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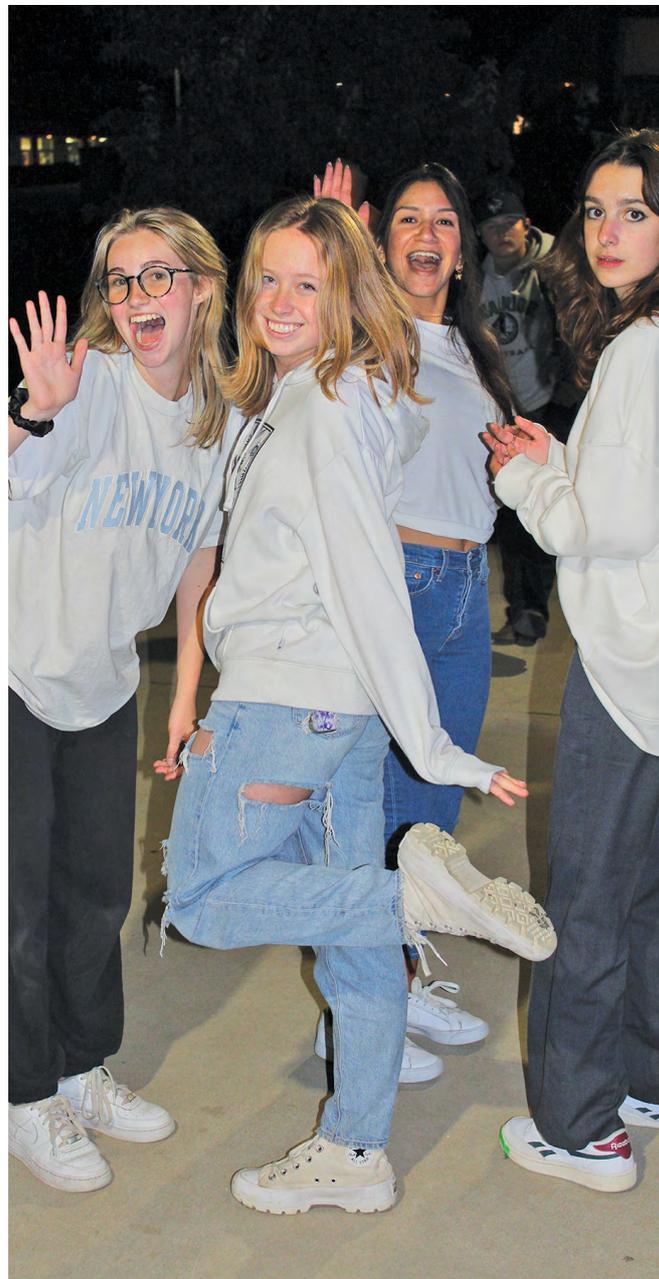
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Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year!





Tehachapi Valley
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YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

K-2nd grade Co-Ed and 3rd-12TH Grade Boys & Girls

REGISTRATION:

August 16th-November 11th

COST:

Kinderball:

\$80 OR \$60 with In-District Discount

1st-12th grade:

\$127 OR \$95.25 with In-District Discount

INCLUDES:

Reversible Jersey

Head-Coach Discount:

\$30(1st-12th) \$10(Kinderball)

Sibling Discount: \$10

SEASON:

January 8th-March 12th

Championship games will be on

March 19th for 3rd-12th grade only

MANDATORY SKILL EVALUATIONS:

FOR 3RD-12TH GRADE ONLY

Skill Evaluations will take place on

November 15th, 16th, and 17th (Times TBD)

(Specific details will be sent out at a later time)

PRACTICES AND GAMES:

Practices will begin the week of November 29th

(No practices December 19th-31st)

KINDERBALL WILL NOT HAVE PRACTICES DURING THE WEEK

(Kinderball practices will take place right before each game, it will be worked into the game schedule)

Games will take place on Saturdays Starting

January 8th (NO GAMES ON FEBRUARY 19TH)

****Pictures are NOT included in registration****

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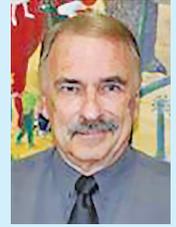
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SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year!



Stacey Larson-Everson

We are very pleased to have TUSD students and staff back on school campuses and back in TUSD classrooms.

Given the challenges that students and families faced over the past two years, the District began this school year highly focused on student success. Through thoughtful planning and teamwork, TUSD launched a number of strategies this school year to provide increased services and support to students. These strategies include

the addition of Assistant Principals at each elementary school to enhance communications to families and increase student support on campus.

Also, we have increased staffing for campus supervision at all schools and have also added a full-time social worker to each school team to increase staff's capacity to assist and advocate on behalf of students and families.

This year we have also implemented a new elementary physical education (PE) program which is led by three certificated PE teachers and three full time PE instructional assistants. Together, this team of six professionals, works with each elementary school to provide 40 minutes of weekly PE of instruction to each grade level for students in grades TK-5. While the students are engaged in their PE lessons, classroom teacher teams meet weekly to focus on student progress and highly effective classroom strategies.

For secondary students, TUSD has pumped up elective offerings including the addition of increased music and drama elective courses. We are also very pleased to announce that we have increased staffing for our music program and now have two full time Music Directors, one at JMS and one at THS.

These are just a few of the new programs and services TUSD is actively implementing to ensure that our students are highly engaged in school and feel empowered not only to dream big, but to achieve their goals.



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Welcome back to a new school year. By now students are settled into their routines and happy to be back in the classrooms.

Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices. The response has been excellent since we converted to

digital and I appreciate you emailing comments.

Be sure to enter our word search on page 10 (all ages may enter). The popular student book reviews are on pages 14 & 15.

Our next issue is January 19, 2022.



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Business Services

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Hojat Entezari
Chief Administrator

In-Person Instruction Supplies for Teachers

As part of California Assembly Bill (AB) 86, the Tehachapi Unified School District was awarded the In-Person Instruction (IPI) grant to address the challenges of returning to in-person instruction. During the Superintendent's back to school countdown, teachers were surprised with a \$400 budget per teacher for the purpose of providing supplies that promote engaging student in-person instruction and interaction. Business Service's Fiscal Coordinator, Vanessa Romero, and Accounting Clerk, Alejandra Muñoz, have both designed and facilitated the entire process and supplied over 50 teachers with their unique supplies. While the process has been tedious, it has been a joy for us in Business Services to participate in the fun and see the neat things teachers are buying for their students and help facilitate the goal of providing an engaging and positive school year.

The majority of orders placed by teachers are items you would expect such as art supplies and learning games. Business Services has also come across interesting and enviable school supply orders for some lucky students that brings insight into what teachers feel students' needs are at this time. Golden Hills Elementary may have a class full of mad scientists based on the several microscopes, petri dishes, test tubes, and mad scientist wigs ordered by a particular teacher. Not all teacher purchases were fun and games though as we found some teacher's orders demonstrating a focus on supplies that would meet the social and emotional needs of students such as weighted blankets, which are touted for their therapeutic benefits, as well as yoga mats possibly to bring stillness and flexibility into their students' lives.

It has been a joy to help facilitate purchases that allowed teachers more ways to express their unique style and priorities and allow Business Services to help make the 2021-2022 school year a little better.

District Nurse

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Jenna Burgess,
RN BSN
District Nurse

Stay Healthy

This year and last year have left, parents feeling powerless to control many aspects of their children's lives. The biggest shift has been with school amid the pandemic. We know school is more than just learning and work for kids. School provides children with routine, purpose, socialization, and joy. I challenge parents and staff to control what they can to improve their lives and their children's lives right now. Making sure you and your family have adequate sleep, nutrition, and exercise can help keep everyone healthy and in school.

According to the CDC, proper sleep contributes to student's overall health and well-being by increasing focus and improving concentration and academic performance. Children 6-12 years old need 9-12 hours of sleep per day, and 13-18 year olds need 8-10 hours per day. Parents should promote good sleep behaviors within the household by setting regular bedtimes and rise times. Dim lighting and media curfews are key. Technology use should be regulated as it keeps kids and adolescents up late and the blue light adds to sleep disturbance.

Healthy eating and exercise in childhood and adolescence is vital for proper growth and development. Healthy eating prevents many health conditions that stem from malnourishment. Many students in high school and junior high do not eat before school. Please encourage your student to eat breakfast. Breakfast and lunch are offered at all TUSD schools at no cost for the 2021-2022 school year. Finally, exercise is another critical piece in keeping kids healthy.

Studies show that active students are better learners. 60 minutes or more of moderate-to vigorous physical activity is recommended daily for 6 to 17 year olds. Regular physical activity improves cardiorespiratory fitness, builds strong bones and muscles, controls weight, reduces symptoms of anxiety and depression, and reduces the risk of developing other health problems.

Food Services

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Hortencia Tapia
Supervisor

Free and Reduced Priced Meals

The new school year is off to a roaring start. Every child attending school is eligible to receive free breakfast and lunch daily regardless of household income. Throughout each school year, but especially at the beginning of each year, a good deal of time is spent processing Applications for Free and Reduced Priced Meals. We encourage all

household to submit an application by going to PayPams.com. Please be reminded that a new eligibility application must be submitted each school year. Even if your child does not plan to participate in the school meal programs, qualifying as many students as possible for the Free & Reduced Program is important. District school sites may qualify for additional funding for other state and federal programs based on the number of students who qualify for the Free/Reduced Price Meal programs.

Instructional Services

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Jennifer Butler
Coordinator
Instructional Support
and Improvement

Pump it Up P.E. Data Dialogue Talks.

Tehachapi Unified School District educators and students are continuing to grow in the 2021-2022 school year. We have three new elementary physical education teachers and four PE paraprofessionals that will be working with our elementary students. Each week as a PE team, staff will provide high quality PE classes for an entire grade level at each school site using a research based and inclusive physical

education program. The kids are able to PUMP IT UP together as they work on social skills, such as teamwork and building relationships, while they have fun together becoming physically fit.

Our teachers are working closely with the district's newest instructional coaches on how to review student assessment data. We are currently using the process of data dialogue talks to discover trends in data and then collaborate to create action plans to intervene quickly and support struggling students.

We want to pump you up!



Professional Development

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We Can Always be BETTER

By Instructional Coaches: Boston, Clarke, Dees

Professional Development, for some with a growth mindset, conjures up emotions of eager anticipation and excitement, a time for learning and collaboration, and, of course, plenty of appetizing food and drinks. For others, negative PD experiences may stir up a blender of haunting carbon copied repeated ruses, repackaged theories and materials, and stale donuts and cold coffee. Whichever category you may or may not fall under, this year your Instructional Services Department wanted to break any barriers hindering Professional Growth. We at TUSD don't require professional growth because we are not already 'good enough,' rather because we can always be BETTER. Our students deserve more than our better; they deserve our BEST.

Just as we do not teach to cookie cutter students seated in desks waiting to be filled, neither should we

treat our PD to our teachers; therefore, the Professional Development opportunities planned this school year have been thoughtfully planned with each of you in mind. Knowing that each one of you possess unique gifts and abilities, our PD needed to honor and build upon those. To support our district in this venture, TUSD partnered with KCSOS in the areas of Science, Math, and ELD to offer a myriad of opportunities for every teacher to experience PD in either their classrooms, within the school day, in their grade level/ department meetings, and/or through district-led early release collaboration time. Additionally, Workshop Wednesdays continue into a third year, offering various learning avenues to meet our diverse needs. Each opportunity is an opportunity to grow, an opportunity to engage, and an opportunity to build relationships across disciplines and grade levels.

May this school year be a year of opportunity to not just stay awesome, but to also dream big, and grow even better.

Student Services

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Dr. Bonny Porter
Director

Tehachapi Independent Learning Academy Partners with Families

The Tehachapi Independent Learning Academy (TILA) is an alternative instructional program for TUSD families who wish to educate their children at home. Students who choose TILA are still enrolled in their local Tehachapi Unified School District (TUSD) site. For example, a student from Jacobsen Middle School who chooses TILA, is still considered a Jacobsen Middle School student that is learning through an

Independent Study program. Therefore, TILA students can still access programs and services from their local school site.

Our goal is to provide TILA students with a challenging, standards based educational program that meets the individual needs of each student. A credentialed TUSD teacher provides instruction for students throughout the school year delivered in the format of internet or telephone. Elementary students who attend TILA use the same

instructional materials and follow the same pacing guide as students learning in-person.

Sixth through twelfth grade TILA students earn class credits by completing Edmentum online courses with support from TUSD teachers. TUSD middle and high school counselors help enroll students into the Edmentum classes to ensure students are assigned to and are completing graduation requirements.

Additionally, TILA offers a high quality college prep program that prepares students for US and CSU admission.

TILA students in Transitional Kindergarten through third grade receive daily instruction that takes place through the internet or telephonic communication. Fourth through eighth grade TILA students receive daily live interaction and weekly instruction through the internet or telephonic communication. High school TILA students receive weekly instruction throughout the school year from their teachers via the internet or telephonic communication.

If you are interested in more information about TILA, please contact us at (661) 822-2266.

Personnel Services

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Roxane Romero
Chief Administrator

Service and People First

We want to welcome everyone back to our new school year. As the Chief of Personnel, it's with great pride to announce we have filled numerous existing and new positions at TUSD. Our department is committed to effective service, communication, and developing personal connections. Our commitment through service will be provided by guidance, resources, and answers to

questions, which may be sent to us. We pledge to effectively communicate, by ensuring all our stakeholders are aware of on-going recruitment efforts and updated personnel

We are dedicated to

creating an environment of knowing who our employees are and how to best serve them. Equally important to us, is ensuring our prospective employees feel welcomed and a part of the TUSD community upon their first connection with our department. We look forward to the new school year!





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Technology

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Ryan McKay
Director

Interactive LCD Boards

The Information Technology Department is proud to share that by mid October we will be finalizing the installation of interactive LCD boards at Golden Hills Elementary, Tompkins Elementary, and Jacobsen Middle School. The boards installed will serve as an interactive whiteboard and provide teachers technological support to help create more engaging lessons. The interactive

boards will have the ability to move up and down to be inclusive and accommodate any height of student and teacher. We are excited to see what teachers will do with the new technology in their classrooms! Each interactive whiteboard will come with a built in computer allowing teachers to keep their desktop computer separate from the interactive board and no longer limiting what the teacher can do at their desk while students are using the board.



In addition to supplying classrooms with the interactive LCD boards, teachers will also be supplied with personal audio amplification systems. These systems operate with a microphone that hangs around the teacher's neck and amplifies their voice in the classroom ensuring all students in the classroom are able to hear the teacher despite masks or distance. By providing these audio systems, students are more likely to be engaged for longer.

Chromebooks carts and chromebooks are being delivered to all elementary classrooms to fulfill a 2:1 ratio of chromebooks to students at the elementary grade levels. The District will help support parents and allow elementary students the ability to check a chromebook out for home use and still have one available in the classroom to reduce the burden of carrying more things back and forth between home and school.

Transportation

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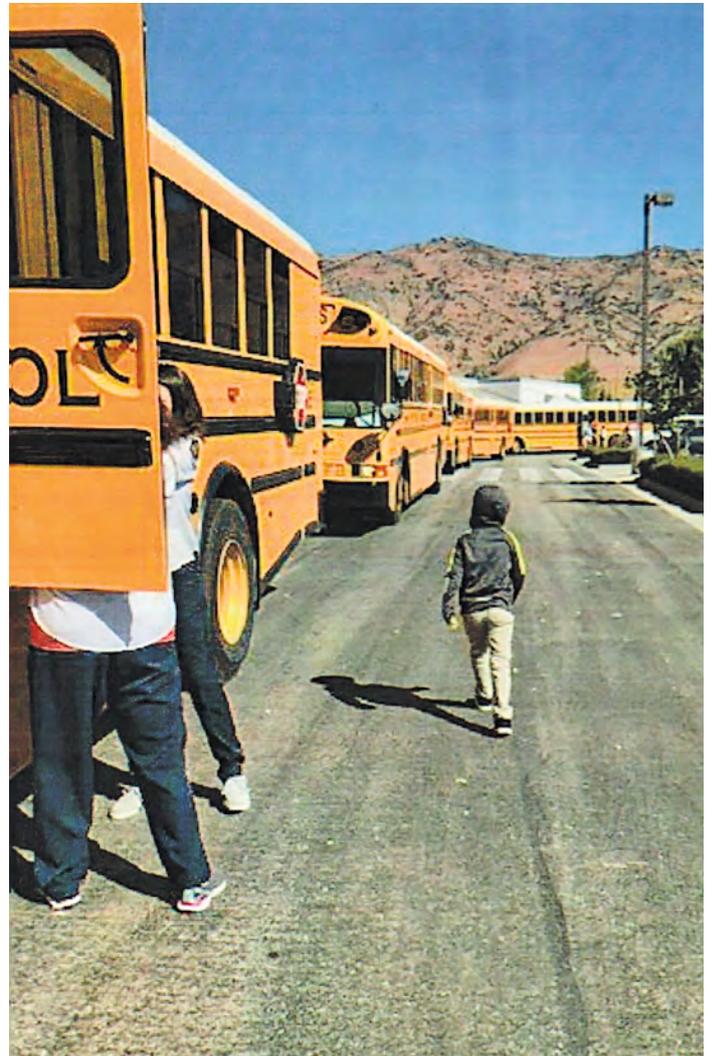


Robbi Miller
Supervisor

Free Transportation

Back to school 2021- 2022 edition. Back to our early morning routines, bus pretrips, sanitizing and beautiful sunrises, quiet rides, then the sounds of student, whispering and talking, giggling and laughing all with smiling faces.

Changes in transportation this year include offering free transportation. We have seen an increase in bus ridership, everyone is doing their part to keep each other safe.



Coming up next month, we will practice our yearly school bus evacuation drills at all the elementary schools and Jacobsen middle school. These drills include; exiting the bus through two emergency exits, emergency equipment and the proper use of this equipment, red light escorts, general bus rules and guidelines for safe transportation. Finally, we are back to some sort of normalcy in transportation!



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Cummings Valley *Elementary*

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Traci Minjares
Principal

We DIG School!

Cummings Valley School has adopted a new theme for the 2021-22 school year: “Building A Foundation of Learning.” All Cummings Valley staff members greeted students on the first day of school decked out in construction hats and vests. This theme will be carried out throughout the school year; through classroom decoration, campus and office decor, our annual reading program, as well as in our SK family fun run in the Spring.

Cummings Valley adopts a new school-wide theme each year. While “Kids at Work” is always happening at CVS, this year’s theme is another opportunity to get students excited about attending school and participating in engaging events. Construction is a great metaphor for learning. Students need to know they are always rewarded for hard work and learning means building knowledge one block at a time. Students and staff will also be sporting new CVS t-shirts which proclaim “We DIG School!”



Breanne Farinas, Ashleigh Smith, and Jennifer Frender.

Halloween Word Search Contest

Rules! One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com (Please put Tehachapi in the subject line)

Entries must be received by November 15, 2021

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

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| CANDY | JACK O LANTERN |
| CARVE | MUMMY |
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| FRANKENSTEIN | TRICK OR TREAT |
| FRIGHTFUL | VAMPIRE |
| GHOST | WEB |
| GHOUL | WEREWOLF |
| GRAVE | WITCH |
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Congratulations to Emmett Williams
Winner of the previous Word Search Contest!

Golden Hills *Elementary*

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Kendra Bailey
Principal

SAFE, Respectful, & Responsible

To address a growing school population and diverse student needs, TUSD hired new classified staff members at each school to provide additional supervision on the playground.

At Golden Hills Elementary these staff members are a welcome addition to our team, ensuring students are safe while enjoying recess with their peers.

At the school site level, our playground supervisors are receiving training in Systematic Supervision, which involves moving through all areas under active use, scanning for safety concerns, interacting positively with students, providing positive reinforcement to students following the expectations, applying instructional responses, as well immediate and appropriate consequences for negative behaviors. At the district level, they are receiving social emotional awareness training. We have provided these staff members bright orange hats so that they are more visible to students on the playground.

We teach our students that Golden Hills Eagles are SAFE, Respectful, and Responsible!



Jacobsen *Middle School*

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Eric Loe, *Principal*

New Faces at Jacobsen Middle School

I am Eric Loe, the new Principal at Jacobsen Middle School. I am excited to be working for all of you this year, as we return to on campus instruction.

We have several new staff members and some new positions this year at JMS. We will introduce you to our new Certificated and Classified staff as the year goes on. Our new front office staff includes Cristina Andrade as our new Learning Director, Cary Colby in the newly created position of School Social Worker and Zaakirah Muhammadis in the position of School Psychologist.

We are also excited to have sports returning to JMS. It is currently volleyball season, with basketball to begin soon. Our gym has had a re-refresh and games have started! We are following all COVID-19 protocols at the athletic events for athletes, coaches, officials and fans. Please come out and support our Bulldog athletes!



Tehachapi *High School*

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Cristina Libatique
Principal

Week of Welcome

The Tehachapi High School Associated Student Body (ASB) is happy to be back and planning exciting school events. The ASB planned an exciting "Week of Welcome" complete with a momentous Senior Sunrise. The ASB also held the Warrior Wipeout with fun and games including line dancing, spikeball, and fun water activities. On September 18th we held the Welcome Back Dance outdoors and was well received by everyone. The ASB officers and class officers have been elected which means that now the time has come and homecoming is here! Our homecoming theme this year is

"Decades of Music". Each day students will have a dress up theme and show their Warrior Pride and creativity by dressing up each day.

This year we hosted homecoming activities with some changes.

The traditional indoor rally was hosted outdoors for a student-only night rally! Homecoming Week was capped off by having the students dance the night away under the stars!

Please follow along on Instagram @tehachapihighsb or TikTok @tehachapiasb. Please join us at Coy Burnett Stadium on October 22nd to close out the 2021 THS Warriors regular football season and also see the THS band's field presentation during the varsity halftime show!



Tehachapi *Adult School*

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Dr. Bonny Porter
*Director
Student Services*

Positive Changes

A new school year has started and with it, new opportunities to make positive changes. Tehachapi Adult School (TAS) is continuing to service students who are choosing a positive change and to give themselves a second chance to finish their secondary education. It is never too late.

TAS continues to offer services to those who need it. We offer high school diploma completion and GED test preparation classes as well as offer a welding program. After a year of hiatus due to COVID-19, the welding program has returned to train students various welding programs and prepare them for an entry level welding position in diverse fields. The Work Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) program is continuing to service youth between 18 to 24 to learn skills to compete for good jobs, finish their education, and

integrate them into our community as productive members. We are continuing to develop new services to offer our community of adult students.

This year we are excited to be introducing our English as a second language classes (ESL) to anyone over the age of 18. These classes will be offered at no cost to students. We believe this opportunity will benefit members of our community and most importantly, the families of our students. It is important to stress that these student services do not just benefit a single student, but benefit the community as a whole. Their children, our K-12 students, can see examples of perseverance and hard work that their family members put in between work, family and other responsibilities in their own home. We see many students that discover what you can accomplish if you do not give up and we are extremely happy to continue to offer these services to them.

Tompkins *Elementary*

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Rebecca Castellanos
Principal

New Teachers at Tompkins

We have a few new faces at Tompkins! Mrs. Ellinger is a second-grade teacher and Miss Gracian is a fifth-grade teacher. This is their first year teaching their own class, but they are no strangers to Tompkins.

Mrs. Ellinger was a student teacher at Tompkins with Ms. Freeman and Mrs. Marks. She was also a favorite substitute for many staff members and students. She is delighted to join the Tompkins team.

Prior to starting her position as a fifth-grade teacher, Miss Gracian was an instructional paraprofessional at Tompkins for four years. Her favorite part of being a teacher so far is the relationships she developed with her students. She appreciates the TUSD teachers and staff who helped her when she was a student and feels privileged that now she can be that support for others.

We're happy to welcome these lovely teachers to the Tompkins Family!



Suzanne Ellinger & Angeles Gracian

Daniel's Review



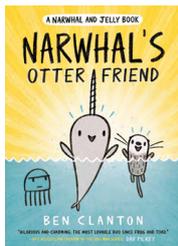
Daniel H.

Best Friends

Title: *Narwhal's Otter Friend*
(A *Narwhal and Jelly Book* #4)

Author: Ben Clanton

Narwhal the narwhal and Jelly the jellyfish are best friends. One day, they are swimming in the ocean when they meet Otty the Otter. Otty is an adventurer that has done lots of cool stuff and met many animals. Otty wants to go on his next adventure and invites Narwhal to join him. They forget to invite Jelly. Jelly becomes jealous and wonders if he is still Narwhal's best friend. Is Otty now Narwhal's best friend? What will happen to Jelly? You will find out if you read this book.



This book is really cute and funny and made me laugh while I was reading it. I hope you read it and like it as much as I did!

Daniel is in second grade and he likes to spend time with his family playing board games, reading, and playing sports like tennis, soccer, and basketball.

David's Review



David H.

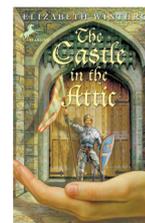
Big Small Adventure

Title: *The Castle in the Attic*

Author: Elizabeth Winthrop

Do you like magic, knights, dragons, and adventure? Then this is the book for you.

William is a boy that loves his nanny and housekeeper, Mrs. Phillips, who has taken care of him since he was born. She is retiring and he doesn't want her to leave. She gives him a giant toy castle and a toy knight inside it as a goodbye present. William finds out that the toy knight, Sir Simon, is actually alive and the invisible kingdom inside the castle has been taken over by the evil wizard Alastor! William has Sir Simon shrink Mrs. Phillips with a magic coin so that she can't leave William and can stay with him forever. Then William shrinks himself so he can save the kingdom from the evil wizard.



Read this book to find out if William saves the day!

David is in fourth grade and he loves to read and play piano. He likes math and outdoor activities such as rock climbing, tennis, and basketball.

Jenna's Review



Jenna C.

The Soccer Journey

Title: *Breakaway*

Author: Alex Morgan

Do you like playing soccer? Do you enjoy watching soccer games on your TV or in a stadium? If you do, you've probably heard of Alex Morgan.



She is a professional soccer player. You might have seen her from the Olympics or the World Cup, well she wrote a book talking about her journey in soccer. She talks about tournaments she's been to, the World Cup, Olympics, and etc. My favorite story in this book is about her early stage on how she started soccer, who supported her, and how she got on such big teams. She also talks about how she handles losses, injuries, and negative thoughts. This book gives so much inspiration. She also tells you how to keep on practicing and how positive thinking can get you further. I definitely recommend this book to people who have a goal and want to reach it.

Jenna is a 6th grader. She enjoys playing soccer and drawing. She likes to read fiction novels. Someday she wants to publish a book.

Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

Lovable Shih-Tzu, Yum-Yum

Say Good-Bye by Laurie

Halse Anderson is book 5 of 17 in the *Vet Volunteers* series. It is about Yum-Yum, a small Shih-Tzu therapy dog. Yum-Yum visits children with cancer at the hospital to cheer them up with his cuteness



and tricks. Kids LOVE him. Unfortunately, Yum-Yum is also found to have cancer. Jane (Yum-Yum's owner) and Zoe (Jane's friend, a volunteer at the animal clinic) try their best to help him get better. Can Yum-Yum make it through?

This book is very heartwarming. It is full of suspense with excitement and sadness. Reading it makes me happy and sad at the same time. I have been asking my parents for a puppy for a few years. This story makes me understand that having a puppy won't just be cute and fun. If the puppy gets very sick, I may have to make hard decisions. I highly recommend this book for anyone who loves animals.

Kailani is a 4th grader who loves to read. When not playing with her brother, Kailani likes to listen to music, ride horses, and play board games. Hope everyone stays well and healthy.

Katie's Review



Katie C.

City Life vs The Wild

Title: *Brian's Return*

Author: Gary Paulsen

If you've ever read the book *Hatchet*, you know the story of Brian and how he was stranded after a dangerous and tragic plane crash. After he survives, the plot ends



and readers are left wanting more. *Brian's Return* is the sequel to this book, and portrays the difficulty Brian has in adjusting to his new life, free of wild animals and the dangers of living in solidarity in nature. As "safe" as his new life may seem, Brian is struggling immensely with living a so-called "normal" life. Therefore, he meets a psychologist named Caleb. Speaking with Caleb helps Brian work through the trauma he has faced and also to make a decision on what to do now. Will he finally be able to accept a calmer environment? Or will he still miss the woods, deep down in his heart? If you want to find out what Brian chooses to do, you should read *Brian's Return*.

Katie is a senior in high school. She likes reading and writing. She loves to read to younger kids. She provides book reviews to kids who want to find more good books.

Taegyong's Book Review



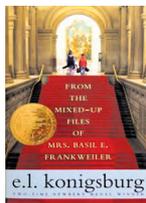
Taegyong K.

Hideout at the Museum

Title: *The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*

Author: E. L. Konigsburg

What do you think that the museum is for? There is a girl who thinks a museum is good for hiding. Claudia Kincaid has complaints about



her responsibilities at home and the things that make her uncomfortable. She decides to run away from home and makes a plan to go to the Metropolitan Museum of art in New York to hide so that nobody can find her. She leaves home and takes one of her brothers, Jamie, because he has some money that she needs to go there. Finally, Claudia and Jamie enter the museum and find a place to hide. Now, they start their adventure at the museum.

Can they keep hiding at the museum? Or will they get caught by the guards? What will happen to them at the museum? This book will lead you into the mysteries and adventures. Let's dive into it.

Taegyong K. is a 6th grader. She loves reading books and writing her own stories. Also, she likes to draw and play video games.

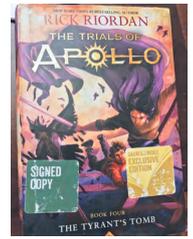
Sean's Book Review



Sean

The Tomb of a Dead Emperor

The Tyrant's Tomb is the fourth book in Rick Riordan's series, *Trials of Apollo*. Apollo (aka Lester Papadopoulos) was banished from Mount Olympus (home of the Greek Gods) by the



almighty Zeus. During his exile, he experienced many adventures and losses. Meg, his 12 year-old gifted assistant, travels with him to a Roman demi-god camp, where they are greeted by lots of old war friends. Apollo has a vision and tells the camp to prepare for a gruesome war caused by two evil Roman emperors, both with whom Apollo had treacherously fought recently. He then needs to go on a dangerous journey investigating a Roman ghost tomb for crucial information. The vivid details of the battle preparation and fighting scenes are riveting. Overall, this book is a solid 5/5 and I hope you eventually read this amazing series!

Sean is a 6th grader who enjoys playing basketball and volleyball. He loves to teach his dog, Chewie, tricks and taking him on walks. His favorite subjects at school are math and PE. The best thing about quarantine was spending time with his family in nature.

Yoona's Review



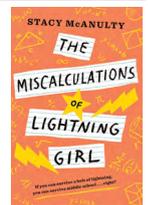
Yoona C.

The Math Girl

Title: *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl*

Author: Stacy McAnulty

The main character's name is Lucy. Lucy was struck by lightning. She loves math, and is actually a genius with math! Lucy most of all loves pi. If she doesn't sit, stand 3 times pi



appears and keeps going in her head. Lucy is homeschooled and lives with her Grandmother. She is ready to go to college, but her grandmother insists and forces her to go to middle school for at least 1 year. Her grandmother says to make 1 friend, join one activity, and read one book. Later on, the school has a project where you have to help places, or people in need. Lucy and her friends plan to help a dog shelter. She later finds a dog named Cutie Pi and instantly falls in love. Lucy's Grandmother soon finds a school that is good for her intelligence, but she's not sure if she wants to go...Does Lucy decide to leave the school and friends? I like this book because there are a lot of changes in this book, which makes it more interesting.

Yoona is a 4th grader. She likes to read books and create stories. She also enjoys playing soccer.

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