



**MARCH 2023**

## 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 . . .

Greetings!

March is a super busy time for us. We have several fun activities planned for this month. With March comes the beginning of planning for next year. Our preliminary enrollment projection is 488 students. This number could change by next August. If you know you will not be at Tavelli next year, please let us know. This helps with building class lists and planning purposes.

We start off March with our annual Read Across America. This is such an awesome event for our students. We had a week of spirit days to celebrate literacy.

- **Monday, February 27:** Wear your favorite hat
- **Tuesday, February 28:** Wear bright colors
- **Wednesday, March 1:** Wear your Tavelli t-shirt
- **Thursday, March 2:** Dress in pajamas or comfy clothes
- **Friday, March 3:** Dress as what you want to be when you grow up

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## *A Note from our Principal . . .*

March 2 we will have our Read Across America Evening from 5:30-6:30. Drawings, snacks, and guest readers will make this a great evening.

Spring Break is March 13-17.

Our PTO will be sponsoring their biggest fundraiser of the year with the Walkathon. PTO will kick off the fundraiser on March 1st with the actual walkathon on Thursday, March 30 during specials time. We are excited to have this awesome annual event for the students to participate in.

Because we have been recognized as a High Achieving School, we host other schools that have areas of lower performance. Recently we hosted two schools that spent the day at Tavelli seeing the amazing work our teachers do in their classrooms. The goal of these visits includes taking key learning and applying them at their school.

The Colorado State Assessment, CMAS will begin in April for grades 3-5. The assessments will take place in the morning, so it is important that students are on time to school and if possible, please make appointments for the afternoon.

Again, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Fondly,  
*Christine*

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A movie poster for 'Ajiyaak on Turtle Island'. The background is a soft green gradient. In the center, a woman in traditional blue and red clothing is reaching up towards a large, stylized bird with its wings spread. The title 'Ajiyaak ON TURTLE ISLAND' is written in a white, elegant font at the top. Below the title, the date 'APR 29' and 'ALL SEATS \$20' are displayed. At the bottom, there are logos for 'the LINCOLN center', 'LCtix.com', and several other sponsors.



## Superintendent Kingsley visits Tavelli

Our Tavelli Ambassadors provided Mr. Kingsley with a tour, showing off our hydroponic gardens and our reading mountain.



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## Tavelli Bell Ringers

Another great thing happens at Tavelli! Addison rings the bell for her reading accomplishments. Way to go Addison!



## PE News

Running club sign-ups will be sent home on Thursday, March 2nd. The deadline to return the form is March 10th. Running club will start the week of March 27th.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be qualifying in class for the PSD District Track Meet. More info on that to come.

Be sure to log your Schools on the Move check marks and turn that in by the March 5<sup>th</sup> deadline to receive a t-shirt from Healthy Kids Club. Here is the link to record your activity: [www.redcap.link./2023challenge5210](http://www.redcap.link./2023challenge5210)

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## Science/Engineering Lab

In Science/Engineering Lab, kindergarteners are introduced to pushes and pulls and how those affect the motion of objects. Students observe and investigate the effects of what happens when the strength or direction of those pushes and pulls are changed. In the Human Bumper Bowling activity, kindergarteners work together to knock down pins.



In this Sci/Eng Lab Boulder Bounce activity, kindergarteners play a game where they design a solution that protects a model town called Tiny Town from a bouncing-ball “boulder.”



In the Sci/Eng Lab, kindergarteners imagine how to design a good monster trap, and then draw their inventions. When their pictures are done, they find a partner to explain the details and how it works.



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## Science/Engineering Lab

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In Science/Engineering Lab, second graders explore the different properties of materials used for clothing, such as texture, flexibility, and absorbency. In the Mad Hatter activity, students use this information to design and build a hat that protects them from the Sun.



## Recycling Posters

Congratulations to our featured K-5 Tavelli Recycling Posters! Students want to encourage our Tavelli community to recycle to reduce landfill waste, prevent pollution, conserve natural resources and energy, and create jobs to preserve our planet.



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# Recycling Posters

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## Tavelli Artists

All the Tavelli artists have been hard at work! From painting and drawing to creating three-dimensional sculptures out of clay and paper, the Tavelli art room has been brimming with action and overflowing with creativity. I strive to hang as much artwork in our school as I can, so there is a constantly rotating art show displayed in the halls of Tavelli. Next time you are here in the building please make a point to look at all of our young artists' creations. Here are some highlights from the art room!



*Kindergarteners with their winter landscapes*



*First Graders with their polar bear paintings*



*Second graders with their monster sculpture puppets*



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## Tavelli Artists

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*Third graders with their radial design snowflakes*



*Fourth graders with their face jug style clay masks*

Fifth grade has been working hard on their coil pots, that are just coming out of the kiln and will soon be ready for Glazing! I look forward to seeing you in the halls of Tavelli enjoying the art work created by all of our hard working artists! It is an honor and a privilege to share the joy of creating with your children.

## Tavelli Library and Computer Lab News

Greetings from the Tavelli library and computer lab! We have had a great year so far! 1st-5<sup>th</sup> grade students used Pixie and Wixie and a webcam to design superheroes with their own faces. They are busy reading great library books and moving their superheroes up the AR Reading mountain, (and beyond), as they get closer to their AR reading goals. Students get prizes for reaching 100% of their reading goal. In the computer lab, students are working their way through the code.org coding curriculum for their grade, along with practicing on other apps such as Typing Club, Nitro Type, Pixie, Wixie, Google Slides and Sheets, video editing with WeVideo, and 3D design with TinkerCAD. Students get a strong dose of the four C's, (Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, and Critical Thinking), in all our activities. Students who do their work and fulfill all the requirements in their Google Classroom assignments earn points that they can spend on goodies in the Encore Store.

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*Students moving their super heroes up the mountain*



*Kindergarten students communicating and collaborating on a Code.org lesson*



*5th Graders battling it out for the Golden Keyboard*



## Tavelli Important Dates to Remember:

- Mar. 1** Read Across America Spirit Week, wear your Tavelli T-shirt 🐾
- Mar. 1** Electronic copy of Tiger Trek Walkathon emailed to parents
- Mar. 2** Read Across America Spirit Week, wear your pajamas or comfy clothes 🐾
- Mar. 2** An Evening of Reading, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 🏠
- Mar. 2** Running Club Forms go home 🏠
- Mar. 2** Hard Copy of Tiger Trek Walkathon Coming Home
- Mar. 3** Read Across America Spirit Week, dress as what you want to be when you grow up 🐾
- Mar. 5** Healthy Kids 5210 Challenge Deadline to enter results online
- Mar. 9** Battle of the Books Competition, Specials time for 3-5 grade 🐾
- Mar. 9** Dream Team Skate Party, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Rollerland
- Mar. 10** Last day to turn in Running Club Forms 🏠
- Mar. 11-19** PSD Spring Break
- Mar. 23** PTO Meeting, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Tavelli Media Center
- Mar. 27-Apr. 28**  
CMAS Testing Window
- Mar. 27** Tavelli Running Club begins 🏠
- Mar. 30** Tiger Trek Walkathon during specials time 🏠 🐾

🐾 Denotes a PTO Sponsored/Volunteer Opportunity or Funded Event

🏠 Denotes a Wellness Event