

# Thorndyke Happenings

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Thorndyke Community,

Welcome to our second month of school! As we visited classrooms daily throughout September, we were excited to see high levels of student engagement and learning in action! This year we are placing a special school-wide emphasis on the math workshop instructional model. We are providing ongoing training and support for our teachers as they implement strategies to differentiate learning for all students in their classrooms. Through the workshop model, teachers use regular formative assessments to drive flexible groupings. This strategy is effective for ELL, Highly Capable / Gifted and Talented, Special Education, and General Education students. In addition to classroom based assessments, we will use a new i-Ready math assessment to monitor the effectiveness of math workshop at Thorndyke. Be sure to ask your children how they are enjoying math this year!

As we mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are determined to improve student attendance at Thorndyke! That is why we are introducing a friendly competition among classes to strive for the best ADA (average daily attendance) in the school each month! Please support this challenge by making sure your child is on time and present every day. When making doctor and dentist appointments, try to schedule them before and after school, or over breaks. Looking forward to announcing the winning class at the end of October!

We thank you for sending your children to Thorndyke Elementary and trusting in us to do this important work. It is an honor and privilege. We are always open to hearing critique or compliments. Call or visit. Have a wonderful October!

Aaron Draganov  
Principal

Javier Roman  
Assistant Principal

## PICTURE DAY IS COMING

Picture Day is Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Please include cash or check payable to Leo's Photography in picture envelope which is due on picture day. Order forms are available in the office

## TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

There will be **NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** to allow time for Teacher Professional Development

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following "Students of the Month" for the virtue of

**COOPERATION:** Aamina Kebbay, Anaiyah Johnson, Jayden Ho, Zahra Safi, Brandon Galdamez, Kimia Hasani, Alysia Smith, Billy Kang Kouch, Junior Duncan Santos, Eliko "JoJo" Clayton, A'ron Allen Jack, Kimberly Segura, Kidon Lamont, Trinity Nicholson, Trinity Buchanan, Martine Tapic, Eyoel Rozario, Shane Kinney Gilbert, Amaree Taylor, Marial Keer, Erick Rodriguez, Leslie Garnica Rios, Amar Masic and Issis Carias Doblado.

## 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 Mrs. Johnson's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class and Ms. West's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class for Primary and Ms. Gostisha's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class for Intermediate for earning the honor of "Beating the Bell" for the month of September.

## THORNDYKE SPIRIT WEAR

Your chance to order and purchase Thorndyke "Pride and Spirit" Wear is here! Show your Thunderbird pride by ordering your favorite clothing item. Order forms are being sent home with your student. Order forms and money can be turned into the front office no later than Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on joining students, families, and staff on showing their school spirit! If you want to see what some of our items look like, you can go look at the samples in the MPR (cafeteria).

## 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

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](mailto:ThorndykePTA@gmail.com). Join our Facebook page. Send a request to "Thorndyke Elementary PTA".

Please join us for a night of fun and entertainment at the **Masquerade Ball, Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Food, drinks and candy will be sold and Door Prizes for bringing 20 or more Box Tops. Come in your best costume (no weapons) and have fun with family and friends. Entertainment provided by Mr. "T". We will also have a cake walk and need donations. More info to come.

## 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 206-901-8000. 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](http://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

- Oct 10 – Picture Day
- Oct 13 – NO SCHOOL
- Oct 17 - Terrific Tuesdays Begin, 8:00 a.m.
- Oct 18 – Early Release @ 12:45 p.m.
- Oct 18 - PTA Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- Oct 25 - Progress Reports Sent Home
- Oct 27 - Student of the Month Assembly
- Oct 27 - PTA Masquerade Dance

## 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 144<sup>th</sup> Street, WA 98168: T.C. Wallace, Title IX/RCW28A.640 Officer (206.901.8005) and Gayle Wilson, Section 504/ADA Coordinator (206.901.8035) **Thorndyke Elementary is a Schoolwide Title I School**



