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SUBJECT: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS and DATES



Tavelli Important Dates to Remember:

Nov. 1-30	PTO's Thanks for Giving Campaign 🐾
Nov. 25-27	No School for PSD Students—Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 18	End of 2 nd Quarter (1 st Semester)
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	No School for PSD Students, Winter Break
Jan. 4	No School for PSD Students, Staff Work Day

🐾 Denotes a PTO Sponsored/Volunteer Opportunity or Funded Event

1. If Your Child Is Sick – Please call the attendance line, 970-488-6726 for **any** absence. If your child is sick, our school nurse or health tech will be calling for additional details and to determine when your child will be able to safely return. If your child is late getting online, or you are having internet issues please call the attendance line as well. Thank you for all your help with attendance!

2. PTO's Thanks for Giving Campaign – A flyer is attached to today's note about PTO's annual fund-raising drive. Please consider a donation if you are able.

The goals of Tavelli Elementary PTO are to encourage parental involvement in our school, to build a sense of school community, and to provide a supportive teacher/parent relationship.

In the past, your Tavelli PTO has contributed great sums of money and many, many volunteer hours to support Tavelli students, teachers and classrooms. We will be showing our supportive parents (you!) *exactly* where the money goes. Simply look for the PTO Paw on Thursday notes and on the web page <https://tav.psdschools.org/>

The paw means significant funds and/or people power has been contributed by parents through Tavelli PTO. You will notice that PTO contributes to a wide range of activities at Tavelli. By supporting your Tavelli PTO through committee work or financial means, you are supporting Tavelli Elementary School. A little effort goes a long way! 🐾

3. Thanks for Shopping at King Soopers – Shoppers using their loyalty cards have earned our Tavelli PTO \$8,000. This money will go back to our students through special events and programs here at school. Thank you for your support! 🐾

4. Rain or Snow, Out We Go! – As the weather gets colder and wetter, know that our recess policy is to go outside provided the temperature is 12 degrees or warmer (with the wind chill). Many students came to school this week with no boots or gloves and we were playing in the snow for recess. With the changes we have had to make with recess “zones” because of COVID, staying on the blacktop is not an option for many of our students. Please make sure your child comes with appropriate clothing for the Colorado weather.

5. Keyboarding News – The first Golden Keyboard Battle has been waged, and here are the current leaders: 2nd Grade, Mrs. Olsen; 3rd Grade, Ms. Carr; 4th Grade, Mrs. Dermody; 5th Grade Mrs. Coleman. The October Keyboarding Practice Time winners are: 1st Grade, Mrs. Rush; 2nd Grade, Mrs. Olsen; 3rd Grade, Mrs. Nelson; 4th Grade, Mr. Woodroof; 5th Grade, Mrs. Foxen. Keep practicing -- 20 minutes = 1 point, 30 minutes = 2 points; and 60 or more minutes = 3 points.

Golden Keyboard Contest (Grades 2-5): Students participate in a series of 6 "Battles" throughout the year, where they compete against the other classes in their grade. Students take a Pre-Test at the beginning of the year, and if they practice, they improve their speed in words per minute or (WPM) on each battle, while maintaining 90% or more accuracy. The class in each grade with the highest average WPM wins the Championship Battle at the end of the year wins the Golden Keyboard for their teacher, and a party for their class. The student with the highest WPM in the school gets his/her own golden keyboard to take home and hang on the wall. The school record is 97 WPM!!! Several students make it to the 50's and 60's regularly

each year. Students are rewarded for improvement on each battle. Standings after each battle will be posted on Mr. Deakin's 2nd-5th grade level learning pages.

[Click here for a Golden Keyboard Video.](#)

Keyboarding Battle Dates	
Battle 2	December 7-14
Battle 3	January 19-22nd
Battle 4	March 1-8
Battle 5	April 5-12
Championship	May 10-17

These contests are meant to be fun with competition sprinkled in to keep things real. Please encourage your students to give it their all!



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