

# Timmerman Times

May 2021

Greetings Parents/Guardians,

I am so surprised to already be in May! April seemed to fly by, but we are now bringing this year to an end. There are so many things that we cannot do this year due to Covid, but we will attempt to make our end of the year as special as we can. We will not be able to have graduation ceremonies for our Kindergarten and fifth grade, but I promise we will make it as special as we can as safely as we can. Thank you in advance for your support.

We had our first round of STAAR Testing at the end of April. Our great 4th grade students took their writing test. Thank everyone so much for your support getting our kiddos. They did great. We should be getting results in late July. Our next round will be on May 12th and May 13th. This will be for fifth grade science. Then our last round will be Math and Reading for third, fourth and fifth graders. These dates are May 17th & May 18th Math and May 19th & May 20th Reading. One reminder for our testing kids, please make sure they bring their chromebook to the campus on testing day. This is for our face to face kiddos and our remote learners. All state testing is on line and students need their chromebooks.

So what will next year look like? This is my most common question so I thought I would address it here. The short version is, we don't know yet. A lot will depend on what Austin Public Health provides to us. I know President Biden has set a goal of 70% of American adults by July 4th and the intent of this is for the Americans to reach a "herd immunity" which means that there is an immunity within a high proportion of the population. I am not advocating for or against the shot, rather I am stating these are the goals that have been set. As we move along through this process then our year will start to present itself. My hope is that we can have open classrooms and kids on the campus and open to parents for morning drop off and lunch visits. I look forward to seeing everyone again. Fingers crossed we get to that level. I will keep you posted as we learn more about next year. As of now, it is too early to call.

As always please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Greg Nestle

## **Timmerman PTO**

Reminder: May PTO Meeting will be Tuesday, May 11th, 7:00 pm.

The following PTO Board positions will be voted on:

President - Chelsea Kubiak

Vice President - Cat Wright-Steele

Secretary - Catrina Whitman

Already on the Board for next year: Treasurer - Brandy McCool

### **Virtual Learned Info**

Do you have photos of your virtual learner from this school year that you'd like to have included in the Timmerman Virtual Yearbook?

Please send photos to your Grade Level Lead:

5th - Sheenagh.Lee@pfisd.net

4th - Jennifer.Pemberton@pfisd.net

3rd - Leah.Rowe@pfisd.net

2nd - Erin.Tapiero@pfisd.net

1st - Mimi.Winkler@pfisd.net

K - Whitney.Carter@pfisd.net

Want to donate to Penny Wars, but you're not sure how?

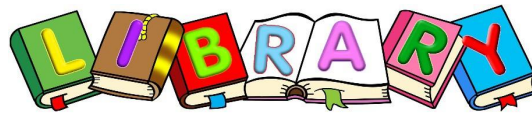
Go to <https://tinyurl.com/TESPennyWar> and make a donation via PayPal. Be sure to include a note of which team you're donating to, Pre-K-2 or 3-5.

### **Career Day Videos**

This year at Timmerman Elementary, we are asking to bring your job into the classrooms! It is important for children to learn about all the different professions that are in our world today. We need YOU to share your occupation/career with our students. Ideas on what to include and talk about in your video: a brief description of your career and responsibilities, the importance or usefulness of education, how and what character traits play a role in your career.

**Videos are due Sunday, May 16th.**

More information, along with where to upload the videos will be sent to parents in an email. Any questions contact Iris Bunton, School Counselor, at [iris.bunton@pfisd](mailto:iris.bunton@pfisd).



### **News**

#### **Book Fair Update**

Thank you to all the families who shopped our online spring book fair. We had over \$1000 in sales, which is so much higher than last spring or this fall. I hope you got some great books to read now and over the summer! I also hope that next fall we will be able to have our book fair on campus in September. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know!

#### **End of Year Dates**

Library lessons and book checkouts are winding down as we get into May. All books will be due for non-testing students by Friday, May 14th. Students in 3rd - 5th can keep their books until the end of testing, and I will pick them up on Thursday, May 20th.

If you are learning from home and you have library books from last year or this year, please bring them back to school. I will have a drop off bin by the front door starting on Monday, May 10th.

#### **Summer Library**

PfISD librarians are planning themes for summer reading and activities. Keep an eye on the TES website for dates, times, locations, and more!