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SUBJECT: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS and DATES

Tavelli Important Dates to Remember:

Mar. 22	Deadline to submit entries for the Yearbook cover art 🐾
Mar. 25	Running Club begins for 3-5 th graders, 8:00-8:30 a.m. Tavelli Field 🏹
Mar. 28	Running Club begins for K-2 nd graders, 8:00-8:30 a.m. Tavelli Field 🏹
Mar. 28	Tiger Trek Walk-a-thon 🐾 🏹
Apr. 2-18	CMAS Testing for grades 3-5
Apr. 4	CSU Little Shop of Physics coming to Tavelli
Apr. 5	Deadline to turn in Reading Bingo Cards
Apr. 8	School-wide Eclipse Celebration
Apr. 12	Tavellian's Modern Band Show, Tavelli gym, 2 performances from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Apr. 22-26	Volunteer Appreciation Week
Apr. 21	PSD's Elementary Modern Bands at FoCoMx, Avogadro's Number, 11:30-5:00
Apr. 24	Tavelli STEAM Day, Tavelli gym
May 1	5 th Grade Concert, 6:00-6:45 p.m., Tavelli gym
May 1	Begin delivering Cardboard to the Science Lab for the Challenge



🐾 Denotes a PTO sponsored event/funds

🏹 Denotes a Wellness event

1. Battle of the Books – We want to thank all the teams and coaches who participated in our Tavelli Battle of the Books Competition, which was held before spring break. The competition was great, and 3 teams emerged to represent Tavelli at the District Battle. Congratulations to the 3rd grade Rotten Bananas--Brynlee Heim, Felicity Pitzer, Macy Redder, Stella Rodriguez, and Julie Rodriguez Moore, coached by Alyson Pitzer; the 4th grade Psyko Smarties--Natalie Claro, Lorin Evans, Evi Hubbard, and Izzy Peterson, coached by Sarah Hubbard; and the 5th grade The Nerd Herd Returns--Judah Manon, Smith Pitzer, Everett Powell, Cam Watkins, and Harry Zhao. coached by Kristen and Jared Powell. These teams will be participating in the PSD district competition at Rocky Mountain High school Auditorium Tuesday night, April 2nd, from 6:00-7:00. Please come support your Tavelli classmates if you can! 🐾

2. AR Reading Challenge -- Every quarter, students who have a reading level above 1.0 are encouraged to reach and surpass their independent reading goal using an online program called Accelerated Reader (AR). Students pick books that are in their reading zone, which is determined by their STAR Reading diagnostic tests. Books in our library have color-coded dots on the lower spine indicating difficulty levels which helps students pick the right book for them. After reading each book, students take an online AR quiz and when the quiz is passed, receive points to help them reach their goal. Once their goal is met, students are encouraged to double it, triple it, or more! Students receive media/technology points, recognition and prizes for reaching and exceeding their goals. Most importantly, students get the practice they need for mastery and enjoyment of reading. Follow this link to view your student's AR progress, using their Clever login. This is their student email address, (ID [number@psdschools.org](mailto:ID_number@psdschools.org)), and PSD password: <https://global-zone20.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=246370> Once signed in, you can sign up for email updates to track your student's work. Thank you for encouraging your student to read, read, and read some more this quarter!

3. Tavelli's Walk-a-thon is next Thursday -- Don't forget your athletic shoes, water bottle and pledge requests. Students will walk during their specials time that day. Pledge requests can be sent today through PledgeStar's easy online system that helps you ask friends and family to donate by sending them a text or email. Our goal for this event is \$35,000. Thanks to all who have donated so far. Register your child at <https://pledgestar.com/tavelli> or learn more at www.TavelliPTO.org. Every donation received enters your child into a drawing for prizes, and if the school reaches our goal all students will get Kona Ice! Thanks for helping with our biggest fundraiser of the year! 🐾 🏹

- 4. Walk-a-thon Volunteers Needed** – Come cheer on our runners during one of their favorite events of the year! Tiger Trek volunteers are needed to pass out bracelets, keep kids on the course, blow bubbles, hand out cuties at the finish line and mark t-shirts with lap totals. All volunteers must be registered through PSD. If you are registered with PSD as a volunteer, you may sign up to help at the walkathon [here!](#) 🐾 🐾
- 5. Design the Yearbook Cover** – All students wishing to participate in our yearbook cover contest should submit designs to the front office by tomorrow. Full design details are available on the [PTO website.](#) 🐾
- 6. Thanks to our Walk-a-thon Sponsors** – We are grateful for the support of our business sponsors that collectively donated more than \$5000 to our event! 🐾 🐾
- 7. Tavelli PTO is recruiting!** - Do your students enjoy field trips, classroom parties, clubs and family nights at Tavelli? Have you ever wanted to help make decisions about the things happening at your kid's school? Now is your chance! Tavelli PTO contributes funding for these added opportunities, and we need Tavelli grown-ups like you to help us continue providing this valuable support to our students and staff. Tavelli PTO is seeking everything from Board members to event volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year. All interests and abilities are needed and encouraged in our all-volunteer non-profit organization! Learn more at [www.TavelliPTO.org.](http://www.TavelliPTO.org) 🐾
- 8. Spring State Assessments** – Student assessment is a meaningful part of student learning and instructional planning. Assessments allow educators to monitor student progress and the effectiveness of instructional strategies. At certain times throughout the year, students are given required assessments that fulfill legislative requirements or district guidelines. The spring state testing window for grades 3-11 is April 1-26 with exact dates dependent on grade level and school site. For more details about district and state assessments to be administered this school year, visit the [PSD website.](#)
- 9. Reading Bingo** – Are you marking your Reading Bingo Card? Make sure to turn it in by Friday, April 5th to win a prize. 🐾
- 10. Cardboard Challenge – Start Collecting!** Tavelli is hosting our annual Cardboard Challenge during May (dates TBD). Kindergarten-Fifth graders [will be designing and building creations during their Science/Engineering Lab.](#) This activity engages our students in creative play and is a worldwide annual tradition of over one million kids in 70 countries. Please START collecting empty grocery boxes (no larger than cereal boxes--thin cardboard cut easily by little hands), oatmeal cylinders, paper towel and toilet paper tubes, and egg cartons. We also need donations of Mini-Size Multi-Temp Gluesticks for our glue guns, pipe cleaners, masking tape, and decorations like stickers. Please DO NOT deliver materials to school before May 1st. We need your donations but have minimal space to store them. Celebrate our students' creativity! Volunteers Welcome! Thank you for making these culmination activities amazing!
- 11. Tavelli's 8th School-wide STEAM Day is Wednesday, April 24th from 3:45-6:00 pm!** -- Mark your calendar! You don't want to miss our students' projects and inventions showcase. Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics stirs children's natural curiosity, and the journey is unlocking many inquiring minds. Marvel at the students' science experiments and engineering designs. Celebrate your child's accomplishment and take time to tour and discuss other wonderings. Also, the CSU STEAM truck with labs focused on wind, solar, hydrogen, and hydro energies will be on hand to explore. More inquisitive, community opportunities are still in the works. If any family member would like to include a STEAM demonstration station, please contact Lisa Musante via email, lmusante@psdschools.org so you can be included in our program.

Please visit the Tavelli Website <https://tav.psdschools.org/>

