

Thorndyke Happenings

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Thorndyke Families and Community!

We hope you are all as excited about the upcoming holidays as we are! While we do have some time off in December to celebrate with our family and friends, it is important to know that we have got an important and busy two weeks of learning and events coming up.

On December 12th your children will come home with their first trimester report cards. Kindergarten students receive a WA Kids report while first through fifth graders receive a Common Core State Standards aligned report. Students will receive a score of 1 to 4 for standards within the content areas. The scores mean the following: 1=performing below standard; 2=approaching standard; 3=at standard; 4=consistently performing above standard. Understand that scores of 2's and 3's are typical, especially at the conclusion of the first trimester. Sit down with your children and review their report cards. Here are some questions we recommend you ask your children:

- Based on this report card, what are you most proud of?
- What do you need to work on the most during second trimester?
- What do you need from me (your parent/guardian) to do your best in school?

As you know, this year we are committed to improving our average daily attendance rate (ADA) at Thorndyke. We ended last school year with a 94% ADA. That means, on any given day, approximately 94% of our students were present. We believe we can do better than that, and are targeting a 97% ADA. Help us achieve our goal by making sure your children attend school unless they are seriously ill (running a fever, vomiting, or experiencing diarrhea). Do know that we are already seeing an improvement! After examining current attendance data, we learned that about half as many students have been absent during the first three months compared to the first three months last year. Let's keep this positive trend all year long!

It is a pleasure serving as your school principals. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to improve the learning and safety experience for your children. We take this role seriously and welcome your compliments and/or critique.

Sincerely,

Aaron Draganov
Principal

Javier Roman
Assistant Principal

CARE NIGHT

We had a wonderful CARE Night on the evening of October 14th. This year Thorndyke held a joint CARE Night to benefit students of both Thorndyke Elementary and Cascade View Elementary. Thanks to the efforts of many staff members and wonderful volunteers for helping over 500 children and adults leave with much needed clothing and items!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following "Students of the Month" for the virtue of **SERVICE**: Jesus Ortiz, Missy Cruz Hernandez, Yasmin Ibrahim, Zubair Mohammed, Lujain Al Azirji, Lujain Al Azirji, Abdirahman Mohamed, Isabella Roman Pacheco, Nani Jarjou, Maddox Lee, Nyuma Kebbay, Allison De La Trinidad Bautista, Maher Ali, Bernadette Duncan Santos, Alysson Soltero, Naimo Ahmed, Marial Keer, Jose Vega, Jaia Rodgers, Murjan Osman, Mohamedkhadir Hersi, Saniya Sayaseng, Jonny Veth, Jade Williams, Shamsa Ahmed, Adam Alonzo and Abdiel Villa Perez

BEAT THE BELL

"Beat the Bell" is our incentive program designed to encourage students to be on time to school. Those students who are on time to school could have their class recognized at our monthly assembly. Our **school begins at 9:00 a.m.** each morning. **BE ON TIME** and your class could potentially be recognized for this honor. Congratulations to Ms. Rich's (Mr. Maulden) class and Mrs. McClelland's class for earning the honor of "Beating the Bell" for the month of November.

IMPORTANT: PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

This is a reminder that when you bring students to school in the morning or come to pick them up in the afternoon, **THERE IS NO PARKING IN THE DROP-OFF LOOP!** We have a number of parents who leave their cars in the loop, and this causes frustration for others, and also creates a safety issue with cars needing to back-up and squeeze around parked cars. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UN-ATTENDED!**

THORNDYKE PTA

Our next **PTA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14th, at 4:30.** Come join us!

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

A way you can support the PTA while shopping from the comfort of your own home. We have an account with **Amazon Smile** and we get 0.5% of all money spent.

Below you will find the link to support the PTA. You will need to click this link or sign into Amazon Smile every time you make a purchase. You can still use your account that you have set up with them.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-3194527>

If you haven't joined the PTA yet, please be sure to send in your \$10 to join. For more information contact ThorndykePTA@hotmail.com.

Did You Know.....

- ❖ Students should arrive at school **no earlier than 8:30 a.m.** and depart **no later than 3:30 p.m.** unless they are enrolled in a before/after school activity.
- ❖ You can call in an absence for your student @ 206-901-7603 at **any** time, 24 hours a day. Please include the name of your student, the reason for the absence and a phone number where you may be reached if there is a question.
- ❖ For the safety of our students and staff, please enter our school only by the main entry door. Visitors **MUST** sign in/out and wear a visitor pass.
- ❖ You can check your student's meal account balance by calling 206-901-8068. Keeping your child's account current is very much appreciated.
- ❖ If you wish to volunteer, either at school or on field trips, you **MUST** complete a volunteer application.
- ❖ You can find out about school activities online at www.tukwila.wednet.edu
- ❖ Our lost and found is located at the rear of the main lobby. Please check for lost items as this collection piles up quickly.
- ❖ Our school collects Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup labels. They can be deposited in the marked container in the office.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Dec 1 – Last day of Trimester

Dec 12 – Report Cards sent home

Dec 14 – PTA Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

Dec 15 – Student of the Month Assembly, 9:15 a.m.

Dec 18-Jan 1 – NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

THORNDYKE IS A TITLE 1 SCHOOL

Thorndyke Elementary School receives federal money to fund a School-wide Title 1 program. Title 1 programs are intended to help ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments. The program focuses on promoting reform in high-poverty schools (those with 40% or more students from low-income families) and ensures student access to scientifically-based instructional strategies and challenging academic content. Thorndyke uses most of Title 1 funds to pay for important staff members, including highly qualified Instructional Assistants and our Literacy and Math Interventionists. Funds are also reserved for professional development for teachers that is designed to raise the achievement of low-achieving students by improving instruction throughout the entire school. If you have any questions about our Title 1 programs, please feel free to speak with Mr. Draganov @ 206-901-7605.

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