

Terrebonne Community School

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At Terrebonne Community School we provide a positive environment and challenging learning opportunities that improve student achievement and produce life-long learners.

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Message From the Principal

Greetings Terrebonne Students, Families and Community Members—

Despite a great start to the year by many indicators, some recent scenarios have caused me to reflect on the topics of cooperation, collaboration, and communication—as it pertains to how we partner as families and school staff, to meet the needs of your children and the children of others. The African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child" has never rang so true for me as it does at this point in my career. I am a firm believer that through a substantive partnership of families and schools, we can make a significant difference in the lives of your children.

There is a wide array of reasons that my three C's listed above don't work as they are intended to work. I think it's safe to say two potentially significant strains on our ability to cooperate, collaborate, and communicate well include our nation's current political climate and society's preoccupation with social media and reality television. As these outside forces are omnipresent in our everyday lives, it is imperative for us to be aware of their impact on our interactions not only between school staff and families and student to student, but in our personal lives as well. In my view, this is rationale for our school-to-family partnership to work even harder, educating our children with core academic focus areas and developing their social and emotional skills. Having this focus will ultimately allow them to navigate the world with more empathy, compassion, and explicit knowledge, making sound decisions along the way.

In order for families and school staff to establish and maintain a robust and trusting partnership, it is essential that we have clear and respectful conversations about the children we share. Without this type of communication, the partnership erodes, distrust takes hold, and in my view, the children suffer.

Ultimately I believe we are all working toward the same goal: to develop healthy, happy, literate, engaged citizens of our local and global communities.

To do this our partnership must be united and strong and I believe firmly how we treat each other and model for our children matters deeply!

I encourage you as always to stay connected to your children, and understand fully what they are doing both in and out of school. I am eager to strengthen our partnership throughout the year as we continue on this journey called education. Don't hesitate to stop in and visit or call at any time as I value immensely your insights as parents and members of the community.

Trevor Flaherty, Principal

Special Dates To Remember

- ◆ **Oct. 3—Picture Day**
- ◆ **Oct. 3—Health Screening**
- ◆ **Oct. 4—Early Release**
- ◆ **Oct. 9-12—Tooth Taxi**
- ◆ **Oct. 10—PTC Meeting**
- ◆ **Oct. 11—Early Release**
- ◆ **Oct. 13—State In-service Day-NO SCHOOL**
- ◆ **Oct. 16—Albers' Class Field Trip**
- ◆ **Oct. 18—Early Release**
- ◆ **Oct. 25—Early Release**
- ◆ **Oct. 27—Teacher Preparation Day-NO SCHOOL**
- ◆ **Oct. 31—Halloween**



SHERIFF'S SAFETY TIPS

Greetings, parents and students!

With school well back in session, and parents both dropping off and picking up their students, it's time for a reminder on a few basic traffic safety rules.

First, remember that the school zone in front of Terrebonne School on "B" Avenue is marked as 20 miles per hour. Also remember that with that marked crosswalk, vehicles **MUST** stop when the crosswalk is "occupied".

What does that mean? Occupied means that someone is either already IN the crosswalk, crossing the street, or standing on either side waiting to cross. Make eye contact with the pedestrian so that there is some clear communication occurring!

The biggest issues are on "C" Avenue, especially in the afternoons. Folks coming to pick up their kids are involved in a variety of things that can make things both dangerous and a bit chaotic...to make things easier, please do the following...

-There is also a marked crosswalk on "C" Avenue...please observe the same rules for crosswalks as you would elsewhere.

-Some drivers are parking on the wrong side of the road...this is not only dangerous but might be illegal under certain circumstances. Please park on the side of the street in which you were driving!

-Some parents think it's perfectly OK to simply stop in the middle of the road and wait for their students to run out from the school grounds and get in the car. This jams up traffic, and staff has reported seeing several "near misses". Please try and find a spot to pull over, let your student come to you and when it's clear, pull safely away.

Finally, PLEASE encourage your student to use the marked crosswalk across Highway 97 if they need to cross going to school or returning home. I have observed, on several occasions, students ignoring the crosswalk (where they have a better expectation of safety), and either crossing north by Thriftway or south by the Sunspot where there are NO marked crosswalks! This usually involved students darting out into traffic taking their chances.

Thanks for your cooperation and for ensuring that our students stay safe!

Deputy Neil Mackey
Deschutes County Sheriff's Office
School Resource Deputy

PTC News

Next PTC Meeting is Thursday, October 12th at 5:30pm at Base Camp Pizza.

PTC Movie Night

Come join us for a fun Movie Night on Thursday, October 26th, from 6pm—8pm. Snacks will be available.

Chess Club



Chess Club will start on Monday, October 9th. Please get your student sign-up sheets to Mrs.

Messina before that date. Practices are Mondays after school and Wednesdays before school, October thru March.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

You can access our school website: www.terrebonne.redmond.k12.or.us

Reminders:



Picture Day - - - - - Tuesday, October 3rd

Health Screening - - - - - Tuesday, October 3rd

Tooth Taxi - - - - - October 9th—12th

No School - - - - - October 13th & October 27th

News From the Gym!

September has been a busy month for Physical Education. We have completed the following: “Welcome Back to School” games, Turkey Burn, a touch of football, and Presidential Fitness Testing. We are almost done with testing, so ask your kids how they are doing. Did they beat their old score?

We will be starting a football unit next week, which will last for the first half of October. Then on to Volleyball. Yay fall sports!

*** If anyone has any love or desire to make the PE department some sturdy bean bags, that would be much appreciated. Any color is accepted! ***

Mrs. Wachs

News from OSU Extension Nutrition Education

Miss Kaitlin from OSU Extension Nutrition Education will be coming to Mrs. Tobish and Mrs. Dunn’s 2nd Grade classrooms for the next 10 weeks to Celebrate Health. As a part of their community storyline, students will learn what they can do to keep their bodies in energy balance (by eating GO foods and doing GO activities). Students will dive deeper into nutrition concepts such as the different types of fats in foods, the differences between added and natural sugars and how to read a nutrition facts label. Ask your student what they’ve learned and what Food Hero recipes they’ve tasted in class so far!

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Cold and Flu Season Has Arrived...

Get your flu shots

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