



TAVELLI ELEMENTARY

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— *Together, we create extraordinary learning experiences* —



July 2026

Dear Tavelli Families,

Welcome back! I hope you and your family have enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with fun, laughter, and special memories. As we prepare for another exciting school year, our staff has been hard at work getting everything ready to welcome our Tavelli Tigers back to school. We are looking forward to a year filled with learning, growth, belonging, and opportunities for every child to thrive.

At Tavelli, we believe every student deserves to feel welcomed, valued, challenged, and inspired each day. We are excited to partner with you to make the 2026–2027 school year an outstanding one!

Class Lists & Registration

As we continue to enroll new students and process schedule changes, class lists are changing daily. Because of this, the classroom assignment currently shown in ParentVUE may not be your child's final placement.

If your family's plans have changed and your child will not be attending Tavelli this school year, please let us know as soon as possible by calling (970) 488-6725 or emailing one of the following:

- Christine Hendricks: chendric@psdschools.org
- Linda Foreman: lforeman@psdschools.org
- Jen Bullman: jbullman@psdschools.org

We understand that plans sometimes change. If your situation changes after this date, please notify us as soon as possible so we can keep our enrollment and class lists as accurate as possible. If you know of friends or neighbors who still need to register, our office is open and happy to help.

Welcome to Our Newest Tavelli Team Members!

We are excited to welcome several outstanding educators to the Tavelli family:

- Ben Sandy – Physical Education Teacher
- Annie Tillman – Kindergarten Teacher

- Shaylee Weed – First Grade Teacher
- Allie McDonald – School Psychologist

Each of these educators brings unique strengths, experiences, and a passion for helping students learn and grow. We know they will make a tremendous impact on our students and school community, and we hope you will join us in giving them a warm Tavelli welcome!

First Days of School

- Grades 1–5: Wednesday, August 19, 2026
- Kindergarten: Friday, August 21, 2026

School Hours

- Breakfast: 7:55 AM
- Playground Supervision Begins: 8:05 AM
- First Bell: 8:20 AM
- School Begins: 8:25 AM
- Dismissal: 3:03 PM

Please continue to watch your email throughout August, as teachers and I will be sharing additional back-to-school information.

Partnering for a Successful School Year

We appreciate your partnership in helping us create a safe, welcoming, and successful learning environment for every student.

Please help us by:

- Keeping your child home if they are experiencing symptoms of illness. If your child becomes ill during the school day, we will contact you to pick them up.
- Ensuring your contact information, emergency contacts, health information, and any legal paperwork are current in ParentVUE.
- Registering as a PSD volunteer if you plan to volunteer this school year.

Visitor Safety

The safety of our students is always our highest priority.

- All visitors and volunteers must check in at the office and wear a visitor badge while in the building.
- If you plan to stay beyond morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up, you must check in through the office.

- Staff members are instructed to ask anyone without a visitor badge to return to the office to check in.
- If you see something concerning on campus, please notify the office immediately.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep Tavelli safe.

Classroom Expectations

To help classrooms begin each day smoothly:

- Exterior classroom doors will remain closed and locked.
- During the school day, please do not go directly to classrooms. If you need to contact your child or teacher, please check in through the office.
- During the first few weeks of school, classrooms can become warm. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather.
- Please send your child with a filled water bottle each day.
- Our teachers and staff work hard to ensure every child feels safe, welcomed, and ready to learn.

Student Placement Notifications & Meet and Greet

Student Placement Notifications

Teachers will contact families by Friday, August 14, 2026, by 4:30 PM through both email and phone with classroom placement information and important back-to-school details. This information will also be posted on teacher learning pages.

Grades 1–5 Meet & Greet

- Tuesday, August 18
- 8:30–9:30 AM

Students are invited to meet their teacher, visit their classroom, and drop off school supplies.

Please enter through the outside classroom doors and remain with your child during the event, as teachers will be greeting many families. Playground supervision will not be available during Meet & Greet.

Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten students will participate in individual screening appointments on August 18 or August 19.

Families will receive a phone call from their child's teacher on August 19 with classroom placement information and additional details about the beginning of the school year.

Kindergarten Meet & Greet

- Thursday, August 20
- 1:00–1:30 PM

Kindergarten students and their families are invited to meet their teacher, visit their classroom, and drop off school supplies before the first day of school.

The first day of Kindergarten is Friday, August 21.

Following kindergarten drop-off on August 21, our PTO will host a Boo-Hoo/Yahoo Gathering for kindergarten families near the kindergarten classrooms.

Back-to-School Events

5th Grade ECO & Back-to-School Night

- Wednesday, August 26
- 5:00–6:00 PM

Preschool–4th Grade Back-to-School Night

- Thursday, September 3

Teachers will share additional information about these events as the school year begins.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

Morning Arrival

- Breakfast begins at 7:55 AM
- Playground supervision begins at 8:05 AM
- First Bell: 8:20 AM
- School begins promptly at 8:25 AM

Please help us keep arrival safe and efficient by remembering the following:

- For the safety of all students, please do not allow your child to go to the playground before 8:05 AM. Staff supervision does not begin until 8:05 AM, and students should not be on the playground before that time.
- Students arriving after 8:25 AM must enter through the main office.
- Students eating breakfast should be dropped off in front of the building to access the cafeteria.
- Pull forward as far as possible in the back loop.
- Stay close to the curb and cones to maximize traffic flow.

- Drive slowly and watch carefully for students, families, and staff.
- Students should enter and exit vehicles from the passenger side only.
- Please remain in your vehicle during drop-off.
- Please do not drop students off before 8:05 AM unless they are attending breakfast.
- There will not be a crossing guard on Greenmont. Please drive carefully through our neighborhood and watch for children.
- Please do not park in front of our neighbors' driveways.

Thank you for helping us make morning arrival safe and efficient for everyone.

Afternoon Dismissal – 3:03 PM

To ensure a safe dismissal:

- Buses will load in the designated bus lane in front of the building.
- Parent pick-up will continue in the back loop.
- Pull forward as far as possible before stopping.
- Students will enter vehicles from the passenger side only.
- Please remain in your vehicle during dismissal.
- Display your car visor tag so staff can quickly identify your child.

Car visor tags will be distributed during Meet & Greet. If you need an additional visor tag after August 18, please contact Mrs. Bullman in the office.

Please remember:

- Drive slowly and use caution around students and staff.
- Be patient during busy dismissal times.
- There will not be a crossing guard on Greenmont.
- Please do not block neighborhood driveways.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we safely dismiss our students each afternoon.

Stay Connected

Our website and social media pages are excellent resources for staying informed throughout the school year.

You can find:

- Teacher Learning Pages
- Parent Information
- School Calendar
- Thursday Notes and Newsletters
- School Supply Lists

- Upcoming Events

Be sure to follow Tavelli Elementary on Facebook and Instagram to celebrate student learning and stay informed about school events.

Looking Ahead

We are incredibly excited to welcome our students back for another year of learning, friendships, and growth. At Tavelli, we are committed to creating a school where every child feels they belong, every child is challenged to reach their full potential, and every child is surrounded by caring adults who believe in them.

Thank you for your continued partnership, trust, and support. It is truly an honor to serve as your principal, and I look forward to another amazing year working together to ensure every Tavelli Tiger has a successful and memorable school experience.

If you have questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are always here to help.

- We look forward to seeing many of you at our Meet & Greet on Tuesday, August 18, and we can't wait to welcome all of our Tavelli Tigers on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 19!

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we'll see you soon!

Warmly,

- Christine Hendricks
- Principal
- Tavelli Elementary School



WHERE EVERY TIGER BELONGS, GROWS, AND SUCCEEDS!

