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Tavelli Elementary Mission Statement

Tavelli Elementary is a school of academics, character and wellness. Our mission is to

ENGAGE
 students for academic and social success.

We will INSPIRE
 a community of diverse learners through collaboration and accountability

so our children will **SUCCEED** in a global society.



A Note from our Principal . . .

Happy May!

As we come to the close of another school year, we would like to reflect upon all the accomplishments of our wonderful Tavelli students. We have had an amazing year packed full of activities and accomplishments, but we are most grateful that our students attended school in person all year. We will be finishing the school year with our Summer Blast Off.

In between, we have taken 5th graders to Pingree Park, for an ECO day; reached a record-breaking goal for our Walk-a-thon, hosted two separate book fairs; had students participate in the Math Olympiad; skated countless laps at Rollerland; tutored many Dream Team students; hosted kindergarten orientation; celebrated Valentine's Day with classroom parties; dressed crazy for spirit days, celebrated Arbor Day handing out trees to our 5th graders; smiled for photos; performed science experiments and represented Tavelli at the District Science Fair and spent countless hours in the classroom having fun learning.

Mobile Academic Classroom (M.A.C) will be up and running this summer. Please sign up and get your registration turned in.

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The advertisement features two photos of women: one sitting on a couch reading a tablet, and another sitting on a bed. Below the photos is the logo for 'The Women's Clinic of Northern Colorado' and a call to action: 'Schedule Your Appointment Today!'

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PTO has worked super hard and spent countless hours organizing all the extra fun events this year. We look forward to hosting our 20th Duathlon in the fall. In addition, we would like to thank our staff, students, and families for your support this year. We couldn't do this without you! In addition, we would like to thank all our parents for communicating and keeping children home when they did not feel well.

As we look forward to next year, we will be communicating with our families late in the summer on what protocols will be in place for the 2022-23 school year.

Enjoy this last month of school. Have a wonderfully fun-filled and safe summer.

Christine Hendricks,
Principal Tavelli

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It's been a good year in the library, where students have checked out and returned tens of thousands of books of all genres. A special thanks goes out to our 5th graders who volunteered hours of their time to help check in and shelve books. The library would not have run without you this year! The 5th Grade Library Team is Piper Sutter, Michael Martinez, Lela Kaufman, Max Caston, Lucy Smith, Gracey Schumacher, Joanna Rueda-Tellez, Isabella Quiroga, Eva Remington, Owen Frick, Evelyn Colburn, Ryan Malone, Graham Kirchoefer, Charlotte Fannon, Ireyna Van Vliet, and Bella Wood.

In the computer lab, students are working on a variety of projects and assignments. These activities give students a chance to practice their technology skills, including keyboarding, coding on code.org, programming Sphero Bolt robots, Google spreadsheet and chart formatting, video production, 3-D design, research, graphic design, email skills, use of tools on Google Docs, digital citizenship, and use of our online library system, Insignia. Students in grades 3-5 use a "Flipped Learning" model, where they can work at their own pace on assignments that are posted in our Google Classroom. When they complete assignments according to the required criteria, they earn points that can be spent on merchandise in the online "Encore Store". (Our version of Amazon.com) 😊

To show off our typing skills, in grades 2-5 we have keyboarding "battles" once a month where students compete with their classmates on a typing test. Students earn badges and points for improving their typing speed. The grade level class with the highest average wins the battle. The Championship Battle will be May 9th-12th, and winning classes in each grade will win the Golden Keyboard and an ice cream party. A special shout out goes to 4th grader Kellen Arnold, who broke the school record on Battle #5, typing 100 words per minute with 99% accuracy. Way to go Kellen!!

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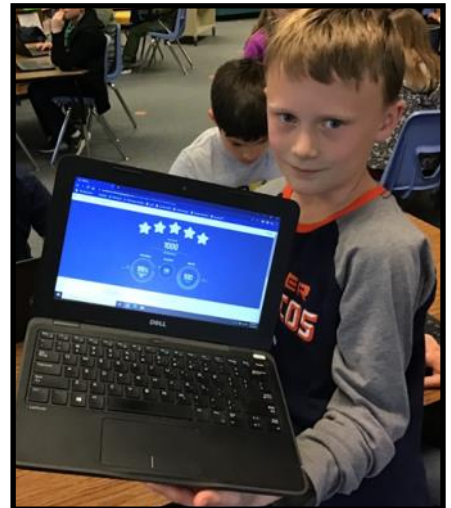
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Kellen Arnold after his record setting attempt.



1st Graders pair programming on Code.org



4th Graders in a typing battle

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5th Graders competing in the Sphero Challenge



3rd Graders watching a 3-D design print

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Little Shop of Physics Comes to Tavelli

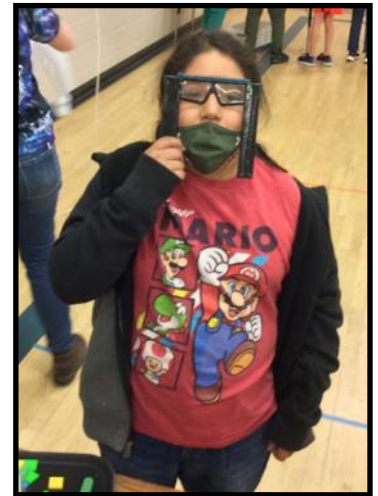
CSU's Little Shop of Physics shared their amazing and fun science experiments with Tavelli students March 24th.



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Little Shop of Physics Comes to Tavelli

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Hello Tavelli Families

First, a big thank you for all you do to support your students!

I can hardly believe we are in the final stretch of this school year and approaching summer break. I want to take this opportunity to share with you some thoughts and resources that may be of some use to you and your family.

This year a new program was launched at the state level designed to provide up to 6 free virtual counseling sessions to any youth in need. Please visit <https://imattercolorado.org/> to learn more and access this amazing resource.

With more downtime in the summer, kids are likely to spend more time on screens (tablets, gaming systems, phones, etc). There are many great educational games on the Tavelli website, <https://tav.psdschools.org/> There is more and more research being done showing too much time on screens can have a negative impact on development, however, so please use your judgment on how much is too much. You may find some helpful resources here <https://childmind.org/topics/screen-time-technology/>

Lastly, more downtime means more time for playing games! Free play is one of the best ways for children to learn. Board games are also super important for brain development and social skills development. Below is a list of great games that also work on building executive functions. Executive functions consist of several different mental skills that help the brain organize and act on information. These skills enable people to plan, organize, remember things, prioritize, pay attention, and get started on tasks. They also help people use information and experiences from the past to solve current problems. The good news is that while these are some of the last skills in our brain to develop, there are easy and fun ways you can help teach and promote them at home and in school. Below are a few suggestions:

Jenga - self-control, flexibility, and planning

Red Light/Green Light - self-control, attention

Musical Chairs - attention, planning, and self-control

Chess - planning, flexibility, and working memory

Memory - working memory, self-control, and planning

Mastermind - planning and organizing

Puzzles - attention, planning, perseverance

Battleship - attention, memory, planning

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I Spy - attention

Freeze - self-control, and attention

Scrabble - planning, and organizing

Pictionary - flexibility and time management

Brain Teasers - perseverance and flexibility

Sudoku - perseverance and working memory

The 5 second rule - time management and initiation (How to Play: Kids must name 3 things that fit a given topic. For example, kids might need to name 3 professional basketball teams or 3 pieces of jewelry. The categories differ greatly so kids have to be on their toes. As an accommodation, I sometimes play as a "10-second rule" to give kids enough time to process the question.)

Blurt - metacognition and self-control

Blokus - Spatial awareness, planning, attention

Dots and Blocks - attention and planning

Distraction - Working Memory and attention

Crazy 8's - working memory and attention

Go Fish - working memory

Uno - working memory

Mind Trap - Flexible thinking

AnimaLogic - planning and organizing, flexible thinking

Boggle - flexible thinking

Skip-bo - sequencing, organizing, memory

ASAP - flexible thinking, initiation

Suspend - Planning, attention, impulse control

Have a great summer!

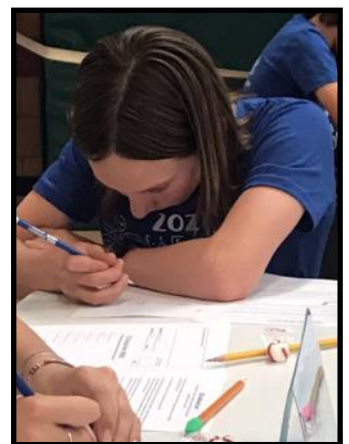
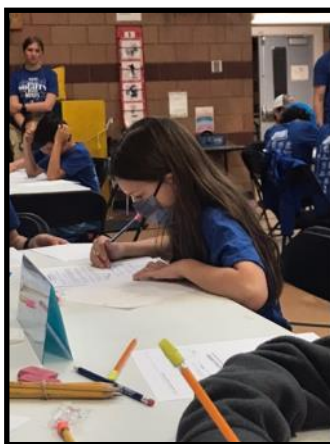
Best Wishes,

Lisa Vencill

School Psychologist Ed.S.

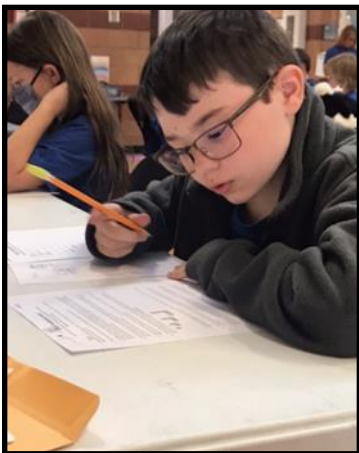
Congratulations to our 5th Grade Mathletes!

Our 5th Grade Math team competed in the Poudre School District Mighty Math Minds Tournament and finished with a 2nd place trophy! Congratulations to Lela Kaufman, Ryan Malone, Jude Elterman, Eva Remington and Aubrey Hill for their stellar performance, solving 10 individual problems and 10 team problems.



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Congratulations to our 5th Grade Mathletes! *continued*



Art Around Tavelli

Abstract Paintings

Our second grade students created these fun and colorful **abstract paintings**. We learned about the famous abstract painter **Wassily Kandinsky**. Kandinsky had a special condition where he could hear colors and see sound. He often painted music. We talked about what different sounds might look like as we explored Kandinsky's paintings. We created our designs by using **shapes and lines** to break up the space. We then **painted** in the different spaces with different colors. We learned about the **color wheel** and used chalk to add an **analogous color** to each space. Analogous colors are colors that are next to each other on the color wheel.

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Art Around Tavelli

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Weaving

Our 4th grade students created these wonderful, colorful weavings. We learned that most cultures around the world create weavings, using different styles of looms and different weaving techniques. Weaving can create many things like rugs, clothing and baskets.

We created our weavings on small cardboard looms. We learned that the vertical strings on the loom are called the warp of the weaving, and the horizontal strings that are woven in are called the weft of the weaving. Using different colors we learned how to weave patterns and designs.

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M.C. Escher Style Tessellations

Our 5th grade students created these fun and colorful **tessellations** in the style of the famous artist **M.C. Escher**. We learned that a tessellation is a **geometric shape** that covers a surface with no gaps or overlapping. We studied the work of M.C. Escher and learned that he was inspired by looking at repeating patterns in Spanish architecture. The word tessellations, comes from the Latin word *tessella* which was a small square stone or tile used in ancient Roman mosaics.

Each student came up with images to fit into their tessellations. What images can you see?



New Life for the Tavelli Garden



Tavelli Important Dates to Remember:

- May 2-6** Scholastic Book Fair 🐾
- May 2-6** Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6** Nurse Appreciation Day
- May 6** 5th Grade Group Photo, 9:30 Outside
- May 11** All books due back to the Tavelli Library
- May 16** No School For K-12 Students, staff work day
- May 18** Last Day for Preschool
- May 19** Dream Team Field Trip 🐾
- May 23** Summer Blast Off 🐾
- May 25** Last Day of School for Students, no Lunch will be served, dismissal K-1 Grades 11:45; 2-5 Grades 11:58, Busses will run

🐾 Denotes a PTO sponsored event/funds

⚡ Denotes a Wellness event