



The Eagle Newsletter

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

There are a number of habits which many successful students have. Some of them are:

- taking responsibility for their own learning
- turning in all homework on time
- actively participating in classroom activities
- good time management (not wasting time when the teacher gives time to work on schoolwork in class)

The most important thing parents can do to help their children become successful students is to be involved in their education. This means spending time volunteering at school, attending all student activities, and celebrating achievements. Taylor's Crossing PFA (Parent Faculty Association) is one great way to become involved in our school.

Attending parent / teacher conferences is also a simple way to be involved. When coming to conferences it is important to work with the teacher in developing ways student education can be supported from home. Celebrating with children is as simple as knowing what major assignment they are working on and then rewarding them for its successful completion.

"Why isn't Johnny doing well in school?" is a common lament from parents. If this seems to be the case, what can you do? One management practice that is found in many of the homes of excellent students is a set aside homework time. If children know that all homework has to be done as soon as they get home and before any other activities happen, this will set the stage for children learning good time management and making sure that homework is turned in on time. As parents continually work with their children during this time, it also helps them learn to take responsibility for their own success.

Thank you for being involved with your children. The quality of our academic progress is directly dependent on your nurturing and concern for your children!

TO DO LIST:

- Schedule your elementary school child's Parent Teacher Conference
- Collect Box Tops for the Spring contest; turn in by Feb. 22

SYNC YOUR CALENDAR:

January 27 — Sixth grade State Capitol field trip

January 28, 6 p.m. — PFA meeting

January 30, 8:30 a.m. — Citizen of the Month assembly

Feb. 4–5, 3–8 p.m. — Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences

February 6, 1:30 p.m. — Dance assembly, gym

Feb. 11, 7:00 p.m. — Board meeting

Feb. 13, 7-10:00 p.m. — Dance (high school)

Feb. 16 — No school

Please note:

Please check your child's lunch account balance by visiting the PowerSchool portal. The link, "Grade Access," can be found under the Students & Families tab. Then click on "balance" in the left column.

Please be courteous to our neighbors and continue to use Lincoln Road to access the school.





Above: Sam Droegemueller performs the poem "Beautiful Wreckage" at the Poetry Out Loud competition.

Student Activities

The Student Council hosted a game and movie night last week. There was great attendance and a lot of fun games and activities.

The next event will be a Valentines dance on Friday, Feb. 13. The dance will be at the high school. Tickets will be available the week before the dance. For more information, contact a student council member.

POETRY OUT LOUD CONTEST WINNERS

Our school participated in a day of poetry memorization and recitation, called Poetry Out Loud. This is a national contest created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. Poetry Out Loud is administered in partnership with the State Arts Agencies of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. It is in its 10th year. For more information, visit www.poetryoutloud.org.

The winner of our school contest

will get an expense-paid trip to represent our school at the state level on March 7th.

The winners are:

1st: Nevada Harris

2nd: Elyse Blanch

3rd: Tiera Kammerman

Congratulations to all who participated in the contest! We had 11 excellent recitations, and we look forward to next year's contest.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

BOARD MEMBER CAMERON C. TAYLOR INSPIRES STUDENTS

The high school enjoyed a goal setting presentation from board member Cameron C. Taylor this month. Cameron presented an active, engaging lesson on setting goals high and taking action to achieve them. After speaking, he gave the high school kids complimentary copies of his book, *8 Steps to Lasting Excellence*, which the students were thrilled to receive.

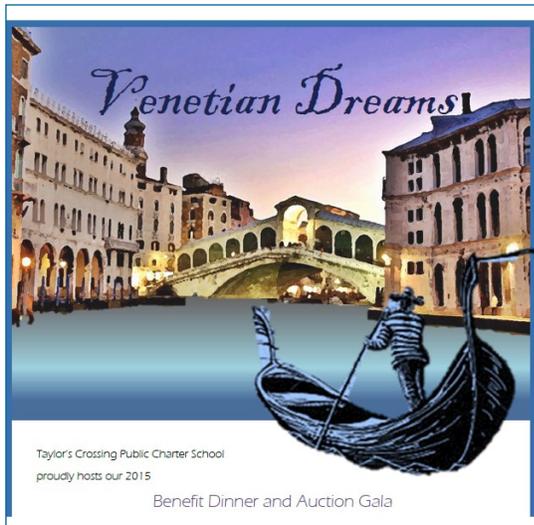
"Cameron was really cool," said Jacob Murdoch, ninth grade. "He gave a good lesson, gave us books, and signed them. He taught us that if you want something, take action."

As an object lesson, he held up a \$20 bill. "Who wants this?" he asked. Several kids raised their hands and clamored for the money. Only one was brave enough to get out of his seat, walk up, and take the money. "That's taking action," Cameron explained.

"It was awesome," Koby Myler, ninth grade, concluded. "Now I know to take action if you want something. He had awesome stories that were cool, too. And now I know how to put an egg in a jar."

Koby was referring to the experiment where Cameron demonstrated putting a hard-boiled egg in a glass bottle. If you try to force it from the outside, it just gets squished. But after lighting a couple of matches, dropping them in the jar, then placing the egg over the opening, the egg was suctioned in. "The force has to be internal," Cameron stated.

The high school appreciated his encouragement and generosity, and felt inspired to put greater thought and effort into reaching their goals.



Venetian Dreams will be a wonderful evening of Italian food, romantic décor, and fun auction items. All proceeds will help the school in a new phase of grounds improvement, specifically focusing on building a new grassy play area/soccer field southwest of the school.

PFA ANNOUNCES THEME FOR BENEFIT AUCTION AND DINNER, "VENETIAN DREAMS."

Dreaming of a Mediterranean holiday? Come support our PFA fundraiser March 6, 2015, "Venetian Dreams" benefit dinner and auction gala. This event is the main fundraising effort for our PFA. We have held several successful events in the past and this one should be the best ever!

Please help make this event a success by taking part in your child's class auction basket, soliciting donations from local businesses, buying tickets, and attending this wonderful evening!

CREATIVE WRITING SPOTLIGHT: A PRESIDENT'S VISIT

President Barack Obama came down for his first visit to Idaho on Wednesday, January 21st to the Caven-Williams Sports Complex in Boise. Over six and a half thousand people gathered there to observe his vows to address partisanship and support the middle class.

He seemed more than proud of the Boise State students' projects, which he saw earlier when he took a tour of Boise State's New Product Development Lab.

"Here at Boise State innovation is a culture that you're building," Obama told the thousands of people. "You're also partnering with companies to do two things: You help students graduate with skills that employers are looking for, and you help employees pick up the skills they need to advance on the job."

He later went on to say, "We don't have to be divided as a people, we're on the same team," he said. "Whoever we are, whether we're Republican or Democrat or independent or young or old, black, white, gay, straight—we all share a common vision for our future. We want a better future for your generation, and your kids' generation." Obama then left for Kansas at about 4:00pm, which is where he gave a speech on January 22.

— Article by India Webster

Community News

Give Kids a Smile Day

Friday, Feb. 6, 2015

The Upper Snake River Dental Society and Eastern Idaho Public Health District are offering a day of free dental work for low-income children.

For information about participating dentists and eligibility, please contact EIPHD at 533-3192 or www.EIPH.Idaho.gov.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

Juniors and seniors are encouraged to prepare for the college entrance exams which will be held in April.

The SAT is required by the state for Idaho. All juniors should be preparing for and signing up for it in their advisory class. The date for the test is April 15.

The ACT is optional, but highly recommended for juniors and seniors. The ACT will be held at our school on April 28. For this test, there is a minimal \$10 fee and the rest is paid by the school. Other test dates are available by taking the test at another local high school but students must pay full price. Any college-bound senior should take the ACT at least once.