



The Eagle Newsletter

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

What an excellent year we have had at Taylor's Crossing! As the school year draws to its close, I just wanted to reflect on many of the best things that have happened at our school.

First, since it is Teacher Appreciation Week, I wanted to give a heartfelt thank-you to our staff. We have dedicated teachers, enthusiastic paraprofessionals, and wonderful support staff in the office and the cafeteria. We appreciate all they do! Each day, our teachers approach that day's lessons with enthusiasm and passion, putting their many years of experience to work to make sure each individual student is able to achieve their best. When I brag about our school, it is our awesome teachers I mention first, and all that they do for our students.

Second, the board has been working hard all year to sculpt a more distinct vision for our school. Not only have they dutifully worked through the budget, policies, and procedures, they have recently approved a new Mission and Vision Slogan. I encourage you all to take a moment to read it (you will find it in this newsletter). I feel this slogan will be easy to understand and will bring the succinct message that Taylor's Crossing is the finest educational community that empowers and inspires great students.

Finally, I'd like to mention our great students, who are really the heart of our school. Each family that sends students to us trusts us with an amazing gift, and we are honored by it. We hope each student feels how much hope and promise is invested into each of them. We have a wonderful opportunity at this time of year to recognize each student's achievements towards earning Hall of Fame. These lessons not only teach basics like math, science and English facts, but encourage our students to learn Constitutional values. We have so many students who rise to the occasion and fly through these lessons! I am thrilled each year when the grades line up and receive their certificate for all that they have worked hard to achieve. Each student is a winner, for each one has done their best!

Thank you for being supportive parents and families. We will wrap-up this year with many fun end-of-school concerts, activities and assemblies, and hope you will join us to celebrate our accomplishments!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



Our teachers are the best! Throughout the school year, they show up early, stay late, skip lunches, and grade papers on breaks and weekends. They plead with kids to do their homework, pray for parent support, and rejoice when students show great progress. They are dedicated to changing the world, one child at a time!

We invite all parents to take the opportunity this week to celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week. Take a moment to thank your child's teacher — a fancy gift is not necessary, but a heartfelt email or phone call will brighten their day! Or join with the PFA as they help out in the classrooms all year long. Whatever you do, reflect on how much your child has learned, and pause to thank a teacher!



To Do List:

- Check lunch account balances.
- Show appreciation to your child's teacher.

SYNC YOUR CALENDAR:

May 13, 7 p.m. — Board Meeting

May 16 — Choir "Music in the Parks" competition

May 21, 1:45 p.m. — Middle and High School Choirs performance, gym

May 22, 8:30 a.m. — Citizen of the Month assembly

May 22, 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. — Middle school play, "Alice in Wonderland"

May 23, 7 p.m. — High School Prom, held at the Elk's Lodge

May 25 — Memorial Day, no school

May 28, 1:45 p.m. — Elementary Music & Band program, gym

May 29, 8:30 a.m. — Hall of Fame Assembly

June 3 — Hall of Fame trip to Fats Cats

June 4, 12:30-2:30 p.m. — Fun Fair, 1st-4th grades

June 4, 6:30 p.m. — Graduation, Hillcrest Performing Arts Center

June 5 — Last day of school. School ends at 11:00. No lunch served.

Please note:

Please be courteous to our neighbors and continue to use Lincoln Road to access the school.

PROM!



Taylor's Crossing is excited to announce Prom 2015! The festivities for prom will begin May 8th. The classes have held a fundraiser to help raise money for prom, to be held at the Elk's Lodge. The success of the fundraiser was celebrated with a Lip Sync Battle May 8th at 11:30 a.m. Each teacher and class picked a song to perform, and even Mr. Wendt joined in with a rousing performance of "That Old Time Rock 'n Roll."

The prom theme this year is "In da Club" and will be May 23rd from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now— \$15/single or \$25/couple. It will be the highlight activity of the high school year!

YEAR-END AND GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

We are excited to be working towards the completion of another successful school year. We have a great senior class, who will graduate on June 4. These students will participate in the following activities:

Senior Class Dinner: Friday, May 29th. This is also the last day of school attendance for Seniors.

Senior Class Graduation: June 4, 6:30 p.m. Graduation will be held at Hillcrest Performing Arts Center.

Senior Class Lock-in: June 4 (late-night) at Fat Cats in Rexburg.

The last day of school, June 5th, will be a day for yearbook signing, and will also feature a "battle of the classes" as each grade level tries to outdo the others in feats of amazingness.

It's been a great year for our high school, so we urge students to support the seniors as they wind up this phenomenal year!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIONS

If you walk into the high school commons, you'll see many colorful and creative signs advertising candidates for student officer positions. The campaigning and elections for student government for school year 2015-2016 will be held between May 26-28. As the students vie for these positions, they will get a chance to speak in front of the assembled classes.

Then the final elections will be held and votes tallied.

Elections are also being held in the eighth grade class to designate class officers for the freshmen. We look forward to having a strong student body government ready to plan and prepare for the next year!

ACT & SAT TESTING

SAT

Test was given to ALL juniors (a total of 29 juniors) on April 15, 2015. SAT scores will begin to be available online through their SAT college board account after May 11, 2015. Scores will be mailed within the next 3 – 4 weeks.

ACT

The ACT was given to ALL juniors on April 28, 2015. Scores will be sent out 3 – 8 weeks from April 28th. Students can create an online ACT account, but all the information has to match the information they filled out on the ACT registration the day of the testing.

TEACHER APPRECIATION DOOR DECORATIONS



Teachers came in Monday morning to find a beautifully decorated door — a surprise coordinated by the PFA. Above, middle school teacher Mr. Emfield (left) received a candy message, sixth grade teacher Mrs. Rice (center) had a garden bloom on her door, and first grade teacher Mrs. Crocker received a sweet message as well. There are many other decorated doors and posters of thanks, which you can see on the school's website, tceagles.com.

MISSION AND VISION SLOGAN

Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School
 establishes an
 Educational Community committed to an
 Accelerated Curriculum to promote
 Goal-centered
 Learning and Leadership that
 Empowers and Inspires
 Students to Enjoy Learning in a Culture of Kindness.

We are united as students, parents, educators, and leaders by
 Constitutional values that shape
 Accountable Citizens who demonstrate
Respect
Integrity
Service and
Excellence in Academics.

EAGLES ARISE

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY SPONSORS "BULLY PROOF SATURDAY"

Bullying is a concern in every school, at every age level. At Taylor's Crossing we believe that accelerated learning is achievable by every child—but only after they feel safe in a secure learning environment. That is why we promote our "safe harbor" of learning through the Harbor Method.

But what happens when a child feels uncomfortable, scared or picked on? What if something is happening and they are afraid to talk to someone about it?

These concerns are why our high school members of the National Honors Society are sponsoring "Bully-Proof Saturday" on May 16th. This workshop will help students learn to take a stand and protect themselves and others from bullying.

Any child age 6-18 is welcome to attend. The workshop will be held in the high school commons from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For admission, they are requesting a box or can of food to donate to a local food bank.

Please put this important event on your calendar, and plan to have your children attend.

- **Bully Proof Saturday**
- **May 16**
- **9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
- **All children ages 6-18**
- **High school**
- **Bring a canned food donation**

PFA NEWS

The PFA has had a busy year, especially as they helped celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week with gifts, lunch, and decorations for the staff.

The next PFA meeting, May 27th at 6:00 p.m., will feature the new PFA Board elections. Nominees are:

- Janna Capener, President
- Paula Golicova, Vice President
- Rayna Turner, Secretary
- Lela Miller, Treasurer

We are still looking for a volunteer to be our book fair coordinator.

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

The PFA will once again offer Summer Movie Series passes for sale during the last two weeks of school. These passes to the Paramount Theater allow you to see 12 movies for \$8.00. The kid-friendly shows run three times a day during the summer, so get a ticket for each child! Part of the cost of each pass is retained by the PFA so it helps support the school as well.

BOARD UPDATE

The school board has been busy with budget reviews, a superintendent review, and updating policies and procedures.

Each board meeting during the year features a presentation of curriculum by faculty members. In April, Mrs. Meldrum, the science teacher for K-8, shared her curriculum with the board. She gave an excellent presentation with interesting details on how she engages students in learning about a variety of life and physical science topics.

The board heard a report on the spring dinner and auction fundraiser from PFA president Mrs. Scarr. The fundraiser was run by a committee of volunteers, with many parents involved in gathering donations from the community. Overall, there were approximately 98 auction items from 120 donors, including businesses and parents and supporters of the school. Signature Party Rental donated tables, chairs, lights, dinnerware and other equipment to help the night run smoothly. The dinner/auction brought in about \$13,800, with total expenses at \$3,000, leaving a profit of \$10,800. After the PFA finishes their activities for the year and plans an operating budget for the next year, they will make a donation to the school to help landscape a playing area.

NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN

Hello from the Kitchen Staff!

We have had a fun and busy year. We had our State Review in December and passed. We have been trying hard to serve food your kids like to eat and still meet all the regulations.

We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday in March along with National School Breakfast week. Another highlight was when we had the privilege of being sung to by the 3rd and 4th grade last Friday for School Lunch Hero day. We all really love our jobs and working with the children of TCPCS.

But as you know we are in the last four weeks of school so I have to enforce the no charge policy. You should all be getting automated notices about your child's lunch balance and I've only sent a hard copy of notice out a couple of times this year. But starting next week, May 11th, I will be enforcing the policy and using an alternate meal for K-5 and all others will go without lunch unless I hear from parents as to when they can pay.

Thanks and have a great last month of school. — Beth Long, Food Service Director



Above, the kitchen staff pauses to be recognized for National School Lunch Hero Day.