

TO: TAVELLI PARENTS
FROM: MS. CHRISTINE HENDRICKS, PRINCIPAL/LINDA FOREMAN, OFFICE 488-6725
DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016
SUBJECT: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS and DATES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Tavelli Vision and Hearing Screening - Thursday, September 8th in the Tavelli Media Center. We still need more help, especially in the afternoon. Please email tavellivolunteercoordinator@gmail.com or you can sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4eacad2aa0fb6-tavelli>

Tavelli Important Dates to Remember:

Sept. 5	NO SCHOOL—LABOR DAY	
Sept. 7	5 th Grade Back to School Night/ECO Ed. Meeting	5:30 p.m.
	4 th Grade Back to School Night	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Tavelli Vision and Hearing Screenings	
Sept. 14	Kindergarten Grade Back to School Night	5:30 p.m.
	1 st Grade Back to School Night	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 15	3 rd Grade Back to School Night	5:00 p.m.
	2 nd Grade Back to School Night	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	15 th Annual Tavelli Duathlon,	5:30 p.m. 🏃
Sept. 21	Tavelli PTO Meet and Greet, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Tavelli Media Center	
Sept. 20	Student Picture Day	
Sept. 23	No School for K-8 Students, Staff Collaboration Day	
Sept. 26-28	5 th Graders to ECO Week	

1. Thanks for A Wonderful Start to Our Year! – We appreciate everyone coming in to our building and signing in at the office when visiting the classrooms. We look forward to seeing you at all our upcoming events. Enjoy the long Labor Day weekend with your families!

2. Children At Back to School Nights – Back to School Nights are intended for parents to receive information about their students' classroom experience. Unfortunately, there is no day care available for students who attend with their parents. It is important for parents to attend these events, and if your child comes with you, they need to remain with you in the classroom. There won't be any supervision available either in the Pod areas or on the playground. Thanks for your help, we hope to see you there!

3. Crosswalk Safety – We are continuing to have problems with vehicles making turns onto or off of Miramont Drive when our crossing guard and students are in the intersection. Before you turn onto or off of this street, please make sure the intersection is totally clear. Thank you for keeping everyone safe!

4. Eat Lunch With Your Students! – Tavelli welcomes any visitor who would like to eat with their child during their lunch time. **If you do join your student for lunch, we ask that you sign in at the office and wait for your child either on the bench outside the café, or by the tiger in the block area. Lunch visitors coming in to the classroom is disrupting instruction.** If you are eating in the cafeteria with just your child, you may use the back table in the cafeteria for that purpose. If you are eating with your child and some friends, we ask that you eat with the classroom group. If you wish to take your child outside for a picnic lunch in our nature area, please let the lunchroom attendant know that you will be taking your child outside. We can only allow parents to take their own children out of the building for lunch. Thank you for your help! Lunch money can be loaded onto each student's account, or parents can apply for free/reduced meal benefits. Please go to: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/> to establish an account.

5. Please Return Your Forms! – Parents, please make sure to return your corrected student profile forms, early dismissal form, and student code of conduct signature form to your child's classroom teacher by next Thursday, September 1st.

6. Get Involved With PTO -- The PTO has great volunteer opportunities and events coming up. Don't miss out on the latest news! Click on this link to subscribe to the PTO newsletter and other notifications.
[PTO newsletter sign up](#)

7. THE 15th ANNUAL TAVELLI FAMILY DUATHLON is Friday, September 18th from 5:30-7:00! Bring your whole family for this FREE, healthy, fun kick-off to the new school year! Participants will run 1/2 mile, bike 2 miles, and run 1/2 mile before finishing in front of the school. Stay after the Duathlon for pizza (\$1 per slice) and help cheer on friends and teachers as they cross the finish line! **REGISTRATION FORMS ARE COMING HOME TODAY. THEY MUST BE TURNED IN BY SEPTEMBER 9th** in order to receive a t-shirt at the Duathlon. Many thanks to Healthy Kids Club and our Tavelli Wellness team for sponsoring this awesome community event! 🏃 🌻

8. Dream Team Sign Up – Information about our Dream Team Tutor/Leadership Program is coming home with all 4th and 5th graders today. If your child is interested in becoming a tutor in our award-winning program, please have them fill out the application and follow the directions on the second page to apply as a tutor. 🐾

9. Smile! – Student pictures will be taken Tuesday, September 20th. Picture forms will be sent home with your student in September. If you are interested in purchasing a photo, please return the envelope with the correct payment by picture day September 20th. All students will be photographed, whether a picture is purchased or not. 🐾

10. News From Our Nurse -- There is a NEW immunization exemption process beginning the 2016-17 school year. Details on the options for and frequency of submitting exemptions are now available at www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption. Personal exemptions are needed annually beginning this school year.

Medical exemptions completed online by a health care provider only needs to be done once.

11. A Few Reminders for Parents – a) If your child is absent from school, please call our attendance line at 488-6726 to let us know your child will be out of school for the day. The office needs daily notification of any absence. In case of extended absences, please let us know when your child will return. b) If your child will be changing after school dismissal plans, please be sure to send a note or give the office a call to explain the change. c) If you need to pick up your child early, please be sure to stop at the office to sign your child out. d) Students should not arrive at school before 8:35 a.m. The first bell rings at 8:50 a.m. Thank you.

12. Safety First! -- For the safety of our children we ask that you enter the building at the main entrance. Please stop by the office, sign in and get a visitor's badge. Teachers will be checking for badges and asking you to return to the office to sign in and put on a badge. Again this is for the protection of our children so we know who is in our building. Thank you for your cooperation.

13. Check Your Student's Lunch Account – If your student is purchasing hot lunch, please make sure to check the lunch balance periodically. This can be done on the pdschools.org website, go to the quick links then to lunch menus/payments. Payments can be made online with a credit card. It is also possible to sign up for free and reduced meals on this same website. Applications for meal benefits must be renewed yearly.

14. Tavelli Monthly Newsletter – Please take a few moments to check out the August newsletter. Both the weekly note and monthly newsletter are emailed to Tavelli parents and are also made available on the Tavelli website at <https://tav.pdschools.org/>

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.

We welcome and need your involvement! You can volunteer from home, volunteer in classrooms or help with one of our fun community events. PTO welcomes you to attend meetings but you do not *have* to attend or be a member to participate in any PTO activity, or to volunteer at Tavelli.

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.pdschools.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 volunteering in classrooms, on committees and through financial means, you are supporting Tavelli Elementary School. To help your PTO and your school, volunteer in a classroom or on a committee today. A little effort goes a long way! 🐾

15. Box Tops For Education – Please bring any box tops that you have collected over the summer to school. Tavelli collects 10 cents for every box top turned in. Please continue to save throughout the year and drop them in the collection box in the block area. Thank you for supporting our PTO programs. 🐾

16. Volunteers at Tavelli – All Poudre School District volunteers are required to register or update their profile at the PSD website in order to volunteer at Tavelli or any other school in the district. Any unregistered volunteers or those not cleared by the District will not be allowed in the classrooms. Please make sure to go online to pdschools.org and follow the directions to register as a volunteer. Don't have access to the web? We can get you registered here at school, just stop in at the office and we can help you get this done. 🐾

