

# Tiger Creek Elementary

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## Beard's Bulletin

Thank you so much for sharing your students with us as they continue their educational and social journey while we are getting ready for yet another 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion ceremony. This year has been full of unexpected turns that students, faculty, and parents have come together to address and overcome. I want to express gratitude to our Local School Governance Team: Andrew Plisko, Joe Callahan, Shauna Hatch, Janet Jackson, Michele Cribb, and Dee Dee Parscale. They have helped give feedback and guidance on several issues facing the school and have always listened to stake-holders' concerns. We are looking forward to test results coming in, and we will continue to monitor the progress of every student in preparation for next year. Thanks for a great year at TCE!

Tiger Creek would like to thank all of their Business Partners for all you have done for us this school year!  
We couldn't have done it without you!



Continue to read over the summer to help build reading levels and fluency.



## A Peek at the Creek

### May 1

Class of 2019  
Senior Memory Walk

### May 6—10

Book Fair &  
Teacher Appreciation Week

### May 7

Parent Advisory Council Meeting  
@ 11:30 a.m.

### May 9

District Advisory Council Meeting  
@ 11:00 a.m.

### May 10

Field Day

### May 14

RMS 5th Grade Parent Night  
@ 6 p.m.

### May 23

5th Grade Promotion  
@ 9:00 a.m.

### May 24

Kindergarten Program  
@ 9:00 a.m.  
Last Day of School





# Paws-itive Parenting

## Let's limit screen time

For a healthier body and mind, your youngster needs to fill her days with something other than screen time. Here's how to encourage physical activity and real-life interactions:

~ Decide on a daily screen time limit that is right for your family. Then, create rules to enforce the limit, such as "Play outside every day" and "Screen time ends at least one hour before bedtime."

~Be a role model by putting away devices yourself. For example, avoid using your phone when you're talking to or playing with your youngster. Or turn off the TV, and announce that it's time for a walk together.

**JUST FOR FUN**

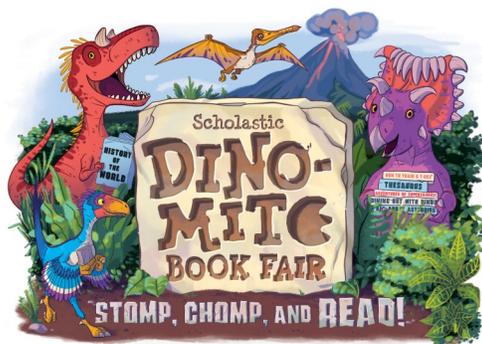
Q: Why do bees hum?

A: Because they forget the words!



## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is heading our way!  
 It will be at TCE May 6th-10th. Visit the TCE Media Center for all the fun! There are so many books to choose from for every kind of kid: adventure, sci-fi, best-selling, and even "laugh-out-loud" stories.  
 We can't wait to see you there!



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### Worth Quoting

"It's not what you look at that matters. It's what you see."

-Henry David Thoreau

### End of the Year \$\$\$ Notices

Parents the end of the year is quickly approaching. Please take care of all financial obligations as soon as possible.

Check you child's folder & book bag daily regarding balances due.

Report cards will be held for outstanding balances.

## Classroom Guidance Lessons

During April, classroom guidance lessons with students in grades 3-5 have focused on test-taking skills and preparation for Georgia Milestones testing. Students were encouraged to be rested, eat a healthy breakfast, read carefully, think about the best possible answer, use scratch paper to work out problems, check work, and do their best so they can show all that they have learned this year.

Classroom guidance lessons with students in grades PK-2 have focused on the importance of showing kindness and acceptance to others. We talked about how we are all different but also the same in important ways, such as we all have feelings and we all deserve to be treated with respect.

## Child Abuse Prevention

April was Child Abuse Prevention Month. If you suspect that a child is being abused or neglected, please contact your local DFCS office or Prevent Child Abuse Georgia at 1-800-CHILDREN.

Children are more vulnerable to trauma than adults, but positive influences in a child's life can lessen the damage and help them to better withstand the effects of adverse conditions. This is called resiliency, and can be taught by educators, families, and communities.

One way parents and caretakers can help build children's resistance to violence and negative social behaviors is to help them to develop EMPATHY.

What is empathy?

- ~ Empathy is the ability to relate to another person's feelings.
- ~ Empathy means putting yourself in another person's place and feeling his or her feelings.
- ~ Empathy is caring about the other person's feelings, even if you disagree with them.

Why is empathy important?

- ~ Being empathic to another person shows them that we really care.
- ~ Children who are empathic are less likely to act aggressively or violently.
- ~ Empathy builds healthy relationships.

How can parents and caregivers help children develop empathy?

- ~ Help your child identify and appropriately express his/her feelings. (Example: I know that you are feeling angry, but it is not okay to hurt your friend. You must use your words when you are angry.)
- ~ Help children identify and understand the feelings of others. (Example: The boy in the story has a very sad face. Why do you think he is sad?)
- ~ Children learn empathy by seeing how adults react to their feelings. If they are empathized with when they are sad, mad or scared, they will learn through role modeling to respond to others in the same way.
- ~ Children learn empathy when discipline calls attention to the distress their misbehavior caused. (Example: When you pushed your friend, she was hurt and felt sad.)
- ~ Listen to your child at least 10 minutes each day without distractions. Maintain eye contact with your child while he/she is talking.

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## The Best School in the World



### Resource Room Round Up!

We're so glad that we had so many families checking items out of the Title I Resource Room to help their students this year. Now it's time to ask you to look around your house and turn in everything.

No worries, it will all be here next year!

## Notes from Nurse Amanda

Summer vacation is a good time to give attention to your child's preventative health care. Take time now to schedule summer appointments for visits to the pediatrician, dentist and eye doctor. At the pediatrician's office your child should receive a complete physical exam along with a review of immunization status. If your child has any chronic health

conditions or will be taking medications at school next year you will need to have the doctor complete an action plan and/or a medicine administration form at your summer visit. These forms can be obtained now from the school nurse. Good oral care includes a visit to the dentist at least every 6 months. Appointments made for June and December mean

your child can avoid missing instructional time at school. Or you may enroll your child in *Help A Child Smile* if you don't have a local dentist. All school age children should have had at least one exam by an eye professional so if your child hasn't had that exam, schedule an appointment now.

Remember these guidelines:

- Physical exam yearly.
- Dental exam twice a year
- Eye exam prior to or soon after starting Kindergarten.

Call me if you need medication or health forms for a summer appointment and I'll send it home with your child.

## Character Education Trait

Take a deep breath. We're almost to the end of the year! You've made it though all of the permission-slip signing, carpool-driving, homework-helping, and concert-listening until the fall, thanks to a lot of...

**PERSEVERANCE:** Refusing to give up when life gets hard.

## 5TH GRADE TRIP TO RMS

The 5th grade students will be taking a field trip to RMS on Thursday, May 9th for a tour and orientation to middle school. Permission forms will be coming home soon.

## RMS Parent Meeting

Ringgold Middle School invites all parents of our fifth grade students to attend a meeting at RMS on Monday, May 14 @ 6:00 p.m. RMS staff and administrators will be sharing information about RMS to help our students and parents have a smooth transition to 6th grade.