

TANGLEWOOD TIMES



A Message from the Principal

We are so very proud of our Tanglewood Tigers! The school year started off great and we are so pleased with the progress students are making. Our outstanding teachers are working hard to provide authentic learning experiences for all students. Check out our Tanglewood website at tanglewood.fwisd.org to see photos of student products and our Tigers in action! A big thank you to all our parents for everything do to support Tanglewood.

Connie Smith, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

December:

- 12/21 Holiday Parties
- 12/23 Winter Break Begins

January:

- 1/6 Back to School
- 1/17 No School (Waiver Day)
- 1/20 No School (MLK Day)

Introducing the Fort Worth ISD Mobile App

Forth Worth ISD is offering a new channel of communication free to parents, students, employees and the community at-large, the Fort Worth ISD Mobile App. The app provides important news and

student information, literally, at the user's fingertips. Important school and District updates, grades, lunch money accounts and the District's social media sites are all included in this smart phone app.

Staff Appreciation: Megan Mikulencak

This fall, the PTA organized several events to express our appreciation to Tanglewood faculty and staff.

In August, PTA Board Members helped provide breakfast two mornings for the teachers during the teacher work week. The teachers enjoyed having a little treat while they were busy attending meetings and getting their rooms ready for the students to come back to school.

In September the Teacher Appreciation Committee hosted a "Taco Salad Lunch" for the teachers and staff. They loved taking the day off from packing their lunches and enjoyed a delicious spread provided by the committee.

Our "Stock the Pantry" event was in October. The whole school participated in stocking the pantry for the Teacher's Lounge. We received tons and tons of snacks and goodies for the faculty and staff. Everyone was very appreciative!

Many parents were busy baking pies for the annual Thanksgiving Pie Event. Sixty-six pies were provided by our awesome parents so that each teacher and staff member could take home a pie for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The teachers love this event and were so thankful!



Parents donated sixty-six pies for the annual Thanksgiving Pie Event.

Popsicles in the Park: Jamie Mainord



Incoming kindergarten families mingle at Popsicles in the Park.

A longstanding Tanglewood tradition, Kindergarten Popsicles in the Park was held Saturday, August 24 in the park across the street from the school.

We had approximately sixty incoming kindergarten students and their families. It was a wonderful opportunity for incoming kindergarteners and their parents to meet other incoming Tanglewood families.

We also had seventeen third graders help hand out popsicles, fill out name tags, and pick up trash.



The Pashcal High School Band was on site to help kick off our annual fall fundraiser.

Write A Check: Amy Howell

Thank you to all our students, parents and volunteers! Our fall fundraiser, the Write A Check Campaign, raised over \$70,000 for our school!

One hundred percent of the donations go to our school to provide your children with the very best education extras. Thank you, students and parents, for being so diligent and getting those checks in!

Finally, a special and well-deserved thanks to this year's WAC fall fundraiser team: Kelly Soter-Gunn, Janette Eldridge, Jackie Ferguson, Heather Masterson, Meg Lisenby, Allison McKnight, Tara Holt, Peter Coulborn (a.k.a. Tanga), all of the distribution volunteers, room reps, and the fifth-grade safety patrol.

Hats off to Amy Howell for a successful WAC Campaign!

Congratulations to the raffle basket winners:

Academy - Sam Kazda
American Girl - Hannah-Rose Kuester
BassPro - Rob Batton
iPad Mini - Hill Wiley
Justice - Tatum Aragon

Hannah-Rose Kuester was the lucky winner of the American Girl Doll





*Carrie Wall, Principal Smith, PTA President
Chrissie McCutchen, and Keely Marshall.*

Tanglewood Carnival: Carrie Wall and Keely Marshall

The 2013 carnival was a huge success! We had great weather and a record turnout. A special thank you to the Room Reps who coordinated staffing the booths, the Carnival Committee, and the volunteers who worked shifts at the event. Carnival would not have happened without you!

Great job, carnival co-chairs Carrie Wall and Keely Marshall!



CHANGES IN THE FRONT OFFICE



Connie Smith, Principal

Ms. Smith has been a dedicated teacher, administrator, and director in FWISD for 37 years. Originally from Southern California, Ms. Smith earned her undergraduate degree in education from TCU. She loved Fort Worth so much that she decided to stay. She went on to earn her master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of North Texas. Ms. Smith is excited to be back at Tanglewood working with the outstanding students, staff, and community members. In her spare time, she loves to travel and spend time with her nine year old Cairn Terrier, Tootsie.



Dana McKenzie, Assistant Principal

Ms. McKenzie has worked as an educator and instructional leader in the public school system for 15 years. Born and raised in Santa Monica, CA, she attended California State University, Northridge. She earned her bachelor's degree in Deaf Studies and taught in Los Angeles for several years before moving to Fort Worth. She joined FWISD and earned her master's degree in Educational Leadership from UTA. She is excited to be a part of the Tanglewood community! Ms. McKenzie lives in downtown Fort Worth with her husband, Andrew. She enjoys traveling, cooking, crossword puzzles, and spending time with her dog, Phillip.



Kristi Taylor, Secretary

Ms. Taylor has worked at Tanglewood for four years, first as the Data Clerk with a recent role change to Secretary. She grew up in Round Rock, Texas before the city even had a grocery store! She has three kids, one stepdaughter, and one son-in-law. They are a close family and she is very proud of their successes. They love the zoo, museums and movies and are definitely a family on the go!



Kelly Franke, Data Clerk

Kelly Franke has lived in Texas for fifteen years. Her son Aidan is a fourteen-year-old freshman at Arlington Heights High School. She also has an eleven-year-old daughter, Mallory, who is a sixth grader at McLean. She loves music, movies, concerts, traveling, reading, and taking naps!

Toi Mack-Ellis Recognized for Twenty Years of Service



TWENTY AND COUNTING! The Clayton YES! Board of Directors recently honored Toi Mack-Ellis, the site director at Tanglewood Elementary School, for her 20th year with Clayton YES! Thank you, Toi, for your dedication to Clayton YES! and to the children that you serve.

Family Fit Night: Coach Spigelmyer and Melinda Howson

Family Fit Night was a huge success and everyone had a blast!

PT Fitness did an amazing job incorporating family games with exercise. *Everyone* got up and moving with Zumba! Not only were there fun games and exercise, Bicycles, Inc. was there to promote bike safety, check bikes, and fix bike problems.

The raffle winner of the evening was lucky Ashley McCutchen, who got a new bike!

Thanks to Coach Spigelmyer and Melinda Howson for planning and running the event, and thanks to everyone that came out.

Tanglewood PTA: Whitney Smith

Joining the PTA is a great way to get involved and stay connected with our school.

This year we had 624 parents, faculty and friends join the Tanglewood PTA. Way to go!

You can still join by contacting Membership Chair Whitney Smith, whitney.smith@sas.com.

Science Lab:

Leigh Jones, Abby Voigt, Renee Seeds & Christy Mixon

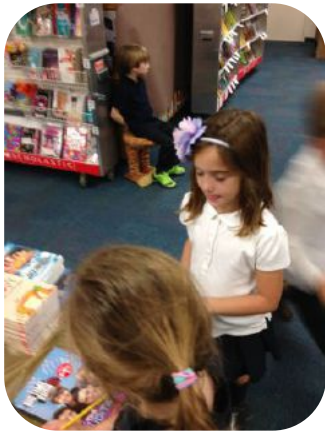


Thanks to the dedication of these hard-working parents, our Kindergarteners, first and second graders get hands-on experience with scientific experiments! Our science lab is the only one of its kind in the district, and it is *entirely* parent run and PTA funded. Parent volunteers, you are equally critical to the existence of science lab and we appreciate you!

Second graders paying close attention in the weather lab.

Book Fair: Amanda Stallings

Thank you to Amanda Stallings for coordinating our Egyptian "Reading Oasis!" Due to the incredible support of Tanglewood families, we had sales in excess of \$24,000, with nearly \$9,000 going to books and supplies for the library. What an exciting beginning for our new librarian!



Enrichment: Sue Kvesic

Thanks to all the students, parents and volunteers who supported Fall Enrichment. Enrollment for the fall session was in excess of 180 registrations!

There was a wide variety of courses offered: Scrapbooking, Flag Football, Keyboarding, Tennis, Engineering Fundamentals, Lacrosse, Basketball, Soccer, Running Club and Spanish.

Sue Kvesic would like to extend a special thanks to the following volunteers who made Enrichment possible:

Valerie Simanek, Wynn Slaughter, John House, Amy Matejka, Keely Marshall, MaryEmily Pardue and Molly Hyry.

The spring session of Enrichment will begin the week of January 28, with registration in mid-January.



ROOM REPS: MARYEMILY PARDUE

We would like to recognize and express appreciation to the room reps who have volunteered their time to coordinate so many things this fall.

Kindergarten

Lead: Holly Wiley
Jennifer Bates
Stacy Hamilton
Angie Herdman
Megan Mikulencak
Holly Wiley
Meredith Latimer
April Dietrich
Angela Huston
Jamie St. Peter
Daralyn Deardorff
Kristin Rohskoff
Leslie Zimpelman
Christy Dyer

First

Lead: Paige Berger
Amanda Easley
Annie Dike
Sherry Parkhurst
Kim Blouin
Paige Berger
Christy Mixon
Kerri Thomas
Julie Corbett
Erin Robinett
Becky Perry
Lea Lewis
Jeanette Davis

Second

Lead: Julie Lourcey
Meredith Hartung
Louise Comer
Julie Lourcey
Lee-Anne Bradley
Brook Whitworth
Joy Pierce
Jessica Bolger
Melinda Schuster
Sandra Stallings
Amy Adams
Heather Harris
Michelle Wamstad

Third

Lead: Liz Fahy
Liz Fahy
Lisa Gomez
Becky Gallagher
Beth Jenkins
Melinda Howson
Katie Hinckley
Mindia Whittier
Whitney Mock
Molly Kanthack
Meggan Jamison
Amy Matejka
Janet Waggoner

Fourth

Lead: Molly Hyry
Allison Castillo
Emily Hadley
Molly Hyry
Christy Brammer
Brooke O'Patry
Theresa Berend
TJ Wilson
Jane Lacy
Summer Jones
Kim Marks
Michelle Weeks
Katie Bangert

Fifth

Lead: Marlena Ramsey
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Jennifer Hart
Kasey Schrimpf
Anna Alvarado
Rhonica Stuart
Cheri Clonts
Mary Annelle Hammer
Johanna Kinney
Carrie Lange
Heather Masterson

MEET THE NEW STAFF



Peggy Diebel, Technology



Keith Hill, Inclusion



Alicia Johnson, Counselor



Brooke Fitch, Third



Katy Marino, Second



Kim Kirk, Technology



Leigh Pauling, Art



Kristin Cooke, Speech



Kriste Wolfe, Fifth



Rachel Cook, Librarian

Special Projects: Lee-Anne Bradley

Last Spring, the PTA approved \$80,000 to spend on special projects thanks to a successful auction. Here are the projects that have been completed:

- A sliding glass window was installed on the north wall of the foyer. The window is lockable and has a built-in shelf on both sides. In addition, the door to the old counselor's office was replaced with a new door with a window.
- Recordable security cameras were installed on each portable and at the two school entrances used by the third graders.
- A security sign was installed to make people aware that the area is being monitored by recordable security devices.
- The flag pole was moved to the left side of the walkway to a more visible location.
- Landscaping was done in the front of the school to help reduce the corrosion and mud.
- The foyer windows and the three main office windows were tinted to reduce heat in the foyer and add a safety feature by reducing visibility.
- Twenty additional iPads and covers were purchased along with two more iPad station carts.
- Replacement slides were ordered to replace two slides that were broken last year.
- Funds were provided to Coach Spigelmyer to purchase new P.E. equipment.
- The Aragon family generously paid for fence cups. The cups include a paw print and letters spelling out TANGLEWOOD on the Harlanwood side of the fence, and TIGERS on the Glenwood side of the fence.

Additional improvements by FWISD:

- The Raptor System is in place, which runs ongoing background checks on visitors.
- A gate was put in on the north side of the building to close the gap between the building and the handrails by the faculty parking lot.

FIFTH-GRADE ACTIVITIES: AMY PETTITT AND JAN HURN

Thank you to Paige Berger for organizing and executing a fantastic "Popsicles in the Park" this fall. Enjoy the wintry weather, but be on the lookout when the weather warms up! Popsicles in the Park will be back in the spring. Thanks to everyone who supported these events and made them a success!



Pumpkin Patch

The Pumpkin Patch was a huge success this year, thanks to Katie Hinckley! Also, thanks to all of the fifth graders, parents and teachers who designed, decorated and donated jack-o-lanterns. They were awesome! The fifth graders were able to make over \$1100 that will go toward their promotion day in June 2014. Many thanks to each of you who donated and or bought these festive pumpkins!



I Sing America

The fifth graders worked very hard and gave flawless performances in November to all of the Tanglewood students and to the fifth grade parents in their patriotic musical "I Sing America." A big thank you goes out to Lee-Anne Bradley and her committee members who worked tirelessly on the costumes, stage decorations and the very entertaining slide show. It all came together beautifully for all to see. Thank you!



Brownie Sales

Marlena Ramsey did a wonderful job organizing our fifth grade volunteers to sell brownies and waters before the "I Sing America" musical. It was a sell out! Great job, Marlena! A big thank you to Bluebonnet Bakery and the Hart Family for donating over 200 brownies to the fifth grade. Thank you for making all this possible!



A Note from PTA President Chrissie McCutchen



NOBODY CAN DO EVERYTHING,
BUT EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING.
~AUTHOR UNKNOWN



I just want to extend my sincere thanks to the PTA Board and all the volunteers who work so hard to enhance the learning environment at our school. Tanglewood would not be the amazing school it is without you. Your efforts ensure all our Tigers will have a great year!

It's great to be a Tanglewood Tiger!

Sincerely,

Chrissie McCutchen

PTA President

How to Get Involved

At Tanglewood, there are lots of ways to get involved! Parents can select from a wide variety of volunteer opportunities that meet a broad range of interests, schedules and abilities.

Perhaps the best way to get involved is serving on the PTA Board. The Nominating Committee for the 2014-2015 school year will be formed shortly. If you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee, please submit your form by December 20.

If you are not signed up to receive the weekly PTA "eBlast" email, please go to the PTA website tanglewoodpta.org and sign up to receive it. It is a great way to receive information on upcoming Tanglewood events and stay on top of volunteer opportunities.