

THE TISA GAZETTE

Director's Message:

We are very excited about this semester with all the great things teachers are doing in class. There is much movement, singing and learning of rhythms in the Kindergarten and retelling of fairy tales in the first grade. Did you know that the wolf in the Three Little Pigs is a vegetarian? Yes, he doesn't eat the pigs, he eats the sticks and straw.



Second grade is going well. They are learning about animals and "great" people. The students are defining "great" (honored, holy) and are learning about historical figures as well as choosing those in their own lives whom they feel are to be honored.

Third grade is learning about how civic government and structure works. They will be learning about town government and visiting our town hall and some of the elected officials in the near future.

Fourth/Fifth grade is working with bridges. Not just the physical kind but also literary bridges in poetry, societal structures and the bridges between parts of the structure.

It is nearly time for state testing for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Parents of those students will have already heard from their teachers about dates for testing.

It is certainly a busy and exciting time of the year. Come and visit when you have time.

Best Wishes,
Sandy Beery

Parent/Teacher Organization

The **TISA Parent Teacher Organization** is in full swing and ready to take action! We have been meeting monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at the school's upper building. Officers have been elected, and our by-laws are in place.

Now our job as parents is all about fundraising for programs and facilities for our children that would not normally be provided by the school system. A donation letter has been sent out to the

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entire parent school body. We are anxiously awaiting more contributions to help fund projects and school events. We have already been able to help subsidize the cost of the bus for the Ski Program but are eager to do more! The mission of the TISA PTO is to directly support learning opportunities for our children; our goal is to create a fun family friendly environment at our school.

All parents are welcome to attend meetings as often as they would like to contribute ideas, and help our school community grow in a positive way. For more information please feel free to e-mail Lesley Kushner, TISA PTO President at kush@zianet.com.



LOST AND FOUND

Please check the Lost and Found box located in the lower building. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the CAV during Spring Break.

Thank you!!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!

KINDERGARTEN

Eve Tovino and LisaAnn Edenfield for helping out in the classroom!

1st GRADE

Rick Bivens for making the much needed repairs to the lower building!

2nd GRADE

Jen Hull, Gabriel Morgan and Oban Lambie for helping out in the classroom.
And everyone who came to the Classroom Potluck!

3rd GRADE

Jodi Tucker for helping us with knitting.
She will also be teaching us yoga!

4/5th GRADE

Linda McCann, Bonnie Bair, and Alison Haney for helping out in the classroom!

Special thanks to **TROY PAFF**, photographer, for capturing the beauty of our students! His work (as shown in this newsletter!) will be prominently featured on our website!

Want to help, too?!

Contact your child's teacher and let them know how you would like to contribute!



← UPDATES ←

Playground Equipment

We are inching slowly toward getting the approvals we need to install FABULOUS play structures in the upper field and Kinder area!

The Bee Tree

When the bees return from Miami Beach (or wherever they go for the winter!) they will find that the tree has been closed for business and they will have to relocate!

2011/2012 Lottery

We are currently accepting applications through the 6th grade for the 2011/2012 school year. If you know any families who may be interested, please remind them that the deadline for submitting applications is **MARCH 31st**. The drawing will be held at TISA on **Tuesday, April 5th**.

CALENDAR REMINDERS!!

PTO Meeting

Tuesday, March 8th at 5:30
Fundraising Committee meets at 5:00

Governing Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 9th at 6:00

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday and Friday, March 10 & 11

Spring Break!

March 14-18. Classes resume on March 21

State Testing

For Grades 3-4-5. Dates are March 22, 23, 30, 31 and April 5 and 6.

Pizza Day!

Friday, March 25th! Pepperoni or cheese. \$1.50 per slice. Orders due by March 24th.

