



THE BUZZ

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Tomahawk Elementary School

May 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

WOW! Hard to believe that the 2017-2018 school year is coming to a close. This is a very busy time for everyone however, please be reminded that having your student in class, on time, is just as important this time of year as it is earlier in the year.

SOL testing started on Tuesday, May 1st and will continue through May 25th with expedited retakes and make-up testing. Expedited retakes allows for retesting of students in grades 3 through 8 who score between a 375 and a 399 on their initial SOL test. While the outcome of the test will not impact your students grade or academic report the retake does allow the student an opportunity to demonstrate proficiency before the end of the school year. In order for your student to be given a second chance on the test parental permission must be obtained. If you have not signed an expedite retake permission form, please contact your child's teacher or the school office as soon as possible.

While we are excited for all of the students taking the assorted tests we also know that students are more than the tests they take! The busy end of year schedule is proof of that. Assorted field trips, Field Day, AR Parties, Student Talent Show, 5th grade recognition ceremony and so much more have the May calendar full of memory making opportunities! We love being able to celebrate the success and growth of our students with their families and hope you are able to make as many events as possible. Please check out the Tomahawk Parent/Student Calendar on our website for dates and times of upcoming events; <http://tes.campbell.k12.va.us/home>.

Summer School will be July 9-July 27 from 9am-12pm (Monday-Friday). Student Summer School Applications are due to your child's teacher by May 4th, 2018.

We would also like to take this time to thank everyone that has been a part of making this such a wonderful year! A BIG thank you to our PTO and volunteers for everything they have done throughout the school year to support Tomahawk and your child's education. We are truly a family here at TES and value everyone's dedication and contributions to helping students succeed.

A copy of the 2018-2019 Campbell County School Calendar and Grade Level Supply Lists will be included with your child's final report card. The first day of school will be Tuesday, August 14th, 2018 for all students. Until then we hope everyone has a safe summer!

Sincerely,

Toby Curtis Ackerman



Important Dates:

May 1-25th:

3rd-5th grade SOLs

May 4th:

Kindergarten Music
Performance

May 25th:

Talent Show

May 29th:

Field Day

May 30th:

5th Grade Awards
Last Day of School!



From the Guidance Counselor...

Mrs. Mikkelson

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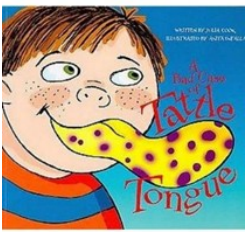
Kids with Character

At TES students learn about the six pillars of character throughout the year. Teachers nominate two students for each pillar of character to be recognized for demonstrating outstanding character. Congratulations to all the Kids with Character for the 2017-18 school year!



Classroom Guidance News - April

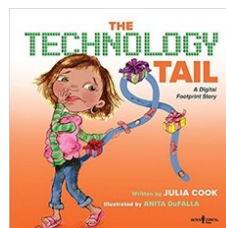
Kindergarten and First Grade: We read A Bad Case of Tattle Tongue by Julia Cook and learned the difference between tattling and reporting. We talked about the 4 rules: Be a Danger Ranger (report to a grown up right away if there is danger); Be a Problem Solver; Now or Later (is this problem a “now” problem or can it be solved at a later time?); MYOB – If the problem is not dangerous and it does not involve you, Do not tattle.



Second Grade – We read Wilma Jean the Worry Machine by Julia Cook and talked about how to cope with things that worry us. Students played a coping skills BINGO game.

Third Grade – Students participated in a “Test Taking Strategies Escape Room” to review test taking strategies for the upcoming SOL tests.

Fourth Grade – We read Technology Tail: A Digital Footprint Story and learned about internet safety and digital citizenship when using different types of social media.



Fifth Grade – We discussed the similarities and differences between elementary and middle schools, learned how to read a 6th grade schedule, and practiced opening combination locks.

Bucket Filler Fridays

Check out the morning announcements on WTES on Fridays to see a segment with Mrs. Mikkelson and Mrs. Lokar. We are giving weekly character challenges to students to be kind, responsible, and respectful!



Individual Counseling

Please feel free to contact me if you feel your child could benefit from talking to me one-on-one. I will be glad to talk to them about any issues that may be going on in their lives.

I have enjoyed my first year at TES! Thank you for welcoming me to the TES family.

Go Bees! - Mrs. Mikk

The Six Pillars of Character...



From the Library...



As we wind down the 2017/2018 school year, please accept my THANKS again for all your support of our TES library. I never want anyone to think I don't appreciate all the volunteers, helping setup book fair, and helping your children return their books on time!

Speaking of returning books..... ALL BOOK ARE DUE IN THE LIBRARY BY MAY 16!! Please remember if your child has lost a book you must find it, return it, or pay for a replacement.

We will be sending out notices soon for students with overdue books. Please ask your student or feel free to email me. (jvaughan@campbell.k12.va.us) If you pay for a lost book and it is found later, I do not mind refunding your money. Please do not replace lost books. We buy mostly library bound books that have a reinforced binding. These have a much longer shelf life.

The last day for AR tests will be MAY 21. The last incentive for this school year is our annual Ice Cream Sundae Party and will take place May 24, during your child's resource time. The last day for resource will be May 23 so we can complete a complete book inventory. Thanks again for all your support. We could not be as successful as we are without the wonderful parents supporting us.

THANK YOU!!! HAPPY SUMMER!!! PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO READ..... Jane Vaughan

From the Nurse..

All students enrolling in Kindergarten this fall, 2018 are required to have a physical exam and current immunizations This information *must* be turned in by the first day of school, August 13, 2018.

Pre-K parents: your child will need a new physical exam and updated immunizations unless it was done within a year of the first day of school, August 13, 2018.

If your child has any existing or new medical conditions, please make me aware. He or she should have an Individualized Health Form filled for emergency situations.

5th Grade Parents: The T-dap immunization booster shot is required for all 5th grade students entering 6th grade.

Medications must be brought in by an adult, not children, in the original bottle with the current label. Please do not bring medication before 8:30am.

Please pick up any clinic medications on or before May 30th. If not, they must be disposed, according to CC Schools regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or stop by the clinic anytime.

From the PTO...



The PTO is always accepting memberships and volunteers! We are excited for the 2018-2019 School Year. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

[Check us out on facebook: Tomahawk PTO](#)

We do currently have an open position on the PTO Board. If you are interested in the position, or know someone who is, please contact us! You can contact Tomahawk or through the PTO Facebook page.

PTO BOARD:

Lindsay Newman President
Kristin Smawley *Treasurer*
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Krista Holland, Volunteer Coordinator
Adrienne Howard, Volunteer Coordinator
Britney Shrewsbury, Hospitality
Michelle Dickey, Hospitality
VACANT, School Grounds
Toby Ackerman, Principal
Amanda Lokar, Assistant Principal
Miranda Skiff, PTO Teacher rep PreK to 2nd
Amber Young, PTO Teacher rep 3rd to 5th