

The Lion's Roar

Tate Woods Elementary School



The Weather Report
The Climate at Tate Woods



NO SCHOOL
APRIL 22nd

Dear Tate Woods Families,

Although it has been a snowy, blustery winter outside, inside Tate Wood School we are experiencing something very different!

This school year started with all students and staff moving around the building to experience THE THREE BE'S. What are THE THREE BE'S, you ask? I bet your child could tell you! **BE RESPECTFUL. BE RESPONSIBLE. BE READY.** Lessons occurred in the lunchroom, hallways, playground, entering/leaving the building, bathroom, and even the buses! Can you think of THREE BE'S for home? I bet your child can!

Recently the state of Illinois began to recognize the importance of developing a student academically as well as socially and emotionally. In fact, there are three social/emotional learning standards that we use when planning for instruction:

1. Develop self-awareness and self-management skills to achieve school and life success.
2. Use social-awareness and interpersonal skills to establish and maintain positive relationships.
3. Demonstrate decision-making skills and responsible behaviors in personal, school and community contexts. http://www.isbe.net/ils/social_emotional/standards.htm

There are many things that we have implemented to foster and encourage students to make good choices and be kind, caring citizens. We're pleased to share some of these great things through our newsletter.

In March, our Tate Woods students enjoyed a trip to see our Lisle High School students' performance of Kiss Me Kate and we all continued to prepare for our wonderful Learning Nights on April 12th(First) and April 14th (Second). We hope you'll be able to join us for the learning fairs. You will be amazed by the quality of work that our first and second graders are capable of. I also want to take a moment to invite you to stop by the BOGO Book Fair that will be taking place in our gym during those evenings. The book fair begins at 6:30pm and the learning fair opens at 7pm.

We hope you had a good break. April activities include MAP Assessment, our Learning Fairs, our Buy One Get One Book Fair, and many other learning opportunities. Our MAP Assessment will take place between April 25th-May 13th. Students in grade one will be assessed using the Primary MAP and students in grade two will take either Primary MAP or NWEA-MAP based on their reading levels. Students will take the same test they took in the fall and winter in order to have accurate comparison of scores. Please talk with your students about doing their very best and trying their hardest.

Even though it's only April, this is the time of year to start thinking about what your child will do over the summer. Some students at Tate Woods will qualify, based on ability, for our small summer school program housed here at Tate Woods. This program focuses on Reading and Mathematics remediation. Please watch for paperwork coming home to those children who are invited/recommended. Other activities can be found through the Lisle Park District or Lisle Library. The summer reading program through Lisle Library is an excellent way to keep kids reading over the summer and the Lisle Park District offers many different options based on your child's interest. The important part is to keep your child reading and doing some simple math activities over the summer. This will assist them in starting the next school year off in a positive way. Thank you for your commitment to your child's education both during the school year and in the summer months.

Thank you, as always, for trusting us with your children. We care deeply about them and their education.

Love and Hug One Another,
Mrs. Gosselink, Principal

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Learning Fairs

Grd 1

April 12th

Grd 2

April 14th

7pm



Rain Forest Murals

All second grade grade classes worked collaboratively in art on large murals for the Learning Fair in April. Students used paint, brushes, sponges, and oil pastel for their mural. Each mural has one or two large animal or bird to create contrast to the smaller more detailed animals. All students had a turn to work on the larger areas as well as time to make other smaller animals of their choice. Many students worked together on one animal. Oil pastel was used to add the final details. Visit the Tate Woods Library or visit Artsonia.com to see the second grade colorful and lively murals.



Tate Woods High Five Board in front hallway

High fives mean more at Tate Woods School than just two people hitting hands! At Tate Woods School, positive behaviors are rewarded! If a child is caught doing something good, they are asked to sign the High Five chart in their classroom. Every Thursday morning, Mrs. Gosselink will call a number and letter. If your child has their name on that spot, they get to go down to the office to get their picture taken and a small prize. There will be a winner in every classroom.

Lisle District 202 Art Show Award Winners

On Friday, March 18th and Saturday, March 19th, Lisle School District 202 hosted an art show of student work from grades one through twelve at the high school. Tate Woods displayed 50 pieces from first and second grade. An artist reception was held Friday night. Visitors to the show voted for a "People's Choice" winner for each grade. Congratulations to all artists who had their work presented at the Art Show. We are pleased to announce our Tate Woods People's Choice winners for 2010-2011.

The first grade winner is Abby Zellak from Miss Fadin's class for her work titled Printed Sunflowers.

The second grade winner is Tara Kane from Mrs. Wiertel's class for her work titled Rain Forest Macaw.

Abby and Tara will be present at the May 16th Board of Education meeting to be honored. Their art pieces will be on display at Past Presence Custom Framing (4750 Main Street, Lisle) during the month of April and in the board room from May through August along with all our District 202 People's Choice Winners. Please stop by one of these locations to view this wonderful student art.

A big thank you goes out to the entire District 202 Art Department with special mention to Mrs. Carol Frueh, Art Teacher at Tate Woods. Thank you, Mrs. Frueh, for helping grow our budding artists at Tate Woods.



Mrs. Carol Frueh, Art Teacher at Tate Woods Elementary pictured with People's Choice Winners Abby Zellak (left) and Tara Kane.

Introducing....



Nicole Cajindos has served as our School Psychology Intern during the 2010-2011 school year in Lisle District 202. It has been a pleasure working with Nicole and we wish her the best as she embarks on her professional career. She has already acquired a job for next year and we send our warmest congratulations. Thank you for your service to Tate Woods and Lisle District 202.



Mrs. Sue Carlson is a jack-of-all-trades at Tate Woods. She keeps our students safe as they enter and exit the building each day as our crossing guard. She can be found working in our Early Childhood program with Ms. Diane in the morning, in the lunchroom as a supervisor mid-day and she is our science lady in the afternoon. Mrs. Carlson makes sure all our science related items are taken care of and our animals that go with our science program are fed and grow.

Thank you to Mrs. Carlson for all she does at Tate Woods.



Mr. John Emde is our day custodian at Tate Woods. Mr. Emde keeps our building clean and in good repair. The age of Tate Woods makes Mr. Emde's job a challenge sometimes, but we are fortunate to have him around to keep our quaint building spic-n-span and all systems running.

Thank you to Mr. Emde for all he does.

Bullying...Not in OUR School



Tate Woods does not and will not tolerate bullying! “Bullying is aggressive behavior that is intentional, re-peated over time, and involves an imbalance of power or strength. A child who is being bullied has a hard time defending him or herself (www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov).”

All children at Tate Woods are taught to use respectful words through monthly activities. The staff focuses on teaching students how to work together, talk to one another and use strategies to increase their positive social emotional knowledge. During the 2010-2011 school year, these lessons have included:

- Brave Talk (“stop being mean to me”, “use nice words with me, please”)
- Giving Compliments (using compliments to start conversations and build relationships)
- I messages (“I don’t like it when you cut in line.” “I want you to stop saying that word.”)
- Identifying Feelings (this allows kids to self-reflect and then determine the next steps)
- Listening (we teach students how to listen more effectively and use what they hear)
- Problem Solving (using words, not hands or feet)
- Tattling Vs. Telling (telling is to solve a problem, tattling is to get someone in trouble)

What can parents do? Talk to your kids about bullying. Tell them what it means. Help them find their voice to stand up to themselves or to others. We will work together to continue to make Tate Woods a bully-free school!

What is the climate in your home? Is it windy and cool? Is it hot and stormy? What can you do to have a calm and peaceful environment? Here is a simple idea:

Kids need schedules. They enjoy coming home and knowing what the evening will entail. For example:

3:30pm	Arrive home and have a snack
3:45pm	Free time to play
5:00pm	Sit down at the table and do some homework
5:30pm	Eat dinner with the family and share about the day
6:30pm	Free time (Play a board game, watch a movie, etc)
7:00pm	Get ready for the next day (Shower/Bath, Backpack, Pack Lunches)
8:00pm	Bedtime routine (books and bed)

**Don't Laugh at Me, Teachers Guide, p. 19. 2000

A Friendly Reminder

The Speed Limit on Schwartz is 25 MPH. Please be sure to stay at the posted speed limit when driving toward Tate Woods. Thank you for your help in keeping kids safe and our neighborhood safe.



Social Emotional Learning



What Happened in February and March?

During the month of February, first and second grade classrooms adopted a new tradition of “filling buckets.” The book, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud, teaches students that everyone carries an “invisible bucket” that holds their good feelings about themselves. As “bucket fillers” or “bucket dippers,” people can either help others feel good about themselves or take positive feelings away from people. Classrooms are incorporating the “Filling Buckets” lesson in different ways. Some classrooms have name exchanges each week that serve as a way for students to watch the positive choices that their name exchange classmate has made and share those compliments at the end of the week. Other classrooms have a student spotlight of the week. This means that one student is chosen each week to be complimented on their friendship behavior by all of the other students in the class. We call our time of sharing our compliments our “Bucket Filling Time.” Teachers are facilitating these activities weekly and we encourage you to ask your student, “Have You Filled a Bucket Today?”

During the month of March, all students learned how to identify their comfortable and uncomfortable feelings and the vocabulary for twelve of their feelings. Students also learned that feelings are continuously changing, the same situation may bring about different feelings in different people because of how we think, and labeling our feelings is important so that we can communicate our needs.

Skill	Grade Level	State Standard
Listening	1 st and 2 nd grades	2A
Brave Talk	1 st and 2 nd grades	2D
I messages (I feel ___ when you ___ because ___)	2 nd grade	1A, 2D
Complimenting	1 st and 2 nd grades	2B
Tattle vs. Tell	1 st grade	3A, 3B
Decision Making and Problem Solving	2 nd grade	3A, 3B
Feeling Identification	1 st and 2 nd grades	1A
Managing Feelings	1 st and 2 nd grades	1A

A second lesson was provided in March on managing uncomfortable feelings. Students practiced identifying healthy and unhealthy ways to express their uncomfortable feelings. Healthy ways are manners in which one expresses feelings that don't hurt one's self or anyone else, while unhealthy ways are ways that hurt one's self or others. Students learned and practiced the following healthy strategy to use when experiencing uncomfortable emotions:

Count to Ten (Distract)

Take 3 Deep Breaths (Relax)

Think About it in a Way that Makes You Feel Better (Cope)

Please help us help our students to identify their feelings and manage them in healthy ways both at school and home!

We look forward to more lessons in the upcoming months!

2011 Kids Helping Kids Is Here!!!!



Each year Tate Woods students help a needy DuPage County School by donating books to their family reading night. Tate Woods students donate books, read one of them, write a “review” of the book and then the “reviews” are tucked inside and the book is wrapped in a bow and sent to a needy child at the partner school. They receive the books at a special event at their school.

Book Donations are Being Accepted !

New and Gently Used Children’s Books
Ages 3-12 (picture books to chapter books)

Please bring books to the main office anytime

Before April 20th



Students can bring books to school and drop off at the main office as well!

WE thank you and the kids thank you!!

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Congratulations!!

Congrats to our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders on their hard work on ISAT testing.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wiertel who will be welcoming baby number 2 in May.

Important Dates in April

April 4th	Return from Spring Break
April 13th	LEHSO at SES at 9:15am
April 12th	6:30pm BOGO Book Fair 7pm Grd 1 Learning Fair
April 14th	6:30pm BOGO Book Fair 7pm Grd 2 Learning Fair
April 15th	1st Grd Field Trip to Peggy Notebaert Museum
April 19th	7:30pm Board of Ed Mtg at Central Office
April 20th	No Waste Lunch
April 22nd	NO SCHOOL
April 25-May 13	MAP Testing Taking Place
April 26th	TW Registration Packets Go Home

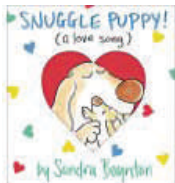
Student Absences

When your child is absent from school, please phone the school's attendance line at 630-493-8099. This is available 24 hours a day. Please report the absence and the reason for the absence. Thank you for your help!

Warmer Weather

Even though the weather is warming up, we still have some days where it may be cool. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as we go outside daily. We do not have the extra clothing as we do in the winter to loan children who aren't dressed appropriately. Thank you for making

sure your child has a jacket daily and other outerwear as needed for the day.



April's Featured Author

Sandra Boynton

Look for these great books and others from our March featured author.

