



# TAVELLI TIGERS

**Tavelli Elementary School**  
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August 2023

Dear Tavelli Families,

Welcome Back! I hope you enjoyed a summer filled with fun and exciting memories. We are thrilled to have our Tavelli Tigers back for a school year of learning and growing. The first day of school for grades 1-5 will be August 17, 2023. Kindergarten students' first day will be Monday, August 21st. As we return, I know many of you have questions about the beginning of the school year. Below is important information and updates.

**Please watch your emails as we will be sending updates and communications from our teachers and myself.**

## Staff Roster for 2023-24

- **Preschool:** Susan Aronson, Jennifer Cavarra
- **Kinder:** Emily Lehman, Jennifer Perkins, Liz Boeck
- **First:** Naomi Gomez, Jackie Vasquez, Lizzy Taft, Kim Gorman
- **Second:** Karen Iverson, Kim Olsen, Stephanie Merrill
- **Third:** Rachel Nelson, Lisa Evans, Christina McKay, Haley Rodriguez
- **Fourth:** Ara McKelvey, Katy Dermody, Kelsey Sullivan, Sarah Schooley
- **Fifth:** Cori Coleman, Julie Bolton, Angie Trybe, Haleigh Alexander
- **Encore:** Rob Deakin, Katie Robinson, Brad Deal, Tara Sparks, Lisa Musante
- **IS:** Zayne Hoyland, Stephanie Gotthold, Elise Tobler, Kelly Tolooee, Alania Yung, Jacie Beagle
- **Intervention:** Deb Buggle, Megan George, Kit Garofalo, J Pearson
- **Counselor:** Sarah Good
- **Classified Support Staff:** Joan Belleau, Vivian Vasquez, Osvaldo Sifuentes, Addy England, Vanessa Urich, Maria Binkley, Julie Lang, Elsabe VanNieuwenhuizen, Sarah Harris, and TBD.
- **Office Staff:** Christine Hendricks, Shirley Woods, Linda Foreman, Jane Spomer,
- **Heath Tech:** Monica Smith
- **Custodial Staff:** Josh Baker, Darrell Derman, Tylor Chavez
- **Food Service:** Bobbie Applebee, Tom Hunter, Paulette Stevens
- **Tech Support:** Jeany David
- **Mental Health:** Riley Richards

### **What we need from parents/guardians:**

- **Please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms of illness. If your child has any symptoms or is ill, we will send them home immediately.**
- **Make sure your contact information, emergency contacts, health concerns or legal paperwork are on file in the office. You can check ParentVue and make any changes needed there.**
- **For Security reasons all visitors will be REQUIRED to always check in at the office and get a visitors' badge. Our campus will be supervised from 8:30-3:40. To keep everyone safe we all must work together. If you see something, please let the office know immediately.**
- **If you visit/volunteer or plan to stay longer than drop off, pick up, you MUST check in at the Office. Our staff will ask to see your badge and escort you to the office to help you check in. This is a safety practice for your children.**

### **Classrooms for beginning of the school year**

- Classroom outside doors will **not be open or propped open.**
- Do not go the classroom directly to get your child or talk to the teacher during the school day. You need to check with the office.
- Our classrooms will become hot. Please dress your children appropriately for the hot weather.
- Make sure your child comes to school with a filled water bottle each day. Hydration is very important.
- Teachers and staff do a great job helping to keep the students feeling safe and comfortable.

### **Teacher notifications and Meet and Greet:**

- Student Placement notification emails and calls will be sent to parents on August 11, 2023. Teachers will be sending a call out and email with back-to-school information about their classroom. This information will also be on their learning pages.
- Meet and Greet August 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00. This event is for all our students. Please use the outdoor classroom doors.

### **Fall Kick Off**

- Fall Kick Off August 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00. This event is an opportunity for parents to learn about classroom expectations, see the classroom and ask the teacher questions. We will have two 30-minute sign-ups for each classroom. In your back-to-school email from the teachers please look for the Sign-up Genius Link to choose your time slot. Parents will enter the outside classroom doors.
- At the Fall Kick Off we will have food trucks and a DJ to start our school year celebration.
- Specials teachers, interventionist, IS staff, office staff and our classified staff will be available at the event.

## **Arrival and Dismissal:**

We encourage if your child can ride a bus and wants to ride the bus please sign up. This will help with congestion around our school during these times. You can contact transportation at 970.490.3232 or visit the PSD Transportation website if you would like to sign up for a bus.

*Morning Drop off:* Some procedures have changed!

- If you arrive at school after 8:50 please bring your child to the main entrance/office door. Our start of school bell rings at 8:50. We do not want students outside classroom doors or on the playground once our staff returns to the building to start classes.
- All buses will use the designated bus lane in the front of the building.
- We still have 4 buses for Tavelli. Therefore, there will be many cars picking up students in the back loop.
- When you arrive at school, continue to pull forward and stay close to the cones and curbs to allow more distance in the thru lane in the back loop.
- Drive slowly and use caution in our loading and unloading areas. Please watch for other cars, students, and staff.
- We will **not** be loading or unloading students on the driver's side of the car. This is dangerous and unsafe due to approaching cars. Please have your child ready to unload on the passenger side. The safety of our students and staff is our top priority.
- Remain in your cars, this will help make drop off quicker.
- Please do not drop off before 8:30. Students go directly to breakfast or the playground. Staff will be on outside duty beginning at 8:30. Breakfast starts at 8:20.
- **Please be patient as we will have a lot of cars dropping off students.**
- There **WILL NOT** be a crossing guard on Greenmont. We ask that you drive slowly on our neighborhood streets and watch for children.
- Please remember to not park in front of our neighbors' driveways. We want to be courteous to our neighbors.
- We will have traffic control in the morning turning on to LeMay.

*Afternoon Dismissal:* Some procedures have changed!

- All buses will use the designated bus lane in the front of the building.
- We still have 4 buses for Tavelli. Therefore, there will be many cars picking up students in the back loop.
- When you arrive at school, continue to pull forward and stay close to the cones and curbs to allow more distance in the thru lane in the back loop.
- Drive slowly and use caution in our loading and unloading areas. Please watch for other cars, students, and staff.
- We will **not** be loading or unloading students on the Driver's side of the car. This is dangerous and unsafe due to approaching cars. Please have your child ready to unload on the passenger side. The safety of our students and staff is our top priority.
- Remain in your cars, this will help make drop off quicker.
- **Your car visor tags need to be visible to help us with parent pick up.** (*We will have these available at the Meet and Greet. If you need a car visor, please contact Jane in the office after the event on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.*)

- **Please be patient as we will have a lot of cars picking up students.**
- There **WILL NOT** be a crossing guard on Greenmont. We ask that you drive slowly on our neighborhood streets and watch for children.
- Please remember to not park in front of our neighbors' driveways. We want to be courteous to our neighbors.
- We will have traffic control in the afternoons turning on to LeMay.

### Tavelli Website

The Tavelli Website is a great resource to find information about our school. The following are just a few items you can find on our website.

- Teacher Learning Pages
- Information for parents
- Calendar of events
- Newsletters and Thursday Notes
- Supply Lists

Personally, I am grateful and excited to continue this journey with you as your principal. Over the past years, I have had the chance to meet many of you and your children. I look forward to continuing to build a strong relationship with all of you in the upcoming school year. I look forward to partnering with you to ensure your child has a successful school year. As always, please feel free to reach out if you need anything. Thank you for your continued support!

All the best,

*Christine*

Christine Hendricks, Principal

