Cub News 11/19/23

We are grateful for our TES students, families, and community! We wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving!

CAMPUS:

- As some of you may have noticed this week, our buzz-in door system is now full operational! As a reminder of the policy and procedure for entry to campus, we are including the district communication sent to families in August. Thank you for your patience as we adjusted the system to work with our wonderfully historic campus.
- Please note that the office requests notice of any dismissal changes by 2:00 (M-Th) and 12:00 (F). The safe and efficient dismissal of nearly 700 students makes timely communication very important. We also ask that any early pick-ups from the office are done prior to 3:30 (M-Th) and 1:30 (F). Thank you for your help and understanding!
- Thank you, parents, for taking time to complete the district provided climate and culture survey. We are very appreciative of your feedback in this and always. Also, please note that because the surveys are anonymous to us, if you wrote a comment for which you were seeking a response, please share with us as that will be the only way we'll know this valuable information.

DISTRICT:

- The Maple Valley Food Bank's annual toy drive is back! The toy drive will run from November 15th- December 1st at all Tahoma schools. We are collecting new, unwrapped gifts for kids ages 0-12, and \$25 gift cards for ages 13-18. Thank you for helping families in our community have a wonderful holiday season!
- Tahoma High School is hosting Winterfest on December 13th, from 5-7 p.m. There will be holiday games and prizes, along with a story corner! Everyone who attends can also enjoy FREE hot chocolate and apple cider. There is no cost to attend this event, and if you would like to support the community, we invite you to bring non-perishable cans of food for donation! We have attached their flyer with more information.

COUNSELOR:

- If your family could use some extra support for the holidays, below is a link to a list of holiday assistance programs in King County: https://ths-wa.org/general/king-county-free-food-and-gifts-holiday-assistance/
- Additionally, the Maple Valley Food Bank provides wonderful support for families in our district.
 You can find out more about their food and gift programs here:
 https://maplevalleyfoodbank.org/get-help/
- You can also contact our school counselor, Monica Clark, at <u>mclark@tahomasd.us</u> if you are in need of support as we have access to some additional options and would love to help!

PTO NEWS:

Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to TES on November 30th!

- Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. TES Book Fair Volunteers
- Book Fair Information: Book Fair Homepage
- E-wallet Information:
 - E-wallet is an easy way to let kids shop without the hassle of bringing cash. Please see the attached flyer or visit the Book Fair homepage to sign up.
 - All unused E-wallet balances LESS than a dollar will be donated to the ALL FOR BOOKS fund at the conclusion of the Book Fair, December 7th. The ALL FOR BOOKS balance will be used as a scholarship fund to buy more books for our students and our school.
 - Unused E-wallet balances **\$1 and greater** will automatically be converted into e-gift cards at the conclusion of the fair for the student/family to use on the scholastic website or for a future fair.
 - Cash, check, and credit/debit are also accepted.

Upcoming Dates:

11/22 - 3 Hour Early Release @ 12:50 11/23-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break 11/29 - 2nd Grade FT (Moore, Wigoda, Kim) 11/30-12/7 - PTO Book Fair 12/11-12/15 - TES Spirit Week 12/16-1/1 - Winter Break