

Taylor Elementary

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Dear Taylor Families,

We have successfully made our transition into the new building and have worked out many of the kinks that we had. We appreciate your patience and understanding with arrival and dismissal. The staff and I are very excited about the year ahead and look forward to not only working with the students, but also our families.

Each month I plan to send out a newsletter highlighting the month and letting you know what is coming up. The plan is to make all the rest of the newsletters electronic in nature. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the monthly newsletters, please contact the office and we will ensure that one is sent home.

Mrs. Riehle

Our First 3 Weeks

Many of you may be wondering, "Where is the homework?" I would like to take a second to answer that question! The teachers have been asked to spend the first 3 weeks of school getting to know the students, learning the building, going over procedures and expectations, and establishing a classroom culture. We know that taking this time is essential for student success. They must feel welcome and safe before they are able to learn. Students will transition into some academic work this week and you should start to see homework beginning 9/11!

Taylor Tigers have been busy learning our building expectations- to ROAR. We want them to be **R**espectful, **O**wn their choices, **A**lways be safe, and to be **R**esponsible. We have been discussing what that looks like and sounds like in key areas of the building like restrooms, hallways, cafeteria, dens, and on the bus.



Upcoming Events

September 4-

Dinosaurs Alive 5:30-7:00

September 19

Progress Reports Home
Kona Ice Day!

September 21

No School

September 27

Fall Pictures

Need Support?

We have a variety of support options for you and your family. Andrea Goins, our school counselor, can work with your child around any issues they are having. She can also connect you to outside resources to support the family, regardless of the need.

We also continue our relationship with Children's Home. If you think your child could benefit from their services, or if you want to learn more about it, please contact the main office.

STUDENT SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY

In an effort to keep our students safe, we have implemented some policies that may be different from past years. Please keep in mind that in a building of 900 students, it is necessary to do things differently at times. Below are a few of those changes.

- **Peanut- Free**

Taylor Elementary is a peanut-free facility. This means that we do not allow items that contain peanuts to be served within the building. This includes all birthday and holiday treats. Students are permitted to bring items that contain peanuts in their lunch. These items can be consumed in the cafeteria as long as they do not sit at a peanut-free table.

- **Birthday Celebrations**

Students who are celebrating birthdays will be recognized in their classrooms and are invited to stop by the office for a special birthday treat. Families may send in a birthday treat for the class but the treat must be peanut-free. A list of peanut-free items can be found in our handbook. We encourage you to consider something different than food to avoid the various allergies we have in the building. This can be a special pencil or trinket.

We understand that birthdays are special days and we will do our best to make your child's day special. We cannot however, have classroom parties or special lunches. We do not allow balloons or flowers to be sent to the room and we ask that party invitations be passed out outside of the school day.

- **Parents at Lunch**

We have ordered special V.I.P. seating for our cafeteria. This seating will be used for special occasions such as birthdays or other special classroom recognitions. Our cafeteria cannot support large lunch celebrations such as parents at lunch or grandparents at lunch. We are working to find alternatives to those activities as we know these were favorites among our families. Please also know that we are required to meet healthy food standards and cannot have fast food dropped off to students for lunch.



Grade Level Highlights

2nd Grade

Second grade celebrated what makes each of their student a super hero! Students were encouraged to dress up in super hero outfits and celebrated through read alouds, writing activities and learning games.

5th Grade

Fifth Grade Leadership is strong around the building! Students have been helping getting our younger students on the bus. Students were also able to sign up to be a lunch leader. These students spend their recess in the cafeteria and assist our Kindergarten students with lunch and preparing for recess. I am happy to report that there is a waiting list of students wanting to take on this role!