

Thorndyke Happenings

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Thorndyke Families and Community!

It feels like we just started the school year, but we are actually just beginning the second semester! It has been a busy year up-to-now, and we have lots more coming up. In February we are celebrating Black History all month long! Connect with your child's teacher to learn how you can support with lessons in the classroom. Our 100th day of school is quickly approaching as well, and some classes will have fun celebrations. This month we are beginning our before school Lexia and ST Math Labs from 8:00 to 8:30 five days a week. Permission slips with details will be sent home with select students, but contact your child's teacher if you know you want your child enrolled in this before school program. Lexia and ST Math are computer based programs that help students develop and strengthen concepts, procedures, and foundational skills in both literacy and math. Additionally, toward the end of this month, our ELL (English Language Learner) students will take the ELPA 21 (English Language Proficiency Assessment) during ELL sessions. To help your students do their best, please be sure they get a good night's sleep and eat a satisfying breakfast in the morning. The assessment window is February 26 - March 9th.

We are continuing to focus on improving attendance, behavior, and course performance at Thorndyke, or what we call the ABC's. In January we had the lowest number of tardies on record this year! While we are very pleased with this, the number of tardies is still high. Please be sure your students arrive between 8:30 and 8:50. Our average daily attendance (ADA) was concerningly low in January, which was most likely attributed to the flu. We're diligently keeping hands and surfaces cleaned at school to reduce the spread. Please be sure your children attend school unless they are showing symptoms including a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. Make attempts to schedule doctor and dentist appointments before/after school or during school breaks. Regarding behavior, we are seeing a pattern of increased behavior incidents during the middle of the week. Please talk to your children about their job at school - to stay safe and learn! This month our virtue is self-discipline. We'll spend time discussing what this means and how it can lead to success in school and in life. In terms of course performance, we just completed our second round of i-Ready assessments. Though we saw significant growth across the school in both Reading and Math, there are some opportunities. In general, our K-1 students are struggling with geometry while our 2nd-5th grade students are struggling the most with algebraic thinking. In Reading, the needs for K-5 are around constructing meaning of text by understanding vocabulary and high frequency words. To help with this, please be sure your students are reading regularly at home.

We thank you for the opportunity to be part of your child's education! We look forward to working with you in February. As we like to say, please contact us with your compliments or concerns. Have a great month!

Aaron Draganov
Principal

Javier Roman
Assistant Principal

CLASS PICTURE DAY

Class pictures will be taken on Thursday, February 8th. Order forms have been sent home. Additional order forms are available in the main office.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

We are honored to host the next School Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30 in our Library. Please come join us.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

February is Heart Health Month and Thorndyke is proud to bring back our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser! Here at Thorndyke, we want to make sure that we are keeping our hearts healthy by getting 60 minutes of exercise, saying NO to tobacco, eating lots of healthy foods and drinking plenty of water. Be sure to ask your child about the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser this month and check out all the cool prizes they can win!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following "Students of the Month" for the virtue of **JOYFULNESS**: Dayana Cruz Franco, Alexander Gonzalez Alonso, Keziah Barcinas, Nabil Ali, Sabrina Carder, Hawa Jarjou, Sharon George, Anakatie "Nadine" Gonzalez, Ahmed Ibrahim, Sky Tufono, Xafsa Cabdisalan, Shawneece Piper, Brian Flores Santos, Jamaira Pitts, Vania Moreno Acalco, Saleena Bista, Jeff Garnica Godinez, Luis Perez, Trinity Nicholson, Emma Henry, Lemusu Fuimaono, Joel Tufa, Bushra Abdi, Emily Rosas Herrera, Zacharia Ahmed, Ashly Chavez Velazquez, Ana Carranza Hernandez, Jayden Tyler, Seeum Mohammad, Mohammad Zubair Sarfaraz, Brendan Vuu.

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. West's 1st grade** class and **Ms. Hendrickson's 3rd grade** class for earning the honor of "Beating the Bell" for the month of January.

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!***

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Duwamish Southside for their donation of \$500 for Library Books. We are very grateful for your donation.

THORNDYKE PTA

Please join us Thursday, February 15th at 4:30 for our PTA Meeting in our staff room.

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

 **Thorndyke PTA**

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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>

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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

Feb 2 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workshop Day
Feb 8 – Class Picture Day
Feb 12 – Jump Rope 4 Heart Assembly, 9:15 a.m.
Feb 13 – School Board Meeting at Thorndyke, 6:30 p.m.
Feb 14 – EARLY RELEASE @ 12:45 p.m.
Feb 14 – Progress Reports Sent Home
Feb 15 – PTA Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
Feb 19 – **NO SCHOOL** – Presidents' Day
Feb 20 – **NO SCHOOL** – Mid Winter Break
Feb 21 – **NO SCHOOL** – Snow Day
Feb 23 – Student of the Month Assembly, 9:15 a.m.

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 Coaches. 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.

The Tukwila School District complies with all federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, gender, color, national origin, or disability. This holds true for all district students, employees, and district employment and opportunities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's title IX/RCW 28A.640 officer and/or Section 504/ADA coordinator located at 4640 S 144th Street, WA 98168: T. C. Wallace, Title IX/RCW28A.640 Officer (206.901.8005) and, Section 504/ADA Coordinator (206.901.8035) **Thorndyke Elementary is a Schoolwide Title I School**

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