

**TO: TAVELLI PARENTS**  
**FROM: MS. CHRISTINE HENDRICKS, PRINCIPAL/LINDA FOREMAN, OFFICE 488-6725**  
**DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**  
**SUBJECT: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS and DATES**

**Tavelli Important Dates to Remember:**

Sept. 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Back to School Night	5:00 p.m.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Back to School Night	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Kindergarten Back to School Night	5:00 p.m.
	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Back to School Night	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tavelli Duathlon,	5:00-7:00 p.m. 🏃
Sept. 17	Student Picture Day	
Sept. 18	Odyssey of the Mind Information Night, Science/Engineering Lab, 6:00 p.m.	🐾
Sept. 19	Dream Team Tutor Applications turned in to the Office	🐾
Sept. 20	No School for Elementary and Middle School Students, Staff Collaboration Day	
Sept. 25-27	5 <sup>th</sup> Graders to ECO Week, Pingree Park	

🏃 Denotes a Wellness Event

🐾 Denotes a PTO Sponsored/Volunteer Opportunity or Funded Event

**1. SAVE THE DATE! THE 18th ANNUAL FAMILY DUATHLON is Next Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>!** Mark your calendars and get ready to kick off the Tavelli school year with some healthy family fun! The Duathlon begins at 5:00 p.m. right here at Tavelli. A second copy of the registration form with all the details is coming home again today. There is no need to fill out a second form if you have already turned one in, but please make sure to return the forms by tomorrow to get a free t-shirt. We hope to see you there! 🏃 🐾

**2. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rockin' Recorders** – All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be playing recorders in music class and for their December STEAM performance. If you don't have a recorder, you may purchase one from Ms. Sparks here at Tavelli. Each recorder costs \$6.00 and includes a zipper bag, cleaning rod, wax and a neck hanger. Please pay via School Pay, a check made out to Tavelli or cash. All payments must be sent to Ms. Sparks in the music room.

**3. Have You Logged on to ParentVUE?** -- ParentVUE is a PSD portal to your students' information. Parents must set up an account in order to sign the Student Rights and Code of conduct each year before they can access ParentVUE. For additional information about ParentVUE, go ["Accessing and Activating a ParentVUE Account" web page.](#)

**4. Do You Like to Run? Then This Club is For You!** – Registration forms are going home today with each Tavelli K-5<sup>th</sup> grade student. Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be running Tuesday mornings beginning Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and students in grades 3-5 will be running on Thursday mornings beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>. If your child is interested in this, please fill out **BOTH SIDES** of the bright pink registration form and return it to the Tavelli office. Running club registration will be limited to the first 200 runners to return their forms. 🏃

**5. Recycle and Help the Art Room** – Ms. Robinson would gladly accept any empty toilet paper, wrapping paper or paper towel tubes as well as old magazines for art room projects. You may drop off your donations at the Tavelli office.

**6. Clubs Available at Tavelli** – Clubs available at Tavelli include: Chessmates and Mad Science. Flyers are available in the parent information area in our front entrance.

**7. Free Youth Mental Health First Aid Course** -- The Health District of Northern Larimer County is offering a free Youth Mental Health First Aid course from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11. Mental Health First Aid is an eight-hour course that gives people the skills to recognize warning signs for mental health or substance-use problems, and the tools to help someone who may be developing a mental health-related problem, or experiencing a mental health crisis. For information please contact Emily Leetham, 970-530-2883 or [eleetham@healthdistrict.org](mailto:eleetham@healthdistrict.org)

**8. Tavelli Back to School Nights - We are hoping there will be 100% attendance at our back to school nights.** Your attendance tells your child how much you value a good education. We will be sharing important information during these evenings. Check the *dates to remember* for correct times. We look forward to seeing you!

**9. Get Involved With PTO** -- The PTO has great volunteer opportunities and events coming up. **Don't miss out on the latest news! Send an email to [Tavellipto@gmail.com](mailto:Tavellipto@gmail.com) or check out the website: [www.tavellipto.com](http://www.tavellipto.com).** 🐾

**10. Smile!** – Student pictures will be taken Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 17<sup>th</sup>. All students will be photographed, whether a picture is purchased or not.

**11. Odyssey of the Mind is a STEAM, extra-curricular, creative, problem-solving program for children.** In the process of solving their problem, children learn to think outside-the-box, work together to develop unique solutions, and present their solution in an 8-minute performance. If you are NEW to Odyssey, plan to attend an Information Night on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Tavelli Science/Engineering Lab to learn more. Watch for a registration form arriving in your child's Thursday Folder on September 19<sup>th</sup>. There is limited space, so teams are formed on a first returned, first serve basis. 🐾

**12. Safety First!** Please help us keep all our students here at Tavelli safe. We ask that you follow the guidelines below:

- Any time you enter the building between the hours of 8:20-3:28 please use the main entrance and check in.
- All visitors and volunteers must have a badge to enter the main part of the building.
- To be on the playground after 8:30 in the morning you must have checked in at the office and be wearing a badge.
- If you do not have a visible badge any staff member can request that you go to the office and check in at any time.
- We know parking is hard to find around Tavelli but please do not park in front of our neighbors' driveways or mailboxes. Parking is available in both lots and on LeMay by the upper field along the west fence.
- Cars making U-turns on Miramont during drop off and pick up can be dangerous for our students due to the high traffic volume.
- We ask that you do not drop your children off and have them cross Miramont between the buses and traffic.
- Please do not park or idle your vehicle in the back loop or in front of any of our neighbors' homes—we want to be good neighbors and good world citizens!
- Our back parking lot will be open for pick up at 3:15. School is dismissed at 3:28

**13. 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.

**14. Eat Lunch With Your Students!** – Tavelli welcomes any visitor who would like to eat with their child during their lunch time. 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 at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org).

## Your Tavelli PTO

**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.psdschools.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! 🐾

**1. 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. 🐾

**2. Cash for Caps** – If you have milk delivered from Morning Fresh Dairy, we can use your caps! Morning Fresh will give us 5 cents per cap we turn in. There is a collection box for your **clean** caps available in the Tavelli Office.

**3. Volunteers at Tavelli** – All Poudre School District volunteers are required to register or update their profile at the PSD website 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 <https://www.psdschools.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. 🐾

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

**Sept. 11** Youth Mental Health First Aid, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Health District of Northern Larimer County, 120 Bristlecone Drive, Free, Snacks provided, Information Emily Leetham, 970-530-2883 or [eleetham@healthdistrict.org](mailto:eleetham@healthdistrict.org)



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