Good and gross. That's how we like it.

These 5th grade kids are doing really truly well. Good thinking.

Warren Kelly 5th grade teacher.



CALENDAR REMINDERS!!

End of grading period 1

Friday, November 4th

PTA Meeting

Tuesday, November 8th at 5:30

Parent Teacher Conference

-No Enrichment, Monday 11/7

-No School, Tuesday 11/8

Monday & Tuesday, November 7th & 8th

Governing Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 9th at 6:00

TISA campus, in upper building.

Fundraising Committee

Tuesday, November 15th at 4:15

Thanksgiving Holiday- No School

November 21-25

Ski registration packet due

Monday, November 28th

Special Thanks!

Thank you to Jeremy Smith father of a Kindergartener and 2nd grader for helping with the cleanup in front of our building and making a dump run!

Thank you to Matthew Ryan father of a 1st grader for the cleanup of mountains worth of cardboard and trash in front of the office!
TISA appreciates you!

EARN AND LEARN!

Use your Smith's card and each time you shop a portion of what you spend comes back to TISA!

Call Nicole for more information!