



Táawila Elementary School

Follow Your Arrow, Make Your Mark!

February 2019 Board Report

Welcome to the 2019 portion of the school year, with all of its hope and promise stretched out before us. I love the New Year! There's a positive energy in the air that is palpable, with everyone eager to start the New Year off on the right foot. The beginning of the academic year or the beginning of the calendar year – *it doesn't matter!* I love them both!

As first semester comes to an end and another new beginning is upon us. Our entire school body has taken time to reflect on our progress during the first half of the school year, celebrate our successes and set our goals for second semester. School-wide our goals are:

Goal #1: TES students will average 97% attendance between January 22, 2019 and June 7, 2019.

Goal #2: Students and staff at TES will read a school wide total of 4450 books during the 2018-19 school year.

We selected attendance as our first goal because we understand that if we want our students to be successful - both in school and in life, they must be in school learning each and every day. Research is clear that young elementary school students who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading. But when students are able to read on grade level by the end of third grade, which is when they transition from *learning to read* to *reading to learn*, they are three to four times more likely to graduate high school and attend college, post-graduate, or professional development classes than their peers who struggle with reading.

Which is why Reading is our second goal! We met with each of our students to determine their individual reading goals. When we met with our students we wanted each goal to match each student's individual reading abilities, we wanted the goal to challenge them, but also be attainable. We discussed how their individual goal is theirs alone and it may be different from their neighbors. We also discussed how their individual goal contributes to their class goal, their grade level goal and the school-wide goal.



MUSD students demonstrated their spelling abilities, increased their vocabularies, and made us very proud at the District Spelling Bee. Just like the hardworking insect the Spelling Bee is named after, our students showed us all that hard work really does pay off! At TES,

we are especially proud of the efforts of Emily Manangan and Noah Moore. Congratulations to all our MUSD students!



TES Booster Club, in partnership with APEX Leadership Co., just wrapped up a successful Dance-a-Thon fundraiser. The APEX team provided in class lessons on leadership, kindness and positive character traits. They also provided every student on campus with a t-shirt, organized recess games, and hosted a super fabulous Dance Party for all our students.



Fourth and Fifth grade teachers, Mrs. Lowdermilk, Mrs. Weden, and Mrs. Watters organized TES's 1st Annual Family Science Night and it was a huge success! The night was filled with family friendly activities, hands-on engineering challenges, science take-aways and demonstrations, learning and so much fun!



We are officially 100 Days Smarter! On the 100th day of school entire Táawila Tribe came dressed up as if they were 100 years old and we spent the day having fun with the number 100. The activities and lessons throughout the day provided opportunities for our students to practice and sharpen their math skills.



During The Great Kindness Challenge Week, TES Cubs committed to performing as many acts of kindness as possible on

campus and in the community. We teamed up with our Local Animal Friends of the Valley (LEAF) in spreading kindness and showing compassion for the animals at the shelter who are in need. LEAF led an assembly for our students

and our students provided much needed donations for the animal shelter. On the final day of the Great Kindness Challenge Mr. Martin took a heart shaped photo of the entire Táawila Tribe! You will notice we could not leave our PM Kinder class out.

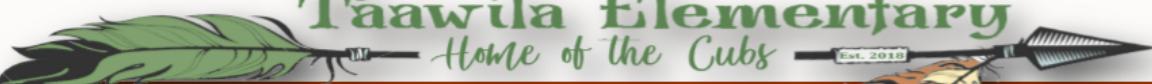


In addition to the activities highlighted in this report there is much teaching and learning going on. This time of year is so busy and full of excitement for all that is to come. We look forward to sharing more with you throughout the year.

Please join us for any of the following upcoming events.

Paws Up!

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Front Office: (951)723-3001
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				APEX Dance AThon 1
4 101 Day of School Dress like a 101 year old Thank your mailman day	5 	6 CUB CONNECTION 3rd grade Show your school pride wear your school colors Early dismissal 1st-5th @12:25	7	8
11 Make a friend day	12 ELAC meeting 9am	13 CUB CONNECTION Sweethearts Dance 5-7pm Early dismissal 1st-5th @12:25	14 Spirit Day Wear Red/Pink	15
18 No School	19 	20 	21 	22 No School Washington's Birthday
25	26 Tell a Fairy Tale Day	27 CUB CONNECTION 4th grade Show your school pride wear your school colors	28 LCAP Stakeholders meeting @ HCMS 6pm	

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