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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 . . .

Dear Parents:

Welcome back from Winter Break. We hope you had a relaxing couple of weeks with family and friends. January is the start of several months of solid teaching and learning. Before break, we completed our midyear testing to gather information on what your child has learned so far. This determines if we need to reteach any concepts and where we need to focus our instruction next. Seeing this data is exciting because of the outstanding instruction and dedication our teachers and support staff provide. I also applaud the hard work of our students and families as we work together to ensure that all our children are successful. I am excited about 2023 as our students are showing great growth.

Our enrollment is 525 in grades K-5. This number is below our fall projections of 543. We are asking for families to register their Kindergarteners for the 2023-24 school year.

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The following are some reasons to choose Tavelli beyond our amazing Staff, Students and Community:

- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Focus School
- New playground
- Science Lab
- Five Specials (Computer lab/library, Art, Music, Science and PE)
- SMART Binders: students engaging in their learning
- Social Emotional Learning and Support
 - ◊ School Counselor
 - ◊ School Psychologist
 - ◊ Calming Room
 - ◊ Calming Boxes
 - ◊ Building wide SEL curriculum
 - ◊ Social Contracts in each classroom
- Little Kids Rock
- Dream Team
- Battle of the Books
- Running Club
- Student Ambassadors
- MAC Bus
- Wellness Focus
- PTO
- Tavelli Events
 - ◊ Duathlon
 - ◊ Walkathon
 - ◊ Book Fairs
 - ◊ Read Across America
 - ◊ Summer Blast Off

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- ◇ PreK-5 Meet and Greet
- ◇ Parent Teacher Conferences
- Community Extra-Curricular activities
- Tavelli Awards
 - ◇ Blue Ribbon School
 - ◇ Colorado Department of Education High Achieving School
 - ◇ John Irwin Scholl of Excellence
 - ◇ Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

The first round consideration period for school of choice has closed, with the lottery being run Monday, January 9th and notifications sent to parents the evening of January 11th. The second round consideration period will open approximately 2 weeks after that time. Current students who were accepted as school of choice for this school year (2022-2023) do not need to reapply for school of choice. However, any siblings who don't currently attend Tavelli will need to apply for the 2023-2024 school year. Please tell your friends and neighbors to register so we can get accurate numbers for our budgeting and staffing purposes.

It is great to see so many volunteers in the building. Remember you are always welcome to have lunch with your child. Please check with your child's teacher to see if they have opportunities to volunteer for events or the classroom

I personally want to thank you for your support and great partnership with our school, it really makes the difference for our students.

Happy New Year and wishing you a great 2023!
Christine



Tavelli Spelling Bee



The first annual Tavelli Spelling Bee took place in December. All students in grades three through five completed the first round during computer lab. Round two resulted in 30 finalists being selected for our school-wide spelling bee which was held on December 20th. These spellers displayed great attitudes and wonderful sportsmanship throughout the event.

2022 Tavelli Spelling Bee Finalists

Avery Beers, Wesley Berg, Julianna Brosh, Lenora Butler, Charlotte Clemens, Emile Depew, Evan Engleman, Addison Engleman, Satori Erickson, Lorin Evans, Charlotte Ferrans, Ella Foster, Cannon Garner, Haley Goble, JaVael Gonzales, Grayson Harris, Ellie Holmes, Paisley Ingle, Anya Kraich, Laine Malone, Silas Meyer, Pax Neubert, Emma O'Dell, Isabella Peterson, Ruby Phipps, Tara Robinson, Alianna Rosenfelder, Meadow Scott, Ruby Sharp, and Lily Vertucci.

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The final four contestants were Lenora Butler, Emile Depew, Ellie Holmes, and Lily Vertucci.

The Tavelli Spelling Bee Champion for 2022-2023 is Ellie Holmes. Ellie will move on to represent our school at the district level competition.



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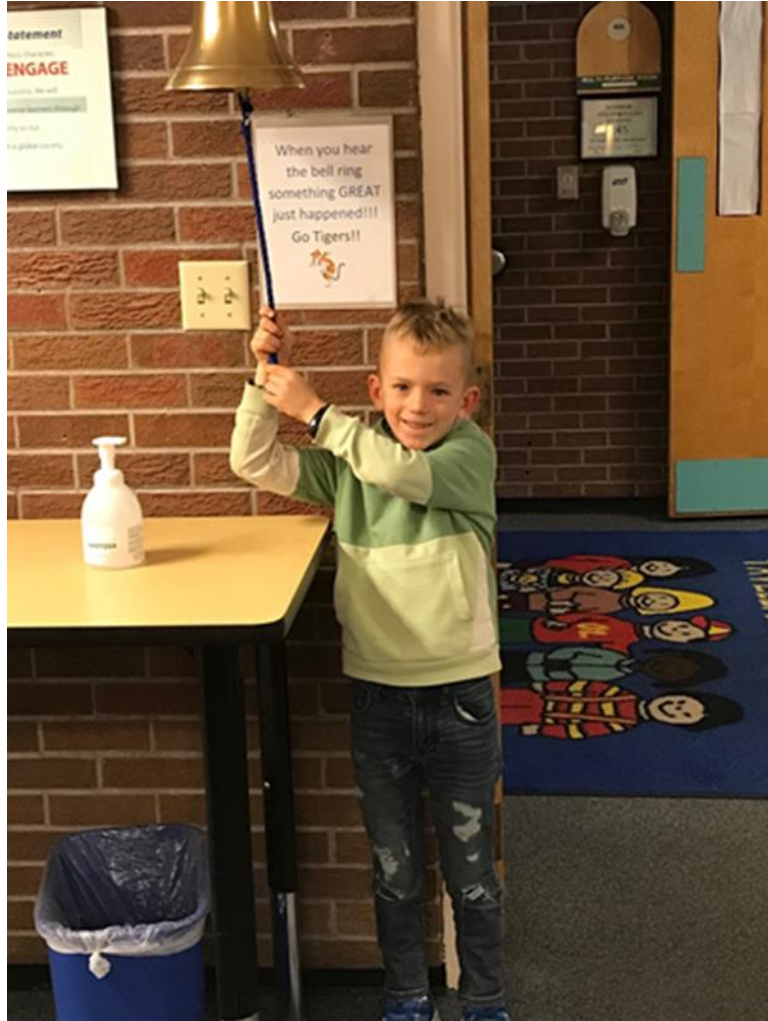
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Another Tavelli Student Rings the Bell



Second grade student Kaison embodies our Tavelli Motto, “Do Your Best, Do What’s Right, Treat Others, Self and Property with Respect”. He is a good friend and tries to help others whenever he can. Way to go Kaison!

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First Grade News

January is the perfect time to reflect on all the accomplishments we've made so far in first grade. It's also exciting to preview what's in store for the coming months!

We started off the school year by focusing on one of our social studies standards, building a classroom community made up of leaders and team members. One example of student leadership that we often see at recess is first graders initiating friendships when someone is waiting on the buddy bench.

In science, each class was able to use the tower gardens to grow plants with Mrs. Musante. First graders learned about how plants are organisms that change over time as they grow.

One of the most exciting parts about first grade is watching students become readers! During the first few months of school, we learned about and practiced many different phonics patterns in class. We'll continue to work with new phonics skills during the second half of first grade. In addition to phonics, fluency will become one of our main focuses during literacy. We'll make reading fluency goals that we'll work towards each day. As first grade teachers, it's an honor to be able to help build a love for reading in our students!

Being able to work with and manipulate numbers up to 120 is important for first graders. We've learned about different single-digit addition and subtraction strategies, and it will be a fun challenge to extend these strategies when adding and subtracting two-digit numbers in the coming months. Place value is another big focus at this age as well as being able to count on and off-decade by tens.

We can't wait to continue to see amazing social and academic growth in the coming months!

December was a busy month in first grade! From holiday activities to pajama day to sipping hot chocolate, there was plenty of festive fun! One December tradition that we have in first grade is rotating between classrooms so that students can visit each teacher and see other first grade classrooms. This year we spent the last four days before winter break learning about different Arctic animals and making crafts to go along with each animal.

In Mr. Daldegan's class, students learned that walrus tusks never stop growing. Ms. Gomez taught first graders that baby snowy white owls are called owlets. When first graders visited Mrs. Taft's classroom, they read about how caribou are herbivores. Polar bears were the focus in Ms. Vasquez's room where students learned that their white fur is waterproof.

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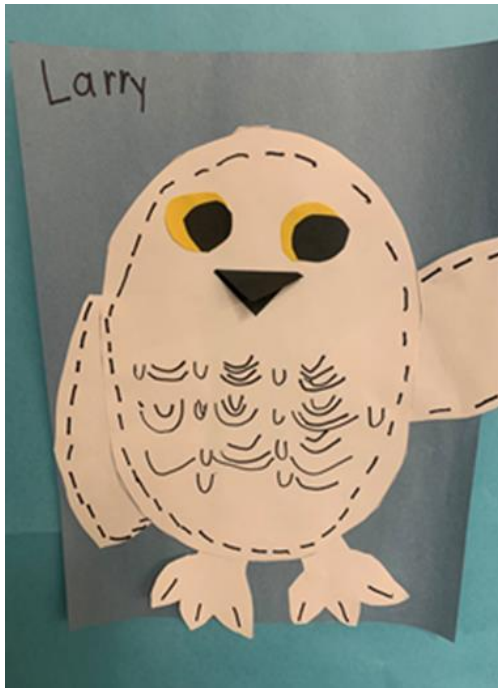
As quickly as the month of December came and went, we are so excited to have students back in school and ready for a fantastic second half of first grade!



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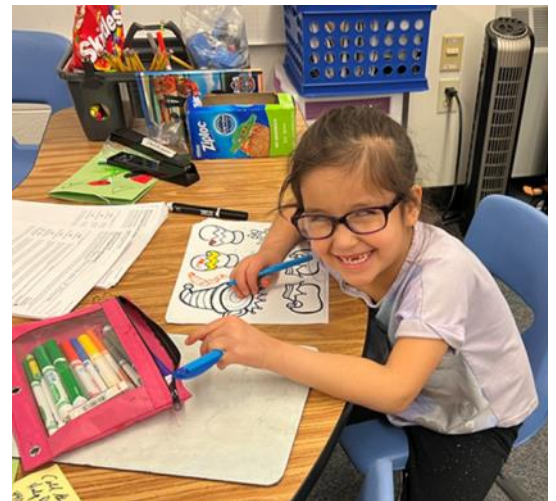
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Tavelli Tiger Training


Tiger Training at Tavelli is an opportunity for the entire school to review and practice our Tavelli Behavior Expectations. During this hands-on and interactive morning, all students rotate between stations throughout the school and hear from different staff members at each location. Each station is an opportunity to review the expectations in that part of school. For example, we review and re-teach expectations for the playground, bathrooms, hallways and pods, lunchroom, assemblies and dismissal. Our students get to participate in Tiger Training in the fall, winter and spring as needed.



Tavelli Important Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 13** Report Cars available in ParentVUE by 4:00 p.m.
- Jan. 16** No school for PSD students, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- Jan 26** Wellington, Cache LaPoudre, Lincoln Middles Schools visit 5th graders, 12:45

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