

**TO: TAVELLI PARENTS**  
**FROM: MS. CHRISTINE HENDRICKS, PRINCIPAL/LINDA FOREMAN, OFFICE 488-6725**  
**DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017**  
**SUBJECT: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS and DATES**

**PARENTS, PLEASE REMEMBER, THERE IS NO SCHOOL TOMORROW, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> FOR K-12 STUDENTS. HAVE A GREAT LONG WEEKEND!**

### **Tavelli Important Dates to Remember:**

<b>Apr. 6</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Planning Meeting, Mrs. Loptien's classroom, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
<b>Apr. 7</b>	No School for PSD Students
<b>Apr. 25-26</b>	Tavelli Musical Theater, <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>
<b>Apr. 27</b>	Last Day of Dream Team
<b>Apr. 27</b>	Tavelli STEAM day
<b>Apr. 28</b>	Last Day of Dream Team
<b>May 1</b>	PSD District Battle of the Books
<b>May 4</b>	Skate Party/Air Band Contest, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Rollerland
<b>May 12</b>	Mrs. Coughlin's Poetry Reading, 9:00 a.m., Classroom
<b>May 16-25</b>	Tavelli Cardboard Challenge
<b>May 19</b>	Dream Team Field Trip
<b>May 26</b>	Last Day of School, half day for students
<b>May 26</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration, 10:00 a.m., Tavelli Gym

**K-2 Running Club meets Wednesdays from 3:45-4:30 3-5 Running Club meets Thursdays from 3:45-4:30—permission slips are needed in order to participate, please go to the Tavelli Wellness Page on the Tavelli Website**

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**1. Cardboard Challenge** – Start Collecting! Tavelli is hosting our fifth Cardboard Challenge, which will take place the last two weeks of school. Students will be designing and building creations during their Science/Engineering Lab **starting May 16th**. 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), 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 8th**. We need your donations but have minimal space to store them. Celebrate our students' creativity! **Volunteers Welcome!** Thank you for supporting our Tavelli community.

**2. Thank You for Your Donations to the \$20 for 20 Challenge!!** We achieved 60% of our \$5,000 goal. These funds will go directly to our students in the form of many great programs and activities. Want to see exactly where your money goes and what the PTO budget looks like? Follow this link to learn more! [PTO budget and Balance Sheet](#). Thank you again for all that you do! Your PTO 🌸

**3. Thanks From the Scholastic Book Fair --** Thanks to all the parents who donated books to the "Give a Book" program during the month of March. This event was a huge success. In total, we received over 1000 books in excellent condition. During the "Give a Book" event, we were able to give out 525 books to 210 students, with each child getting 2-3 books. The children were all very excited and left with huge smiles on their faces. The remaining books will be stored for a future event as we plan on making this an ongoing program. If you still have books to donate, we will accept them for these future programs. Thanks again, it's great to see the Tavelli Community giving to others! 🌸

**4. Lost and Found is Leaving the Building!** – Once again, we have several bags of lost and found items in our store room. If your child is missing a coat, hat, sweater, sweatshirt, boots or other article of clothing that may have been left, please come check our lost and found items. All unclaimed items will be donated by Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure to mark your child's items with their name and they will be returned to their classroom teacher.

**5. Battle of the Books** –Congratulations to the following teams on their performances at the Tavelli Battle. Three teams will be representing Tavelli at the District Battle on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Teams are: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, the "Oxymorons": Jasper Gribble, Chase Streater, Claire Rosen, Finn Vaughan, and Rachel Griffin, coached by Joy Gribble. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, "The Bobs": Linden Kurtz, Kolton Armon, Kiernan Doty, and Ramon Romero, coached by Mr. Deck, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: "The Bookaneers": Dash Forkner, Channing Gessler, Wilder Gribble, Delaney Beveridge and Hailey White, coached by Ali Gessler and Lisa Metzgar. We would also like to congratulate all the other students who took part in this year's Battle—we had 18 teams of readers in grades 3-5! Thanks to all the coaches who took time out of their schedules to spend time with these readers—we appreciate

all the time you spent preparing your teams. Thanks also to Mrs. Fuller and Mr. Deakin for organizing and running the Tavelli Battle. We would also like to thank the PTO for helping with the purchase of the books used this year in the competition. 🐾

**6. Dream Team News** – Our early morning program will end Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. If your child is attending Dream Team, please make other early morning arrangements for your children. Students may be dropped off at 8:35, which is when our outdoor supervision begins on the Tavelli playground. Breakfast begins at 8:30. The Skate Party/Air Band Contest will be Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Rollerland and the Dream Team field trip will be May 19<sup>th</sup>. Dream Team parents, stay tuned for further details. Thanks for another great year in Dream Team!

**7. Spring Parent Academy** -- PSD Department of Language, Culture & Equity presents a one day, no cost, Spring Parent Academy Workshop on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 (9 am-3 pm) at the Marriott Hotel! Breakfast and Lunch will be provided for those registered. Child Care is not provided. Workshop Topics include: *Early Childhood, Elementary & Secondary/Post Transitions; Impacts of Marijuana; Parent Support for Child/Adolescent Behaviors; Stress Management; Suicide Prevention; BrainWise; SART.* To register contact TAV Family Liaison, Mary Lou Velez at: [mvelez@psdschools.org](mailto:mvelez@psdschools.org), or (970) 488-6782, message after 1 pm.

**8. PARCC Testing Scheduled for April** -- PSD students will take the state-mandated Colorado Measures of Academic Success and PARCC tests from April 4-21. Parents can prepare their child for these tests in several ways:

- **Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep.**
- **Provide your student with a nourishing breakfast.**
- **Schedule appointments or vacations on non-test days.**
- **Encourage your child to do their best in school at all times, not just during assessments.**

The PARCC assessments are designed to provide a picture of student performance to schools, districts, educators, parents and the community. The data will be used to measure student, school, and district progress toward higher student achievement levels. For more information about the test, visit the [Colorado Department of Education website](http://coloradoeducation.gov)

**9. Limited Edition Spirit Gear Available Now!** -- Hello wonderful Tavelli families! Your PTO is offering Limited Edition Spirit Gear featuring artwork by Tavelli fifth grader, Chase Streeter! We are so excited about this new gear!! Take a look at the website, so easy to use! Please note that this is an online sale only!!

[https://stores.inksoft.com/tavelli\\_elementary\\_school](https://stores.inksoft.com/tavelli_elementary_school) 🐾

**10. Purchase a Pizza Pals Card and Help Support Dream Team!** – Tavelli has some Pizza Pals cards from Old Chicago on sale in the office. A card costs \$11 and can be redeemed for a large pizza Sunday-Thursday at Old Chicago—a \$23 value! Stop in and pick up a card and help support our morning Dream Team program. 🐾

**11. Box Tops For Education** – Please bring any box tops that you have collected 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. 🐾

**12. Morning Fresh Milk Caps** – If you have milk delivered from Morning Fresh Dairy, we would love for you to send your clean caps in to Tavelli. The dairy will give us 5 cents for each cap returned! We have a collection box in the main office. Thanks for your help with this. 🐾

**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 website, [www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home](http://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home). Payments can be made online with a credit card.

**Community Dates to Remember** (Please note: Poudre School District does not endorse or take responsibility for programs or activities sponsored by other organizations.)

**Apr. 25** PSD envision Math 2.0 Parent Information Night, 5-7 p.m. Rocky Mtn. High School Auditorium

**Apr. 26** PSD envision Math 2.0 Parent Information Night, 5-7 p.m., Leshner Middle School Auditorium

City of Fort Collins Rebate Program, for information, <http://www.fcgov.com/rebate/>

**June 5-9** PSD Stem Institutes for 6-8 Graders and 4-5 Graders, Info: [www.steminstitutes.org](http://www.steminstitutes.org)

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Parent Education Speaker Series, sponsored by Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Connections, drop in includes dinner at no cost. Info:

<http://www.healthdistrict.org/news/free-8-week-speaker-series-parents-addresses-mental-health-substance-use>



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