



Timmerman Times

March 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break. It is so nice to have our kiddos on campus. We have come a long way this year and it is hard to believe we are starting our 4th Nine Weeks and our school year is coming to an end. These next two months will go very quickly as we end the school year. One area that is coming up will be STAAR testing. We are still working on the details with district and will be sending out a letter shortly that will explain our process. I want to share with you what we know so far. Here are some details:

- 3-5 grade will take the STAAR Test to include our remote learners and face to face students
- Our entire campus will support the STAAR process...this means that our students will be Asynchronous (stay home and do their lessons) on STAAR days. This includes Kindergarten through 2nd Grade. PK will be on campus.
 - The purpose of this is to ensure that we can utilize the entire campus for testing. Normally we would have 22 kids per classroom...we cannot do that now. So we are using all teachers and classrooms to spread our kids out.
- STAAR Dates:
 - 4th Grade Writing: April 27, 28, 29 and 30
 - 5th Grade Science: May 12
 - May 17 & May 18: 3rd, 4th and 5th Math
 - May 19 & May 20: 3rd, 4th and 5th Reading

I know there are a lot of questions about whether or not your child has to test for STAAR this year. Well the answer to that is...the test is available for all students to take online, but it must be taken at school. I am pulling for every student to take the test this year and here is my reasoning. We are now into the 2nd year of state accountability in which our 18-19 scores are being counted for the 19-20 school year and into the 20-21. The kids, the teachers, and you - the parents and guardians have worked so hard during the last two years. I really want to have our efforts and commitment measured. We will follow up with a letter that will outline our expectations and support.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

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Library News

New in the library: take home maker kits!

We have our first maker kits that students can check out and take home. Search for makerspace in the catalog and put one on hold. There is a permission form for an adult to sign.

Book returns

Please help your child read their library books over break and get them ready to come back to school. We have a lot of books checked out from this year that need to come back, and there are still more than \$1000 worth of books from last year that haven't been returned. Other students would like a turn to read them! Please send them back or contact me to decide how to clear your student's library account.

Curbside pick ups

Students learning from home can still put holds on books and maker kits. I'll let you know when they are ready to pick up!

Virtual book fair

Scholastic has a new look for their online book fairs and lots of fun new book choices. Our virtual book fair will run the second half of April. Watch for more information after spring break!

Questions, ideas, or need help? Please just ask!

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PreK and Kindergarten Registration Dates

April 6th from 8 am to 4 pm (**PreK Only**)
PreK has a screener on the District Website that needs to be completed before coming up to registration.

April 7th from 8 am to 4 pm (**Kinder only**)

April 8th from 1 pm to 7 pm (**Both PreK and Kinder**)

If you have questions, check the District Website or call Mrs. Selman at 512-594-4200



What is The Count of Three?

It is a podcast for parents—hosted by two parents welcoming other parents who are experts in their field. Episodes releasing weekly.

Episode 1: How to talk to kids about race and racism

<https://thevoice.txpta.org/the-count-of-three/>

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A note from Physical Education

Starting Friday, April 9th we will be participating in "Field Day Friday". Field Day Friday will start Friday, April 9th – Friday, May 21st during the Friday students have P.E. Students who are remote learners and on campus will have the opportunity to participate in social distanced safe and fun activities. Remote Learners: Information for PreK-1st will be posted in SeeSaw and 2nd-5th will be posted in Canvas each week. Supplies that are needed can be found in your home. Supplies will be provided for students learning on campus. If you have questions, please contact Coach Birt: tia.birt@pfisd.net

TES Clinic

As you know, our community is in Stage 3 right now for the first time since November 18, 2020. Interim Austin-Travis County Health Authority Dr. Mark Escott has noted that although we have been successful as a community at decreasing the spread and transmission of COVID-19, the virus is still out there and is still a threat to our community. As more people in our community are vaccinated, the vaccine, in combination with continued masking and social distancing, will help us prevent future surges.

Following these Stage 3 recommendations is key to further decreasing transmission in our community:

- Continue wearing a mask, social distancing, and practicing good hygiene.
- Higher-risk individuals (those over the age of 65 and those who have chronic medical conditions) should avoid non-essential dining, shopping, and travel.
- Everyone should continue to avoid gatherings with social groups greater than 10.
- Businesses and restaurants voluntarily operate at a reduced capacity of 50-75%.

We also encourage you to monitor the State, County and City COVID-19 websites to remain current with State and local Orders and Protocols as they are periodically updated. Information on current local Austin-Travis County control orders can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3swS6QY>

TES PTO

Our PTO is looking for board members for the next 2 years. Please email us at timmermanpto@gmail.com with any questions, concerns, or nominations. The date of the April PTO meeting will be announced soon.