



A Month In Review January 2024 Eagle Eye Newsletter

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear TBES Families,

As we wrap up the first month of 2024, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the exciting and enriching activities and events that took place on our campus throughout January.



January has been a month filled with diverse opportunities for learning, growth, and community building. Our students participated in a variety of activities that have not only enhanced their individual experiences but have also contributed to the vibrant spirit of our school.

Here are some highlights from the month (*also see the "Eagles in Action" photos*):

- Academic Achievements: Our students have continued to excel in their academic endeavors. From impressive performances in recent FAST testing, classroom testing, and innovative classroom projects, we are proud of the dedication and hard work demonstrated by our students. We had the opportunity to recognize and reward our students for their second quarter academic and behavior accomplishments with a Scavenger Hunt day and delicious, sweet treats.
- Cultural Enrichment: In January, we participated in Celebrate Literacy Week through various activities and events. Students had the chance to engage in discussions, presentations, and activities that highlighted the rich tapestry of literacy in our world.

- Community Engagement: We are committed to fostering a sense of community within our school, and January brought us the opportunity to learn together about Cyber Safety. A special thank you to School Board member Tim Enos for sharing his law enforcement knowledge and expertise with our school families. Our students also had the opportunity to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge activities to raise awareness about heart health and generate donations for the American Heart Association.

Additionally, stay tuned for upcoming events and announcements. February will be a busy month as we will celebrate our Caring Kids for demonstrating the 3R core values, participate in Florida Studio Theatre presentations, and enjoy some fun at our FUNship Festival. Your continued support and participation are integral to the success of our school community.

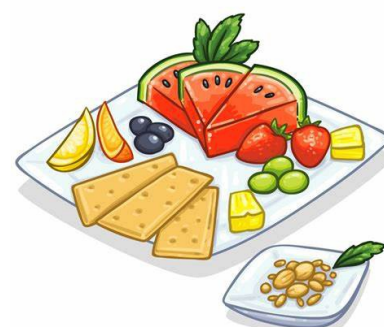
Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We look forward to the continued success and growth of each student in the coming months.

Best regards,

Jennifer F. Dolciotto
Principal

Title One Status & Free/Reduced Meal Applications ✈

Toledo Blade Elementary was designated 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. We hope that we will qualify for Title One services and supports again next year, but we need your help!



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.

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM



Strawberries

February 2024



Peak Florida Strawberry season is January, February and March!

Easy Fruit Salad from eatingbirdfood.com

Ingredients:

- 1 lb strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 1 pint fresh blueberries
- 2 cups cubed fresh pineapple
- 3 kiwi, peeled and sliced
- 2 cups seedless red or green grapes, halved
- 3 mandarin oranges or clementines, peeled and sectioned
- 2 Tablespoons lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon grated lime zest

Instructions:

Toss: In a large bowl toss together strawberries, blueberries, pineapple, kiwi, grapes and mandarin oranges. In a small bowl, whisk together lime juice, lime zest and maple syrup, if using.

Serve: Drizzle lime dressing over fresh fruit mixture, toss and serve immediately.

Store: Store leftovers in an airtight container in the refrigerator for 3-5 days.

PICK THE PERFECT BERRY

Choose strawberries that are plump, firm and have a strong, scent with no bruising, leaking or green/white around the stem.

STORING STRAWBERRIES

- Strawberries don't ripen after being picked
- Store for 5-7 days for freshness
- Don't wash strawberries until you are ready to eat them
- Strawberries can be frozen for an easy smoothie ingredient!

Nutrition Information

Strawberries are high in Vitamin C, B9 (Folate), Manganese, Potassium and Fiber

Manganese supports brain and nerve function- 1 cup of strawberries provides 29% of your daily need for this mineral.

Strawberries are FULL of powerful antioxidants- in fact, they are among the top 20 fruits in antioxidant capacity!

FUN FACT:

Strawberries are a part of the Rose family and start as a small white flower!



Information brought to you by Sarasota County Schools Food and Nutrition Services 941-486-2199



Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

School Board of Sarasota County – Food & Nutrition Services

*Menu is subject to change



February 2024: *National Grapefruit Month*

Harvest of the Month: **Strawberry**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Florida Strawberries	2 No Snack
5 No Snack	6 Fuji Apple	7 Grapefruit Wedges	8 Sugar Snap Peas w/ Dip	9 No Snack
12 No Snack	13 Cantaloupe	14 Florida Strawberries	15 Baby Carrots w/ Dip	16 No Snack
19 President's Day No School	20 Pink Lady Apple	21 Orange	22 Red Pear	23 No Snack
26 No Snack	27 Pineapple	28 Florida Strawberries	29 Sugar Snap Peas w/ Dip	

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DID YOU KNOW?



Fifth Grade Scholarship Opportunity!

Florida Prepaid has earmarked a 2-Year College Plan scholarship (valued at \$8,000) to one Fifth grade student, enrolled in a Sarasota County School.

Registration

- February 1 - April 26, 2024
- Scholarship application can be found on the SCS website or through your school counselor

Scholarship Requirements

- Current Fifth grade enrollment in a Sarasota County School during the 23/24 School Year
- Complete application and submit essay about "Why I Want to Attend College"

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Free Books At Home!

Check out the New Worlds Reading Initiative and register to receive free books and activities each month delivered to your home. It's a great way to support the love of reading!



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NEW WORLDS READING INITIATIVE

The Education Foundation of Sarasota County is a Regional Partner of the New Worlds Reading Initiative, Florida's free program that supports students in strengthening literacy skills, building reading confidence, and encouraging a lifelong love of reading. New Worlds Reading delivers monthly free books and activities to eligible VPK students who are not yet meeting age-appropriate standards according to FAST Star Early Literacy and K-5th grade students who are not yet reading on grade level in a Florida public or charter school. Materials are available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, or braille. Learn more at newworldsreading.com



SAVE THE DATES!

FEBRUARY

- 6th - Spirit Night @ Pizza Hut - all day!
- 13th - Class Pictures (must be in uniform)
- 13th - Visit from Woodland Middle School for 5th Grade
- 14th - Caring Kids Celebrations
- 14th - FST Performances @ TBES
- 16th - FUNShip Festival
- 29th - SAC Meeting @ 3:45





Put the FUN in FUNDRAISING



Show your support for
TOLEDO BLADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TUESDAY - February 6, 2024

Fundraiser Code: RS

To ensure your purchase counts toward your goal - Online orders enter this code in the coupon code section. In store & phone orders mention code upon ordering.

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Find participating locations at Hutamerican.com/fundraisers

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FUNSHIP FESTIVAL!

Friday, February 16th
5:00pm – 7:00pm
Toledo Blade Elementary

Snacks Pizza Friends Games Crafts
Hot Dogs

JOIN US

Avoid long lines at the Ticket Booth by ordering today!
Please detach here and return with your payment to TBES

Pre-Sale for Tickets Ends Friday, February 13th
ALL GAMES & FOOD REQUIRE TICKETS

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

#Tickets _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____
(most booths range from 1-3 tickets/photo booth is 6 tickets)

Payment Method (check one) Cash _____ Check _____
If Paying by Check, Please Make Payable to Toledo Blade Elementary School

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH: Tickets will be sent home with students
TICKETS CANNOT BE REPLACED IF LOST OR STOLEN

SCS CARES Program

The **SCS CARES Program** is an opportunity for parents, staff, and community members to recognize SCS employees for going above and beyond to help others and show they care. We invite you to submit your story below to acknowledge the good work of SCS employees.



SCS Cares / SCS Cares Submission

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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.

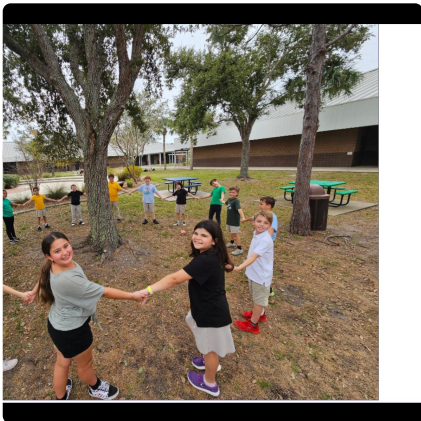
To access the website and explore the wonderful performances, please follow the link below.
(Password = DramaKids1)

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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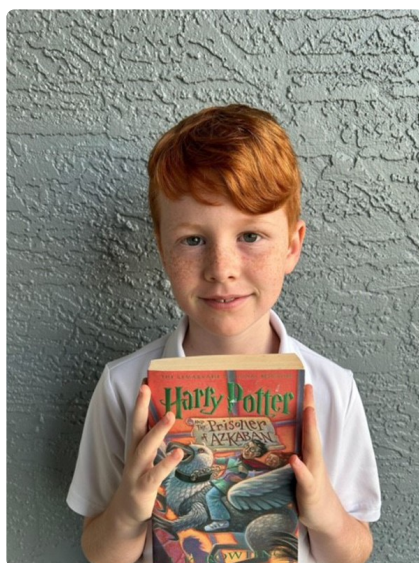
Reward & Recognition Celebration for Quarter #2

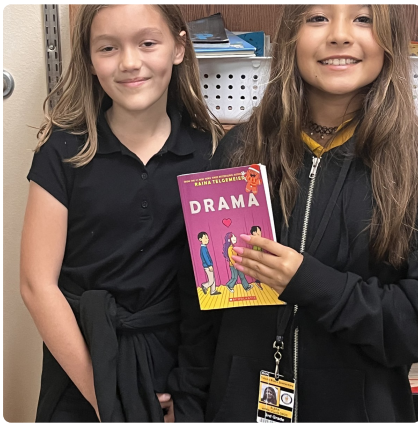




Celebrate Literacy Week Festivities

Favorite Bookshelf Selfies

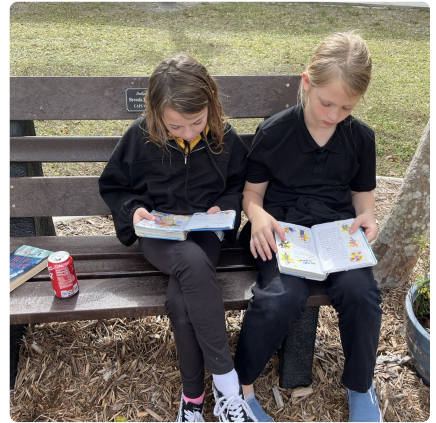
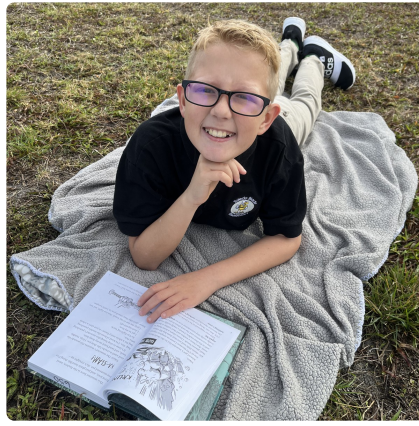




FAVORITE BOOKSHELF SELFIES

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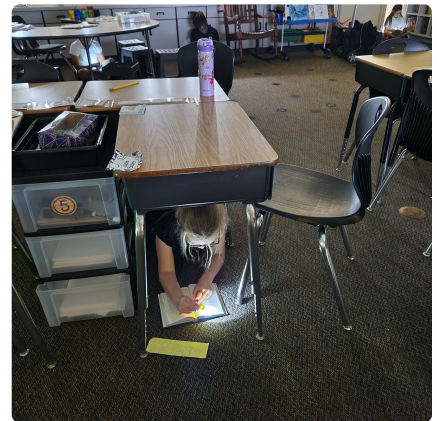
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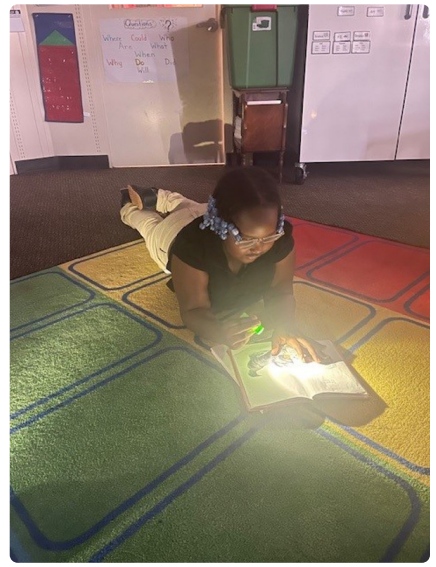


One Book Day



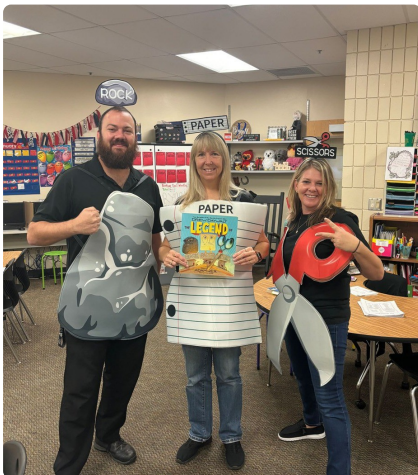
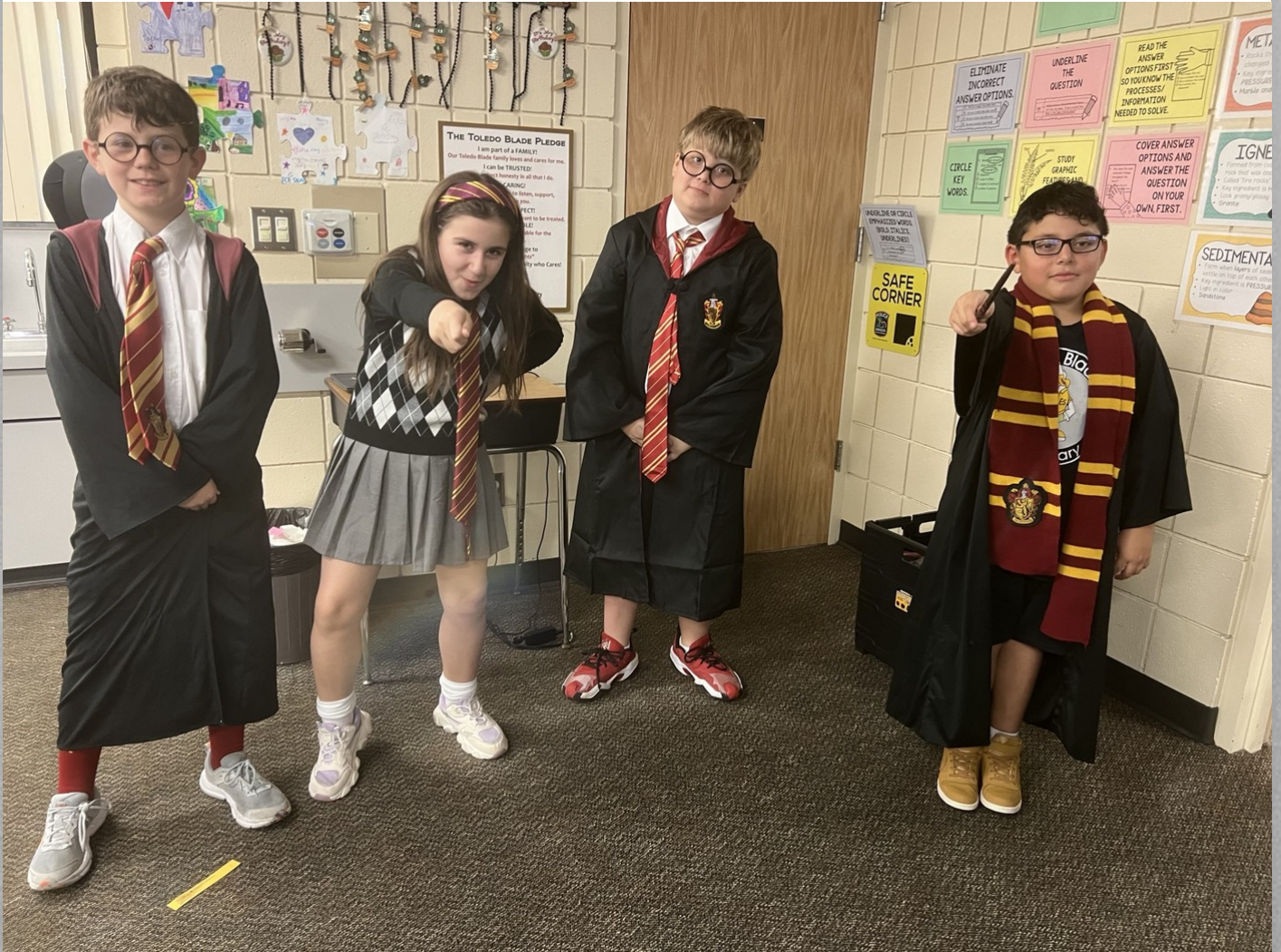
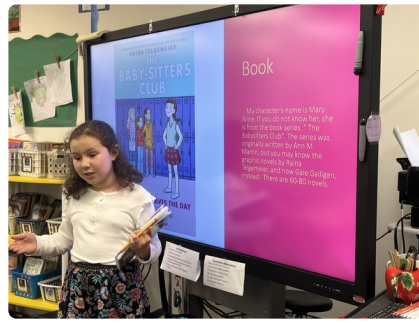
Flashlight Flashback





Favorite Storybook Character





Cyber Safety Night



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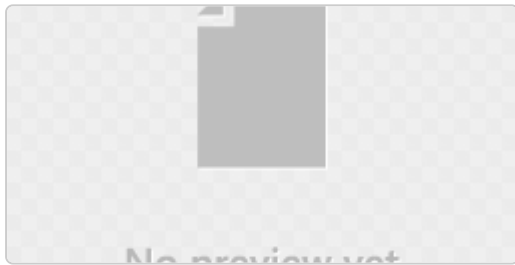
Office & Support Staff

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Bell
Behavior Specialist: Krista Cecchini
Bookkeeper: Kirstin Raducci
ESE Liaison: Chris Wheat
Guidance Counselors: Jamie Granillo & Cara Johnson
Health Room: Nurse Katie Hamsharie
Receptionist: Kimberly Hussey
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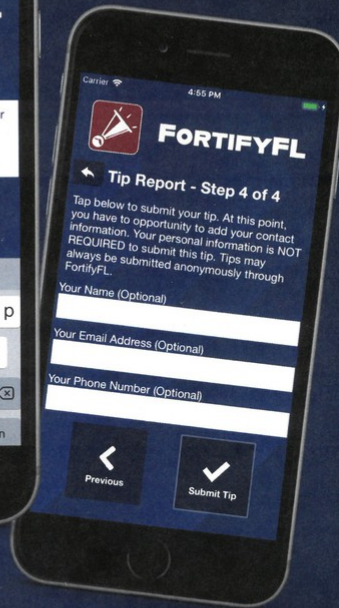
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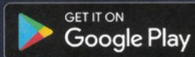
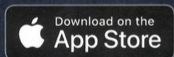
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