Tiger Talk

Important Items You Need to Know:

- Please remember that ALL Wednesday's for the 2015-2016 school year are late start days. Students will board the buses 1 hour later than usual. The student day begins 1 hour later with the tardy bell at 9:35 am.

- No dismissal changes will be taken over the phone unless it is an emergency. In case of an emergency you will need to contact the front office. However, requests must be made by email or faxing a letter. We will follow up with you that your request has been received by a phone call. Thank you for your understanding!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Events and Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1/8/2016</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Report Cards Go Home</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/18/2016</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>No School/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/1/2016</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Kindergarten Registration Begins</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/11/2016</td>
<td>6:30 pm—7:30 pm</td>
<td>Templeton</td>
<td>Kindergarten Open House</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Templeton Website and Twitter
Templeton has a comprehensive website with many resources for parents. It has many helpful links, pictures and information.
http://www.mccsc.edu/templeton Also, follow Templeton on Twitter at @Templeton_MCCSC

Templeton PTO
A reminder that the first Thursday of every month starting at 6:30 p.m. is the Templeton PTO Skate Night at Western Skateland. A great time to informally meet other Templeton families and students to enjoy together.

Thank you First Book Grant!
We are so thankful that First Book continues to support Templeton. Our First Book grant for this year was $3967.00. With that we were able to order 1,688 books that will go directly to our students.

Kindergarten Registration
Kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year begins February 1st. Registration packets can be picked up from the Templeton office starting February 1st. Kindergarten Open House, which is a chance to learn what a kindergarten day is like and tour the classrooms, is on February 11th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Middle School ALPS Information
The MCCSC Office of High Ability Education has begun the middle school ALPS identification/application process for 2016-17 incoming seventh grade students. Any current sixth grade student may apply for the program. Application materials are due to the Office of High Ability Education on Friday, January 29, 2016. If you have questions about the identification/application process for the program, a Parent Information Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20 from 6:30-7:30 P.M. in the Tri North Middle School auditorium. You may also contact your child’s teacher, your principal, or Kimberly Williams, Coordinator of High Ability Education, at the MCCSC Administration Center at 812-330-7700 or kwilliam@mccsc.edu. Information about the program may also be found on the MCCSC website at www.mccsc.edu.
International Baccalaureate

The week before Winter Break we had our first site visit from International Baccalaureate. Our consultant from Canada spent two full days at Templeton. She visited classrooms and met with all of the teaching teams. The visit went great and she was very impressed. We are now at the stage of deciding on when to apply for authorization. Our consultant thought we were very ready and is excited for us. We also have some continuing work to do in completing the rest of our Units of Inquiry in each grade level and helping our students continue to learn and use our Learner Profile. Overall, there were no deficiencies or problems noted with our visit. Congratulations to La Hall, our IB coordinator, our staff and all of the students. Below is our Learner Profile so that you can also make this a part of your conversations with your student.

The Learner Profile

Inquirers - Students develop their natural curiosity. They acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning.

Knowledgeable - They explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance.

Thinkers—They exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively.

Communicators—They understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication.

Principled—They act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice, and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities.

Open-Minded—They understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values, and tradition of other individuals and communities.

Caring—They show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others.

Risk Takers—They approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage in defending their beliefs.

Balanced—They understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance.

Reflective—They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience. They are able to assess and understand their strengths and limitations in order to support their learning and personal development.

Winter Weather Reminders

As the weather changes, it seems like daily, it is a great reminder that winter weather is right around the corner. Already, it can be 32 degrees in the morning and 70 degrees by the end of the school day. Please keep this in mind when helping your student pick out outfits in the morning. We encourage layers so that students can adjust to the temperatures inside and outside throughout the day. We also encourage you to write your student’s last name on tags for jackets, hats and gloves as our Lost and Found gets full quickly.