

The Lion's Roar

Tate Woods Elementary School

Dear Families,

Thank you for a great first trimester. We are excited to meet with you during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Nov 22nd and 23rd. These meetings allow us to continue our collaborative relationship in educating your children. We ask that you register for conferences electronically again this year. You will or may have already received a letter telling you the open registration dates and times. If you have difficulty registering, please feel free to call the Tate Woods office at 630-493-8050 and we'll be happy to help you. We place a very high value on meeting with each and every family and set our goal at 100%. We appreciate your help in reaching this goal.

During the first trimester, we have worked collaboratively with Schiesher Elementary to build School Improvement Goals for grades PreK-5 that will guide us as we work this year. I have included these for you below. It's important that ALL stakeholders have knowledge of our organizational goals. Thank you, in advance, for all you do as parents and caregivers to help us reach these goals.

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NO SCHOOL

**There will be NO
SCHOOL**

on

Nov 11th

Nov 23-26th

School Improvement Goals

Academic:

- Students will perform at **94.2%** or higher on the ISAT in Math.
- Students will perform at **90.4%** or higher on the ISAT in Reading.

Social Emotional:

- Tate Woods and Schiesher will identify ways to directly teach social emotional learning standards to all students and support students in need of extra teaching.
- We will develop a comprehensive plan to increase pro-social skills, which will result in a decrease of anti-social behaviors such as bullying.

Communication:

- The staff will submit "good news" stories to the web liaison for publication.
- Each grade level will submit curriculum related news articles to the media liaison, for submission to local newspapers.

Financial:

- We will build a plan to decrease power usage
- and paper usage in order to be "green" and
- fiscally responsibility.

Thank you for all you do to support your children and their education.

Love and Hug One Another,
Mrs. Gosselink, Principal

EARLY
DISMISSAL
At 1:00pm
on Monday,
November 22nd
(lunch will be served)

Holiday Lights at Brookfield Zoo—Community Tree Trim

We are pleased to announce that Tate Woods Elementary School is participating in Brookfield Zoo's 2010 Community Tree Trim, the kick-off to the 29th annual Holiday Magic! The students and staff at Tate Woods will participate in trimming a tree at Brookfield Zoo on Saturday, November 20th. This decorated tree will then be a part of the Holiday Magic Celebration hosted by Brookfield Zoo which will run all weekends in December (Sat and Sun 4-9pm) and January 1st.

Our tree theme will be "Tate Woods Shines" and each child will have an opportunity to make a themed ornament in art class with Mrs. Frueh (ornaments will not be returned). Thank you Mrs. Frueh for your assistance with this project. We will then take all our student-made ornaments and other decorations to Brookfield Zoo on Saturday, November 20th for the tree trimming. All decorations must meet the requirements of Brookfield Zoo, so they will all be provided by Tate Woods.

Any student and their family are welcome to join the decorating on Saturday, November 21st between 10:15am and 11:15am.

Can't decorate but want to see our Tate Woods tree? Visit Holiday Magic at Brookfield Zoo and you can see our special tree, lit and decorated. Additional information on Holiday Magic can be found at www.brookfieldzoo.org.

Admission to the zoo and zoo parking is the responsibility of each family.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Brookfield Zoo on Saturday, November 20th between 10:15am and 11:15am.



Event: Community Tree Trim

Location: Brookfield Zoo

Date/Time: Nov 20, 2010

10:15am-11:15am

Zoo Admission:

Adults \$13.50

Children 3-11 \$9.50

Parking \$9.00

Parking:

Park in the Main

Tree Location:

East Mall #114

Questions? Call TW at 630-493-8050



Making Connections at Tate Woods

"Reading Makes Cents"

We are happy to take this opportunity to celebrate reading with the families of our Tate Woods students. Your child has constructed a rainforest bank in the computer lab. From now until April they will be dropping a penny into the bank for every book or chapter they read. You are encouraged to make this a family event and join in adding coins when you read as well! We will count our money in the spring and apply it toward the protection of rainforest animals and adoption of zoo animals at Brookfield Zoo. Your child will enjoy the many pleasures of reading while making a positive difference in our environment. Banks will be coming home soon!

"Our Adopted Furry and Feathery Friends"

Over the years, Tate Woods has adopted many different Brookfield Zoo friends during our rainforest and ocean units. Please plan to visit these friends when you attend our Community Tree Trim. Friends to look for include:

- Marmoset, 2003
- Orangutan, 2007 (Mei)
- Rainbow Boa Constrictor, 2007
- Sea Lion Sterling, 2006
- Bottlenose Dolphins, 2008 (Kaylee, Moelani, Tapeko)
- Humbolt Penguins, 2008 (Rocky and Adrian)
- Giant Anteater, 2009 (Velcro)

Nurse's Notes

Cold weather safety is important to keep in mind since students do go outside for recess as long as the wind chill temperature is above 0 degrees Fahrenheit. In order to be more comfortable and to guard against frostbite, help remind children to dress appropriately for the weather. The parts of the body most affected by frostbite are exposed areas of the face, the ears, hands and feet. The following are suggestions to protect your child from excessive heat loss:

Wear layers of lightweight clothing. Layers act as insulation.

Cover the head with a hood or hat. As much as 50% of body heat is lost through the head.

Wear mittens or gloves. Mittens tend to keep hands warmer.

Wear warm leg coverings and heavier weight socks.

Wear waterproof boots and snow pants if there is any snow on the ground. Children can only play on the blacktop if they are not wearing these clothing items when snow is on the ground.

Cover the lower part of the face with a scarf to protect the lungs from directly inhaling extremely cold air and to help prevent frostbite to the chin.

Making the Most of Parent-Teacher Conferences

We look forward to welcoming you to Parent-Teacher Conferences later this month. The purpose of conferences is for the teacher and parents to meet to discuss how you can both help your child do his or her very best in school. Just as the teachers prepare for conferences, here are some ideas that can assist parents as they prepare for conferences as well:

1. Talk to your child before the conferences.

Ask your child what he/she would like you to discuss at the meeting. Ask your child, "what will your teacher tell me about you?"

2. Ask Questions

Come to the conference with a few questions regarding your child's academic and social progress. These could include:

- What are my child's strongest and weakest subjects?
- What can I do at home to help my child?

- Is my child working up to his/her ability? Can I help with this in any way?
- How does my child get along with his/her classmates?

3. Share information about your child

Parents and teachers are a team, but no one knows your child better than you. Share any information you feel would help the teacher better educate your child.

4. Make the most of your time with the teacher.

Conferences are scheduled for 15 minutes. Make the most of your meeting by arriving on time. Try to bring only adults to the meeting in order to limit distractions.

Follow Up:

Start immediately on the action plan you have built with your child's teacher. Having a focused plan and remaining positive is a wonderful way to assist your child in

making academic and social progress in school. Talk with your child about the conference and let them know the positive things they are contributing to their classroom. This helps boost self-esteem and confidence in what your child is already doing well in the classroom.

The collaboration between home and school is very important and we value that relationship. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance or bring up areas of strength or improvement at Tate Woods.

Conferences Held at TW:

Mon, Nov 22nd 2-9

Tues, Nov 23rd 8-11:30am

Conferences will be scheduled online this year.

Please see the attached conference scheduling information attached to this newsletter.

FALL AND WINTER WEATHER IS ON THE WAY...

In our continuous effort to keep the children at Tate Woods healthy, we offer these reminders:

1. Dress for the weather. This time of year can have cool mornings and warmer afternoons and the weather can fluctuate quickly. Please send a jacket or sweatshirt with your children or dress them in layers. They can always take off a layer if necessary.
2. LABEL EVERYTHING PLEASE.

Many of our students have the same coat/lunchbox/item as other kids. Please label so we can get things to their owner. Thank you.

3. **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.

4. 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!

LSHS National Merit Commended Students by Ron Logeman

Lisle Senior High School Principal, Pete Sullivan, is pleased to announce that three LSHS students have been awarded National Merit Commended Student Recognition for their performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). Seniors Neal Kfoury, Gregory Dzuricsko, and Michael Swartz scored within the top 5% of the nation's college bound seniors taking the test.

The National Merit Scholarship Program began in 1955 and is a nationally recognized academic competition taken by approximately 1.5 million high school students across the country each year. In April following the fall test administration, high-scoring participants from every state are invited to name two colleges or universities to which they would like to be referred by NMSC. In September, these high scorers are notified through their schools that they have qualified as either a Commended Student or Semifinalist. Selection for National Merit Honors indicates a student is one of the top performing students across the country.

***Congratulations to
these top performers
from Tate Woods!***



Reading Together Makes a Difference

Many families attended our firefighter themed family reading night in October. Research shows that reading together as a family increases reading skills in children. Read with your child or to your child, it matters not. Modeling reading as an adult is also a great way to get kids reading. At first and second grade, our students still want to “follow the leader” when parents are participating in activities. We encourage you to keep reading everything around you.

Please take time to visit a local book store or our wonderful Lisle Public Library. There are wonderful programs and activities at these locations along with many choices of great books.

Museums are also great places to read together. Slow down and read the informational signage. There are many wonderful things to see and READ at your local museums. Enjoy!

GLENBARD DISTRICT 87 AND GLENBARD PARENT SERIES PRESENT

Confident Parenting in a World of Change

Breaking through
to the Modern Teenager

Dr. Ron Taffel

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2010

7:00 pm* Glenbard East, Rider Auditorium
1014 South Main Street, Lombard
You may enter the School at Doors 1 or 20

*Also, please join us at 6:30pm for our Drop-In Discussion Group:
Parent to Parent— Sharing Solutions and Support

Dr. Ron Taffel, one of the country's most sought-after child rearing experts, knows what matters to you most about raising 21st century kids. First, Dr. Taffel will describe a new way to understand what kids of all ages need to feel safe, secure, and happy in these times. Second, through concrete examples Ron will present parents with the latest innovative methods to:

- Lessen endless negotiating & entitlement
- Set limits that are actually enforceable
- Help kids open up about what really matters
- Learn how to give advice to "Oh-so-sophisticated" kids
- Increase teens' resilience in tough times and lower family stress

Dr. Taffel has a private practice in New York, is the author of numerous books and articles on parenting and has been featured in *The New York Times*, *20/20*, *Dateline*, *The Today Show*, *PrimeTime Live*, and *Larry King*.

Dr. Ron Taffel draws on decades of counseling experience to offer a fresh and wise perspective on raising healthy teens as well as excellent advice on how we can best guide them through the treacherous terrain of their ever-more-demanding lives.

All loving and struggling parents will benefit from this evening of insight, and inspiration to bring out the best in our kids and ourselves.

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Glenbard Parent Series



Navigating Healthy Families

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS:

Prior to all 7:00pm programs, please take part in our lively parents' discussion group—a chance to share concerns, problems and solutions with one another.

6:30 to 7:00 — Open to all.

Tuesday, November 9, 2010
Confident Parenting in a World of Change

Dr. Ron Taffel
7:00 PM Glenbard East

Cyber Bullying, Teenage Depression, Suicide Prevention: Ryan's Story
John Halligan

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

7:00 PM Glenbard North
(Spanish and English) and

Wednesday, December 8, 2010
9:30 AM Glenbard District Office
(English Only)

Friday, January 14, 2011

Don't Outsource Your Child's Destiny With Enabling
Dan Davis

1:00 PM Glenbard Facilities Bldg.

Thursday, January 27, 2011

Talking Sense About Teen Sex
Dale Hoffman

7:00 PM Glenbard West

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Live Like Well Speaker: A Dance with Diversity

Dr. Michael Fowlin
7:00 PM Glenbard East

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

The Effect of Media on Teen Health in the Information Age

Dr. Michael Rich
1:30 PM Marquardt Admin. Center

7:00 PM Glenbard South

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Parents, Teens, Parties and the Law

State's Attorney-Joe Brinkhoff and Panel
(presented in Spanish and English)

7:00 PM Glenbard North

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Girls and Boys- Different From the Heck Up- How it Affects Their Learning and More

Dr. JoAnn Deak

1:30 PM Marquardt Admin. Center

7:00 PM Glenbard South

For more information about this or any upcoming presentation contact Student and Community Projects Coordinator, Gilda Ross at (630)942-7575 or Gilda_Ross@Glenbard.org.

Brave Talk and Listening Skills

Social Emotional Learning Strategies at Tate Woods

“We Work Together to Get Along Better”

Brave Talk:

In the first and second grade classrooms at Tate Woods School all the children learned how to use “Brave Talk” to solve their problems with their peers. Brave Talk consists of three steps which all the children learned and practiced in the classroom.

STEP 1: clearly and firmly speak to the other person about the concern

ex. “Please stop calling me names” or “Please give me back my pencil”.

If the other person does not do what is asked...

STEP 2: give a warning

ex: “If you don’t stop calling me names I will tell my mother” or

“If you don’t give me my pencil back I will tell the teacher”.

If the other person does not do what you ask...

STEP 3: go to the nearest adult and let them know you need help

Teachers first ask the children if they tried to use their Brave Talk before intervening. If the child tried using Brave Talk and their peer is still bothering them, the teacher intervenes.

Listening Skills:

The classes at Tate Woods are also learning about the four steps to “Good Listening”.

Step 1: Look at the person who is speaking-Eyes should be on the speaker

Step 2: Don’t bump words- only one person is talking (the speaker) everyone else is quiet so their words don’t bump into the speaker’s words

Step 3: Keep still- hands, feet and body are still

Step 4: Reply-respond to what you heard by making a comment or sharing an idea on the same topic.

The children at Tate Woods all can show what “Good Listening” looks like! At home, you may want to ask your child to show you what good listening looks like or encourage your child to use their Brave Talk to solve problems with their friends and siblings.

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.



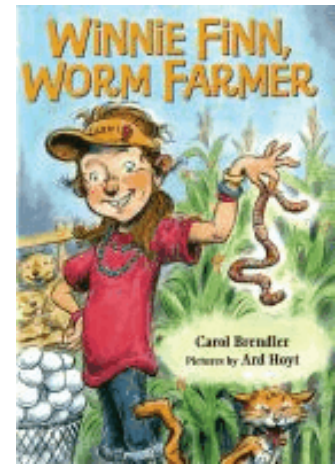
Judy Bauman
LRC Director

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Author Presentation: Carol Brendler

Monday, November 15, LRC
(LRC closed all day)



9:00-9:50—Altic, Remigio

1:00-1:50—Harrington, Forthaus

10:00-10:50—Embry, Weeks, Wiertel

2:00-2:50—Cieplak, Fadin, Sutton

Parents are welcome to attend any session above on Monday. Please check into the office when you arrive. The Tuesday session is for students only. The author will sign this book if students purchase it at any book store. It will not be available for sale the day of our author visit.



Second Grade Writing Activity with Carol Bendler

Tuesday, November 16
in the Classrooms

Tate Woods Elementary

1736 Middleton Ave.
Lisle, IL 60532

Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
E-mail: someone@example.com

Important Dates in November

November 7th
November 10th
November 7th
November 11th
November 12th
November 12th
November 15th
November 15-19
November 19th
November 22nd

November 23rd

November 24-26

Daylight Savings Time Ends
LEHSO Mtg @ SES @ 9:15
HSO Craft Fair 11-4@LSH
No School-Veterans Day
End of 1st Trimester
Ceramics Night @ LSH 6-9pm
Board of Educ Mtg @ 7:30
Amer. Educ. Week
TW Report Cards Home
1:00pm Dismissal
2-9 P/T Conferences
No Student Attendance
8-11:30am P/T Conferences
No School-Thanksgiving

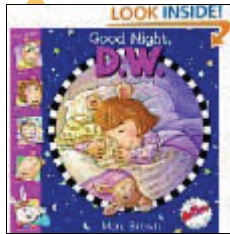
Thank you

Hearty thanks goes out to all of our room moms and dads who made the Halloween parties enjoyable for our Tate Woods students. These events are memories being made for our little ones and we appreciate all your hard work to make them special memories.

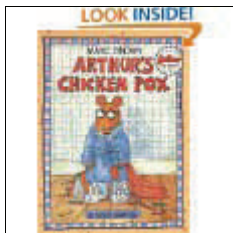
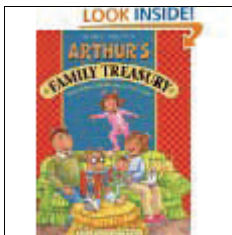
Thank you to our LEHSO and Tate Woods Room Party Representative, Mrs. Myslewiec, for your support of these fun events.

We appreciate all of our parents who helped make the parties fun by following our guidelines and attending our parade.

November's
Featured Author



Marc Brown



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

Growing Together...to do GREAT Things..

