



December 2023

EAGLE EYE NEWSLETTER

A Month In Review

ANOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear TBES Families,

As we bid farewell to December and approach the end of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many wonderful moments that have defined this month at our school. It has been a season of joy, growth, and gratitude, and I am delighted to share some highlights with you. Be sure to view the "Eagles In Action" photos in this newsletter to see images of some of these highlights. 😊



- 1. Winter Celebrations:** *Our school was filled with festive cheer as we winter traditions. The creativity and enthusiasm displayed by our students during class activities and special events were truly heartwarming.*
- 2. Student Showcases:** *December provided opportunities for our students to showcase their talents and achievements. From drama club performances, the SOAR play production of "Nemo", academic accomplishments in the classroom and on FAST testing, and positive behavior shopping time, our students continue to shine brightly in a variety of areas.*
- 3. Family Involvement:** *We enjoyed the opportunity to host our families for Family Movie Night. The connections made between one family to another, and the continued building of student relationships is what makes TBES such a special place.*

4. Campus Improvement: After a long wait (over a year), our new digital marquee is finally installed and working! We will be sharing dates, reminders and other helpful information on the board so be sure to take a look when you are visiting the front of campus.

5. Community Outreach: Several volunteers, donors, and contributors helped to spread holiday cheer on our campus. Whether it was through tangible donations, giving of time, or other acts of kindness, your efforts make a positive impact on our school community. **THANK YOU!**

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each one of you for your continued support throughout the year. Your partnership in your child's education, your involvement in school activities, and your commitment to creating a positive learning environment make Toledo Blade Elementary a truly special place.

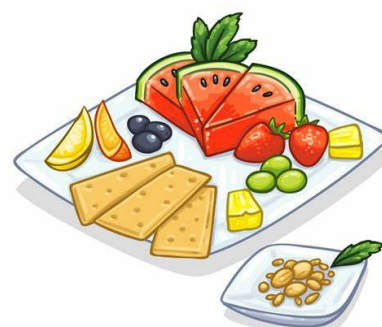
Wishing you a joyous holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and moments of reflection. May the coming year bring you renewed energy, success, and continued connections with our wonderful school community.

Here's to a fantastic start to the new year!

Jennifer F. Dolciotto
Principal

Title One Status & Free/Reduced Meal Applications ✨

Toledo Blade Elementary has received the designation as a Title One school for the 2023/2024 school year. We're proud and honored to again be identified as a Title One school that can offer support to our students and families.



How does a school qualify for Title 1 ? Schools qualify for Title 1 support based on the percentage of students/families who qualify for the free/reduced meal program. *If schools do not meet the minimum threshold percentage, the Title One designation and benefits are removed.*

How do families qualify for the free/reduced meal program?

It is based on economic need as determined by the size of the household and consistent income. It is a quick, simple form to fill out.

What are the benefits of the free/reduced Meal Program?

Breakfast and lunch are provided at no cost or at a reduced rate. Children are not required to eat school meals if they qualify for the F/R meal program. Families can choose to pack lunches or utilize the meal service as they like. Additionally, some child care providers and other agencies offer benefits/lower rates for families that qualify for the free/reduced meal program.

How do you apply for the F/R program & support our Title 1 status?

If you have not applied for meal benefits for this school year (23-24), **please use the link below to apply.** The benefits of the meal program help our families and our school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Food Nutrition Service/Cafeteria at TBES.

[Link to Meal Benefits Application](#)

Media Center Communication & Updates

The district has implemented updates to our school's Media Center system that enhances transparency and that will keep you informed about your student's reading habits.

As mentioned in previous district communications, there is a new system that will automatically generate email notifications each time your student checks out a book from the Media Center.

This feature aims to provide you with real-time information about the materials your child is exploring and foster a deeper connection between home and school in support of your child's literacy journey.

How it Works:

When your student checks out a book, you will receive an email notification containing details such as the book title, author, and due date. This automated process ensures that you stay informed without any additional effort on your part.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the notification emails, feel free to reach out to Stephani Faulkner in the media center.

Family Involvement

We've had some fathers express interest in creating a "Father's (*any male role model*) Being Involved" (FBI) group at TBES. The FBI group is fathers/male role models whose goal is to support home/school partnerships by creating a connection with the school community and with each other by engaging in regular meetings, discussions and/or activities on campus (ex. monthly coffee/dialogue, car line supervision, reward basketball games, snack distributions, etc.). If you are interested in learning more, please call Kim Hussey in the front office (941-426-6100) to leave your contact information.



FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM



Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

School Board of Sarasota County – Food & Nutrition Services

*Menu is subject to change



January 2024: Happy New Year!

Harvest of the Month: Cauliflower

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Winter Break No Snack	2 Winter Break No Snack	3 Winter Break No Snack	4 Winter Break No Snack	5 Winter Break No Snack
8 No Snack	9 No Snack	10 No Snack	11 No Snack	12 No Snack
15 No School – Martin Luther King Day	16 Honey Crisp Apple	17 Florida Orange	18 Baby Carrots w/ Dip	19 No Snack
22 No Snack	23 Cauliflower w/ Dip	24 Diced Pineapple	25 Florida Yellow Grape Tomatoes w/ Dip	26 No Snack
29 No Snack	30 Florida Broccoli w/ Dip	31 Florida Tangerines		

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Cauliflower January 2024

Fun Facts about Cauliflower

- The leaves and stem are edible.
- The cauliflower plant grows best in cool daytime temperatures, 70-85 °F with plentiful sun and moist soil conditions.
- Cauliflower grows in Florida from November through May.
- There are different colors of cauliflower including purple, orange and white.



Cauliflower Nutrition

1 cup cooked cauliflower has:

- 30 Calories
- 6g Carbohydrates and
- 4g of Fiber!
- Cauliflower is high in Dietary Fiber, Vitamin C, Vitamin K, Vitamin B6, and Folate.

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Resources: <http://townesharvest.montana.edu/documents/Cauliflower.pdf>
Recipe from: <https://mykidslickthebowl.com/parmesan-roast-cauliflower/>



Kid-Friendly Recipe

Parmesan Roasted Cauliflower

Ingredients:

1/2 Head Cauliflower
3 Tbsp Parmesan Cheese
3 Tbsp Olive Oil
1 tsp Onion Powder
1/2 tsp Garlic Powder
1/2 tsp Paprika

Directions:

1. In a bowl combine the Parmesan, paprika, onion powder, and garlic powder.
2. With the help of an adult, cut the cauliflower into even-sized florets, approximately 1cm thick.
3. Toss the cauliflower in the oil and spices. Spread florets out on a baking tray.
4. Bake at 320 degrees F for 30 minutes.
5. Taste the roast cauliflower, season with salt and pepper if desired.



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- Yo egzije yon sondaj COVID-19

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SAVE THE DATES!

DECEMBER

22nd - Professional Day/No School

22nd-Jan 7th - Winter Break & i-Ready/Dreambox Winter Challenge

JANUARY

8th - Welcome Back & Happy New Year

8th - 26th Grades K-1-2 FAST Testing

12th - 2nd Quarter Student Reward/Recognition Event

15th - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

22nd - 26th - Celebrate Literacy Week Activities

25th - SAC Meeting

FEBRUARY

16th - FUNShip Festival and Silent Auction



Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Toledo Blade's i-Ready/Dreambox Winter Break Challenge!

Includes i-Ready usage from **Friday, December 22nd - Sunday, January 7th**

Are you up for a challenge?

To keep the learning momentum going during winter break, we are hosting a challenge to encourage all our students to complete i-Ready reading and Dreambox math lessons.

Students who complete the challenge will earn a special prize!



10 min.	20 min.	30 min.	40 min.	50 min.	60 min.	70 min.	80 min.	90 min.	
1 lesson	2 lessons	3 lessons	4 lessons	5 lessons	6 lessons	7 lessons	8 lessons	9 lessons	10 lessons

Directions

Place a smiley face in the box for every 10 minutes you spend working on i-Ready and for each lesson you pass on Dreambox over winter break. Students who complete 90 minutes on i-Ready reading and pass 10 lessons on Dreambox will have completed the TBES i-Ready/Dreambox Winter Break Challenge.

The i-Ready Winter Break Challenge is due back to your teacher on Wednesday, **January 10th**.


**** Don't forget you can access i-Ready and Dreambox from any computer, including computers at the public library! ****

Toledo Blade Elementary

January 22 – 26, 2024

Florida Celebrate Literacy Week



Monday, January 22 nd	<p>TBES Students and staff can participate in the "Favorite Bookshelf Selfies"! Take a selfie with your favorite book and who knows.... your photo may be featured on the TBES News Program or in the monthly Eagle Eye Newsletter. Please send your selfies via e-mail to the classroom teacher.</p> <p><i>Teachers will also conduct a read-aloud & activities connected to "Mathematics".</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-1 Text: <i>The Greedy Triangle</i> by Marilyn Burns • 2-3 Text: <i>Spaghetti and Meatballs for All</i> by Marilyn Burns • 4-5 Text: <i>A Remainder of One</i> by Elinor J. Pinczes
Tuesday, January 23 rd	<p>Students will have the opportunity to go outdoors and read for 20 minutes using their "Shades". Students and staff are invited to bring their favorite sunglasses and a blanket or towel to read outside in grassy areas.</p> <p><i>Teachers will also conduct a read-aloud & activities connected to "Science".</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-2 Text: <i>Ada Twist, Scientist...</i> by Andrea Beaty • 3-5 Text: <i>Shark Lady: The true story of how Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist</i> by Jess Keating
Wednesday, January 24 th	<p>"One Book Day". All classrooms will be participating in a read-aloud & and various classroom activities using the text <i>"ish"</i> by Peter H. Reynolds.</p>
Thursday, January 25 th	<p>Students will reread some of their favorite books this year. Students will be given a mini flashlight so they can participate in Flashlight Flashback reading in a darkened classroom.</p> <p><i>Teachers will also conduct a read-aloud & activities connected to a book of Literature".</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-1 Text: <i>The Little House</i> by Virginia Lee Burton • 2-3 Text: <i>Train Song</i> by Diane Siebert • 4-5 Text: <i>City of Ember</i> by Jeanne DuPrau <p>From 11 am – 1 pm, families can register to visit with a representative from the Education Foundation of Sarasota to receive free books, treats and register for FREE book deliveries at home.</p> 
Friday, January 26 th	<p>Students will have the opportunity to showcase their favorite Storybook character. They will be able to bring an artifact from the story or dress like their favorite character. Additional details will be provided by the classroom teacher.</p>

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EAGLES IN ACTION!

Check out the "Drama" at Toledo Blade

Drama class is alive and well at TBES! Mrs. Bradley has created a dedicated website where you can now view the monthly work and performances of our talented drama students. This platform will provide you with a unique opportunity to witness their growth and creativity throughout the year.

To access the website and explore the wonderful performances, please follow the link below.
(Password = DramaKids1)

We encourage you to visit the website regularly to support and celebrate our students' hard work and dedication. Your feedback and encouragement mean a lot to them as they continue to develop their skills and passion for drama.

Check Out the Drama at TBES!

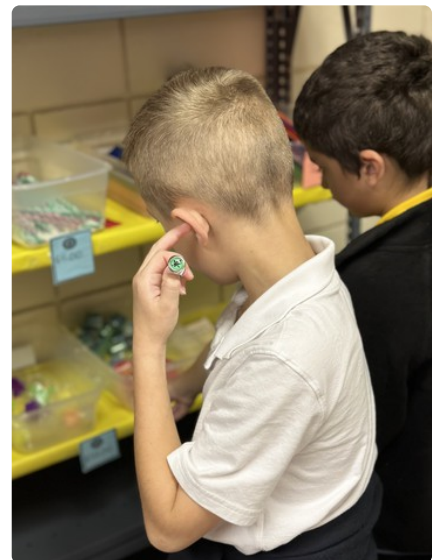
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Family Movie Night



PBIS Shopping Day(s)





SOAR Production of "Nemo"





School PJ Day



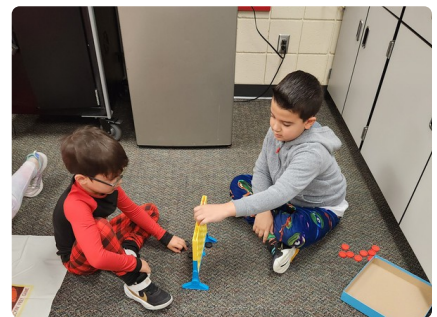




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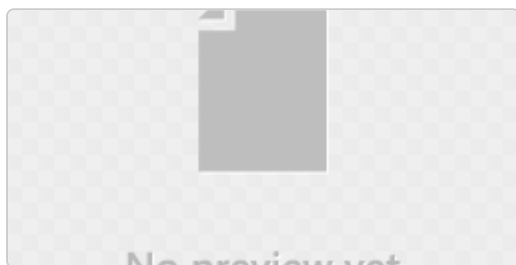






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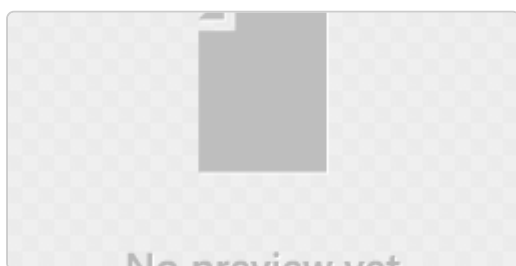
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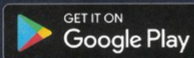
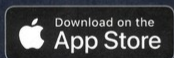
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