

Taft Elementary School

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Dear Taft Families,

We have had a fabulous first month of school. We have established goals for your children and look forward to their academic success throughout this school year.

I would like to announce our new parent and community members joining Taft's School Site Council. We had three open positions. The elections was conducted at Back-to-School Night and the following people will be serving for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years: Toni Garczynski, Maria Hernandez and Milenka Rivera. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Smith
Principal

FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION

Article IX, Section 5 of the California Constitution states: *"The Legislature shall provide for a system of common schools by which a free school shall be kept up and supported in each district."* The California State Supreme Court held that this provision prohibits public schools from charging mandatory fees for curricular and extracurricular educational activities. This decision affects our students in several areas.

Art Projects: All students must be provided with the supplies to complete art projects. Once projects are completed, students may be charged the cost of supplies if they wish to keep the item. Students may not be charged for food items prepared as part of the class.

Binders/ Notebooks, Class Materials: Teachers may recommend optional materials, provided there is no penalty for students not having these items. No fees may be required for participation in a class or use of supplemental novels, workbooks, or supplies.

Field Trips/Outdoor Science School: Schools may charge fees in connection with school related field trips and Outdoor Science School as long as no student is denied the opportunity to participate. In the case of Outdoor Science School, an alternative activity must be provided for students who chose to stay at school.

Donations: Donations are voluntary only. There will be no negative impact for failing to donate. Programs may be cancelled or modified if financially unfeasible given the level of donation.

WHY IS REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO IMPORTANT?

Students must attend school REGULARLY to achieve in the classroom. Parents who make regular school attendance a top priority help their children become dependable and responsible. Students who do not attend school regularly achieve at a lower level than their classmates. Poor school attendance is the most frequently identified symptom of the potential school dropout.

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!



Upcoming Events

October 6 PTA Meeting @ 8:05 a.m.

October 12 Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 23 Family Picnic

October 26-30 Red Ribbon Week

October 30 Taft Carnival

November 5 Mc Teacher Night
(McDonald's)

Terrific Tiger Winners

9-11-15

Edgar Alcantara – Burzumato
Nathaniel Carrera – Victor
Samantha Valencia-Reyes- Hermes
Jocelin Garcia – Fish
Marco Marquez - Krill
Jazmine Onofre – Gavitt
Kevin Cardenas – Davis
Edwin Bermudez – Munoz

9-18-15

Bridget Murillo Ramos – Sartoph
Jair Alcantara – Wall
Dario Lozada – Powers/Horeczko
Jake Lawhon – Huynh
Allison Valenzuela – Zuidema
Kevin Perez – Norquist
Bryan Robledo – Goodger
Matthew Vargas – Acosta

9-25-15

Javier Navarro – Burzumato
Arelí Silvestre – Wall
Andrew Barajas – Wooden
Michelle Roman – Mc Fadden
Adan Flores – Zuidema
Juan Jose Arellano – Johnson
Mille Langarica – Davis
Xavier Castellanos-Jimenez - Cardenas