

The Lion's Roar

Tate Woods Elementary School

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Dear Tate Woods Families,

Happy Holidays! Thank you for attending Parent-Teacher Conferences in late November. The collaboration between home and school is very important in the educational life of a child and we are so pleased that we were able to meet personally with so many of you to discuss your children! Thank you for your input and teamwork! Together, we can make a difference in the lives of all children at Tate Woods.

Thank you to those families and staff members who were able to join us in decorating our tree at Brookfield Zoo on November 20th. The theme of our tree is "Tate Woods Shines" and it can be viewed at Brookfield Zoo during weekends in December and January 1st. Please visit www.brookfieldzoo.org for more information including times and directions. Tate Woods is tree #114 on the East Mall. Enjoy!

I'm pleased to share that our First Grade Holiday Program will take place on Thursday, December 16th at 7pm at the LJHS Auditorium. Please look for additional information coming home with your first grader from Mrs. Hoffman, Music Teacher. Enjoy the Show and Break A Leg First Graders!

May you find peace, joy and happiness in your traditions this holiday season. On behalf of the Tate Woods Community, I wish you a season full of making new wonderful memories with your family and friends and most importantly, your children. It's amazing to see the excitement and magic when you watch them take in the sights and sounds of this time of year. Enjoy and Happy Holidays!

Love and Hug One Another,
Mrs. Gosselink, Principal

Holiday Break

Begins:
Dec
21st@3:15
Back to
School:
Jan 5th

See Back Page
for Important

December
and
January
Dates

Help Us Update Our Records

Have you moved recently?

Phone Numbers Changed?

If you have had any changes in your contact information or that of your emergency contacts, please take time to **call us at 630-493-8050** or send a note with your child and share the new information with us. In the event of an emergency, we want to have updated information so we can reach you quickly. Thank you for helping us keep our records up-to-date.

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow

The snow will arrive soon! Please help us by talking with your children about these things...

- Students may bring snow pants to school and must have them to be allowed to play in the snow.
- Please bring shoes to wear inside so students do not have to wear snow boots all day.
- Students should stay out of the snow on their way to school and when waiting in front of the school in the morning. Gloves should be clean!
- Please walk carefully around our building. We do everything possible to make sure walkways are cleared and salted.

Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe during this time of year.

Nurse's Notes



The cold and flu season is here. Colds and flu are more prevalent during this time of the year because people are primarily indoors where it is easier to transmit illnesses. Also, the dry air can make respiratory tracts more prone to viruses as well as to strep throat.

It can be difficult to keep your child from catching the latest illness, but there are some steps parents can take to reduce a child's chances of getting sick. Understanding the characteristics of viruses and strep throat can be a first step towards prevention. Colds are caused by rhinoviruses that are shed from the mouth and nose. These viruses can survive on the hands that then touch other surfaces. The flu is caused by a number of myxoviruses transmitted by direct or airborne contact with respiratory secretions. Strep throat is usually caused by an infection of Group A Streptococcus bacteria that attach to the throat lining through direct or airborne contact.

Since viruses and strep throat can be spread through direct contact, the best way to help prevent their spread is through good hand washing. General measures such as covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing and not sharing eating utensils are important for the prevention of illness also. Finally, proper sleep, fluid intake, and nutrition help towards prevention indirectly by boosting the immune system.

When children do get sick, it can be difficult to decide when to keep them home from school. No child should be in school with a fever of 100 degrees or above. It is important also to note that a child whose fever is 100 degrees or higher should

be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. The reason for the 24-hour rule is that temperatures tend to rise in the afternoon during an illness even if a child's temperature is near normal in the morning. It is also recommended that a child remain home for certain respiratory symptoms even if there is no fever: at the beginning of a cold, when nasal drainage is frequent or discolored, or when coughing is persistent throughout the day. There is also the misery factor to consider at the beginning of a respiratory illness in the decision process about whether or not to send a child to school.

If a sore throat persists for more than a couple of days, especially if accompanied by a fever and unaccompanied by symptoms of congestion, a doctor's visit is recommended to rule out strep throat. Strep throat infection is not always accompanied by a fever, however. If your child is diagnosed with strep throat, please indicate the diagnosis when reporting your child absent. A child with strep throat may return to school after 24 hours on an antibiotic as long as no fever is present. If there are any questions about strep throat or viral illnesses, feel free to call the health office at 493-8055.



Attention Families of First Graders

Mark Your Calendars for our
Annual First
Grade Program

December 16th

7:00pm

Lisle Jr. High
Auditorium

GET READY!! FALL AND WINTER WEATHER IS ON THE WAY...

1. Dress for the weather. Layers are a great option for this time of year.
2. Please purchase snow pants and boots for your child for this coming winter. Each year we have a longer and longer line outside our nurse's office with students requesting snow pants and boots so that they can play in the snow. We simply are not able to meet the needs of everyone. If your child wants to play in the snow, please keep this in mind as you are purchasing items for winter. If possible, an extra pair of boots and snow pants that could be left at school would be a good idea.
3. Please encourage your children to wash their hands as often as possible. The best way to stay healthy is to wash hands often and extremely well.



Thank you so much for your help as we prepare for colder weather!



Reminder: Please label **all items** with your child's name. This helps us return lost items to their owner.

Your child needs the following to play in the snow:

- Snow pants/coat
- Snow boots
- Gloves/mittens
- Hat and scarf

Student Art Beautifies Reading Garden

Take a walk in the reading garden at Tate Woods to see 15 new garden stones created by second graders in art with Mrs. Frueh. Thank you to the Lisle Women's Club for their generosity in purchasing the materials. Each second grade class made 3 stones. Students learned how to mix and pour cement and press glass pieces into the cement to create a mosaic. Eight students had to work collaboratively – agreeing on a design, sharing jobs and polishing the stone. Each class visited the garden when the stones were complete to decide where to place them. The mosaic stones add color and creativity to our reading garden and the art experience was exciting and interesting for the second graders at Tate Woods. Make sure you visit our reading garden to enjoy the garden and see our mosaic stones.



LEHSO Sponsored Classroom Parties

The LEHSO will be sponsoring the Tate Woods Classroom Holiday Parties on Monday, December 20th at 2:00pm. The staff and students at Tate Woods send our warmest thanks to this group of giving and hard working parents. The work this group does directly impacts your children in positive ways. The time and effort that is put in by all members of our LEHSO is appreciated.

We will have a full day of school on Monday, December 20th. We will complete our normal curriculum until 2:00pm. We will then participate in the wonderful classroom parties. Students will then participate in a full day of normal curriculum activities on Tuesday, December 21st.

Dismissal will be at 3:05 for car riders and 3:15 for bus riders on Tuesday, December 21st. **School will resume on Wednesday, January 5, 2011!**

Tate Woods: Student Success in a Three Tier Model

Students in first and second grades continue to have their learning supported within a three tier model at Tate Woods. All students at Tate Woods receive instruction in our Core curriculum in all subject areas. This Core instruction is provided to **all** children and is considered our first tier of instruction.

Students who may need additional support beyond our Core curriculum receive services in smaller groups that address either areas of growth or areas of strength. These Tier Two groups are smaller and address the needs for **some** children. Tier Two groups can be seen at Tate Woods working in small groups of 2-6 students. These students may be working with a teacher on sight words (word wall words), comprehension strategies, extensions in mathematics, or other areas of

need as identified by assessments.

Even after instruction is provided in the Core curriculum and supportive assistance is given in small groups at Tier Two, there may still be a **few** children who need specific, individualized intervention to address their learning needs. This individualized program is considered a Tier Three support.

We are so pleased to be able to support learners in the manner in which they individually need to be supported. Thanks to you, we have the human resources and talent needed to make sure that ALL children are learning and progressing at their own rate.

Research reminds us how important it is for first and second graders to have a strong foundation of skills on which to grow. Together, with you, we intend to provide all children an excellent

set of skills to take with them as they travel through their years of education.

We are pleased to have such successful students and we appreciate your support as we continue to do whatever it takes to help them learn!

Websites to visit with your child...

www.artsonia.com

www.pbskids.org

www.aplusmath.com

www.brainpop.com

www.starfall.com

www.thekidzpage.com

www.lislelibrary.org
(tumble books)

We share these websites as informational only. They all support student

No Matter the Season...Books Make a GREAT GIFT!!!



Looking for that special gift for a teacher for the holidays or a way to recognize your child's birthday or maybe a friend's birthday? You can donate a book in honor of any of these recipients to the Tate Woods LRC. All books are \$15.00. You can send the \$15.00 in cash or check made out to Tate Woods School at any time during the school year (attention Mrs. Bauman-Book Donation Program).

You can accompany your child (if you wish) to pick out a book from the display by the circulation counter. We will place a label in the book honoring your special recipient. Your child will also have an opportunity to share their special donation with the class.

The book will be cataloged and become a permanent part of our collection.

Please contact me if you have any questions.



Judy Bauman

LRC Director

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TATE WOODS SCHOOL LRC

December, 2010

Dear Parents,

We are collecting all the Tate Woods library books before our winter vacation. **All books will be due on Friday, December 17.** Visit your local bookstore or the Lisle Library during our winter break. There is no limit to the number of fiction books our students may take from the Lisle Library! You can also access hundreds of stories through www.pbskids.org and www.lislelibrary.org -- Tumble Books and Book Flix link on the Youth Services page.

Lisle Library Hours

Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day,
New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

Remember to put pennies in your rainforest banks for every book you read. We will collect the banks in April to adopt zoo animals.

Please keep library books in a plastic bag to protect them from wet boots, gloves, and water bottles in back packs .

Happy Holidays!

Judy Bauman, LRC Director

Marsha DeBaerd, LRC Assistant

Paul Burdett, Technology Assistant





Tate Woods Brings Holiday Magic to Brookfield Zoo

On Saturday, November 21st, staff and families worked together to decorate the Tate Woods holiday tree at Brookfield Zoo's Holiday Magic Lights display. This beautifully decorated tree displays ornaments that were created by individual students in grades 1 and 2 under the direction of Mrs. Carol Frueh, art teacher. Tate Woods supports Brookfield Zoo in many ways during each school year. The students read books and gather pennies for each book read throughout the year. The pennies are then used to adopt animals at the Brookfield Zoo. Our collaboration with Brookfield Zoo is extended during the holidays. The presence of our Holiday Tree speaks highly of our support of zoo programs and their positive impact on children. Visiting the zoo this holiday season? You can visit our Tate Woods tree on all Saturdays and Sundays in December 4-9pm. You will find the Tate Woods tree on the East Mall, tree 114. Happy Holidays!

ProSocial Skills in the Classroom: What We Learned in November

“I messages” and Compliments



“Lift Me Up; Don’t Put Me Down” – David Levine

“I can Live for Two Months on a Good Compliment” – Mark Twain

During the month of November, teachers identified areas of improvement and focus for social/emotional learning as problem solving and complimenting others. To address these skills, two lessons were taught to Tate Woods’ students. In the first lesson, students learned to formulate “I messages” as a part of effective problem solving. “I messages” communicate one’s feelings about an event to another individual without accusing the receiver of the message of wrongdoing. Scripted “I messages” that follow the formula, “I feel _____ when you _____ because _____” are most appropriate for younger students, but as students mature, they will need to formulate “I messages” that state how they feel and why while proposing a joint effort to solve the problem (Ohio Commission for Dispute Resolution & Conflict Management, 2010). Age appropriate examples are as follows:

Elementary: “I feel angry when you cut in front of me because I was there first. Please stop cutting in front of me.”

Late Elementary/Jr. High: “I feel angry when I am called names. Can we somehow work this out together?”

The lesson on “I messages” corresponds with Illinois’ Social/Emotional Learning Standards 1A1a: “Recognize and accurately label emotions and how they are linked to behavior;” and 2C1a: “Identify ways to work and play well with others.” When you utilize “I messages” at home for resolving conflict with others, including your child, you increase the likelihood that your child will use “I messages” during their own times of conflict. Please help us reinforce our students’ use of this skill!

The second social skills lesson presented to Tate Woods’ students highlighted complimenting. Students learned the meaning of compliments and put-downs and their emotional impact upon people. Students also practiced complimenting one another and received feedback for their efforts. Complimenting is a foundational skill that is essential for joining play effectively and initiating conversation. Students will continue to be given time during the school day to exchange compliments through classroom routines unique to their teacher’s daily schedule. The lesson on complimenting corresponds with Illinois State Learning Standard 2B1b: “Describe positive qualities in others.” Please help us meet this standard by complimenting your child and encouraging your child to compliment others especially, during times of initiating conversation and joining play.

Thank you for your efforts at home related to Social and Emotional Learning. They impact our childrens’ daily lives at school!

From the Student Services Corner:

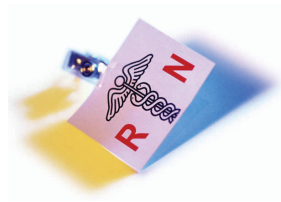
Ms. Crome, Social Worker (left)

Mrs. Craven, School Psychologist (right)

Ms. Cajindos, Intern (not pictured)



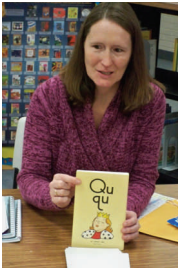
What's Happening Around Tate Woods



Are you a Registered Nurse who might be interested in subbing for School Nurses in Lisle District 202? Please contact our district office at 630-493-8000 or visit www.lisle202.org and complete our online application.

It's a Feast

Mr. Harrington's first grade classroom and our 3 and 4 year old friends in Early Childhood celebrated everything they are thankful for at a feast on November 19th. The kids shared what they were thankful for along with some delicious treats like pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce.



Introducing the Tate Woods Reading Assistants

We'd like you to meet Mrs. Reyes and Mrs. Kollacz. These two individuals are the Reading Assistants here at Tate Woods. They work everyday to help students improve their reading. They can be seen working in our Learning Center or other locations around Tate Woods. They both make a big difference in the work they do at Tate Woods.



We've Gone to the Dogs... to Read to Us

Students at Tate Woods enjoy reading aloud to therapy dogs once a month. The students are very excited to read to these furry friends and the students' reading fluency and motivation is increased by the ability to read to a dog rather than human.



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Celebration!!

We're Glad You're Here!!!

Monique Eaton

(filling in for Mrs. Guasta for the month of January in our main office)

Growing Together...to do GREAT things



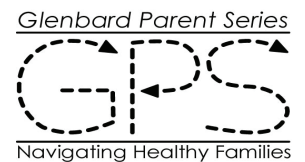
Important Dates in December

- December 8th@9:15am LEHSO Mtg@ SES
- December 16th@7pm 1st Grd Music Program @ Junior High School
- December 20th@7:30pm Board of Ed Mtg @ 7:30pm Jr. High
- December 20th@2:15 Winter Parties @ TW
- December 21st @ 3:15 Winter Break Begins

Important Dates in January

- January 5th Return to School
- Jan 5th-26th MAP Testing
- January 17th No School
- January 24th Board of Ed Meeting @ 7:30pm

December 8, 2010 @ 9:30AM

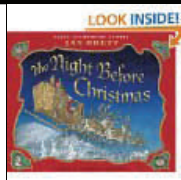
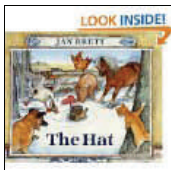


Cyber Bullying, Teenage Depression, Suicide Prevention

Speaker: John Halligan

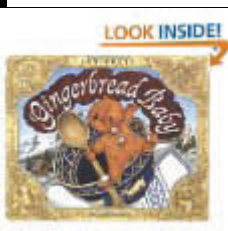
Location: Glenbard District Office

December's Featured Author



Jan Brett

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



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!