

TIS Digital Backpack
November 14, 2022



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Student Water Bottles

Our school water dispensers will no longer be equipped with paper cups. Students are now able to fill their own water bottles from the dispensers. Students should bring a water bottle to school for their own use. Paper cups will be kept on hand for any student not in possession of a water bottle. The custodial staff will sanitize the dispensers nightly.

Hot Beverages

As of late we have experienced some spilling issues with students bringing disposable hot beverage cups to school. Please do not send your child to school with hot beverages in disposable cups. Thank you for your cooperation.

Feel Your Best Self

At TIS we have begun implementing a program called Feel Your Best Self. Feel Your Best Self was developed by a team from the University of Connecticut. According to the FYBS website, FYBS is designed for elementary-aged kids as an educational toolkit for learning strategies to calm yourself, catch your feelings, and connect with others. The FYBS strategies offer fun and easy ways to help kids (and grown-ups) experience lifts in emotions, feeling, or mood. Using FYBS, kids explore different strategies to find those that work best to help them navigate different situations to feel their best! The team is led by Dr. Sandra Chafouleas Co-Director, UConn Collaboratory on School and Child Health (CSCH) and Emily Wicks, of the University of Connecticut Ballard School of Puppetry. At TIS Feel Your Best Self consists of monthly lessons that link with our monthly HAWK Nest advisor/Advisee meetings. Concepts introduced through Feel Your Best Self are referred to in natural contexts that arise during the school day.

For more information on Feel Your Best Self simply visit the following website:

<https://feelyourbestself.collaboration.uconn.edu/>



TIS CALENDAR

November

18 Hat Day

23-25 NO SCHOOL

PLEASE NOTE: THE 3rd AND 4th GRADE CHORUS CONCERT
THAT WAS TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 17th

HAS BEEN POSTPONED

GRADE 3 TRIPS TO THE BENTON HOMESTEAD: 2022 Benton Homestead Field Trip Schedule

Teacher	Date	Time	
Babiec	Nov. 9	9:35-10:30	
Fitzgerald	Nov. 9	10:30-11:30	
Dudas	Nov. 11	9:15-10:15	
LeBlanc	Nov. 11	10:15-11:15	
Arner	Nov. 14	9:15-10:15	
Stern	Nov. 14	10:15-11:15	
Zevallos	Nov. 18	9:15-10:15	
Williams	Nov. 18	10:15-11:15	

****9:15 Group leaves at 9:00.**

****10:15 Group leaves at 10:00.**

DECEMBER

3 BSA Troop 1017G Pasta Dinner (see flyer below)



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS:

4TH GRADE

The TIS community continues to focus on being respectful community members. The students were able to see the contributions of veterans through a whole school virtual assembly on Veterans Day honoring those who serve, or have served, our country. Many students also completed biographies of veterans in their own lives which are displayed in the school.

Math Number Corner activities focused on elapsed time and measurement and included many hands-on tasks. A highlight was measuring and comparing cups, quarts, and gallons. The Bridges in Mathematics Program continues to focus on multiplication and division strategies through direct instruction, problem strings, and Work Place activities.

We are completing Unit 1 in our Journeys language arts series, which includes stories about reaching out to people in a community. Unit 2 features several selections about the performing arts. The skills targeted in this unit include story structure, fact and opinion, conclusions and generalizations, and author's purpose. Classes continue to work on elaborating and adding details to our writing, as we move into our informational unit.

The students participated in a science field trip at Knofla Conservation Area to help install water bars in connection with our weathering and erosion unit. Students also visited a beaver pond, where they learned about these clever mammals and how their habitat is being protected.

The focus in social studies is map skills. This will be followed by a unit about the Northeast region of the United States.

We wish everyone a restful Thanksgiving break and time to enjoy family and friends!

GRADE 5

In ELA, students are well into their first unit on Cultures in Conflict. This unit examines the cultural conflict between Native American and European American societies by asking students to consider how the beliefs and values of a culture, specifically the Nez Perce tribe, guide the actions of its people. So far, students have learned about Native Americans and the importance of natural resources and their homeland. Students continue to explore the impact of the United States' territorial growth through the eyes of the Nez Perce. They continue to examine the cultural conflict between Native American and European American societies by asking themselves how the beliefs and values of a culture, specifically the Nez Perce tribe, guide the actions of its people.

Students have been practicing their writing skills through written summaries which include a topic sentence, text evidence, elaboration and a conclusion sentence. We are preparing to write a compare and contrast essay on two of the main characters from, *Thunder Rolling in the Mountains*, by Scott O'Dell and Elizabeth Hall.

In Social Studies, students have learned what life was like for indigenous people and how they used their natural resources to sustain their lifestyle. Currently, our Social Studies and ELA topics align, and we are learning how the relationship between the Europeans and indigenous people reveals differing beliefs and values of each group. Students are also learning reasons for European exploration and the conflicts the Europeans had with the Native Americans. Students are learning about the Vikings, Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, and other early explorers.

In Math, students have been learning about adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. We learned about strategies using clocks, money, number lines, and the least common denominator. Students have

applied these skills to word problems and ratio tables. They are also very excited about learning new workplace games such as Target Practice and Racing Fractions.

In Number Corner, students have been collecting a meter a day and converting our totals into other metric units on our Calendar Collector chart. They have also been classifying triangles everyday in our Calendar Grid and discussing transformation such as reflections, rotations, and translations. Students should continue to use Reflex and IXL in school and at home.

In Science, students have been loving the Earth, Moon, and Sun unit. We have learned about patterns such as day/night, seasons, moon phases, and shadows. This unit will wrap up in December and the 5th grade scientists will get ready to start a unit on Habitats. It is always one of the favorite science units.

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Hat Day
November 18th



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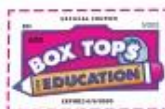
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