



Taylor Elementary

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Principal's Perspective

Coming Soon
Taylor's Got Talent



Warm up your singing voices and tune up those musical instruments because Taylor Elementary School will host the First Annual Taylor's Got Talent. The date will be selected soon but in the meantime be deciding your talent. Student categories will consist of Pre K-3, 4-8 and 9-12. Students can enter a vocal or instrumental ensemble, choreographed dance or other special talent. Participants must attend all rehearsals. Prizes include a trophy for each division and \$100 grand prize.

Check out rules and entry form at <http://taylorhasgottalent.pbworks.com>

Ways Busy Parents Can Help Children Succeed in School

With the New Year, we all make resolutions. Most of us busy parents just need more time in the day to complete everything on our schedules. Here are a few tips for "finding more time" from the parent institute.

- Use time in the car with your child, or other pockets of time, to squeeze in a little more learning. Of course, your child can't read library books in the tub-but he can count his toes. She can't write an essay in the car-but she can talk about what she's going to write or perhaps, review spelling words or talk out what they read in class.
- Set priorities. Decide what's most important to you. Then consciously decide how to spend your time. Make sure your decisions reflect what matters.
- Spend one-on-one time. Kids need both "quality" and "quantity" time with you. There's nothing like spending time alone with a parent to make a child feel special. Every week, make an appointment to spend some time alone with each of your children.

Source: www.parent-institute.com

Read With Your Child Daily

Speaking comes naturally to children, but reading does not. It has to be taught. When you discuss letters and sounds with your child, you're helping with this. Read with your K-2 student every day. Expose them to new words. Prepare them for learning to read at school. If you have a student in grades 3-6 reading is an understood homework assignment. The great thing about reading is we can always take a book wherever we go and reading can be done anywhere!

For deadlines for independent reading for students in grades 3-6 check the wiki-
<http://tigers3456.pbworks.com/>

Source: Susan Friedman, "Reading's Not Just Second Nature," Family Education.com, www.familyeducation.com/article/0,1120,2-328,00.html.

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Science Fair

Our annual science fair exhibits will be on display January 22nd after 2:00 p.m. for public viewing. All students are expected to have their projects at school by 8:00 a.m.

Good Luck Participants!!

**Tutoring will start back
Jan.11, 2010**

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

When students miss school they should return to school within 24 hours with a note stating the reason for the absence. In a semester, students will be allowed only 6 personal notes. Today we start a new semester; therefore, student's personal notes will start over today.

On the note, please include the date the student was absent and the reason. Please be as specific as possible.

Absences after the 6 personal notes will require agency documentation in order to receive an excused absence.

Our office asks that any time a student comes in late to school, for any reason, the parent come into the office to check in the student.

Students are allowed only 3 unexcused tardies a school year!!!!

Upcoming Events

Jan. 4	Second Semester Begins
Jan. 5	Target Tests grades 3-6
Jan. 6	Mobile Science Museum Visits TES
Jan. 7	Report Cards go out
Jan. 12	Home Basketball Game vs. Saratoga
Jan. 14	Home Basketball Game vs. Sarepta
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Holiday-No School
Jan. 19	Home Basketball Game vs. Delight
Jan. 22	Science Fair for grades 4-12
Jan. 26	Home Basketball Game vs. Nevada

Many Thanks!!!

We wish to extend thanks to all the parents and grandparents that helped to make the classroom Christmas parties a success. The homemade goodies prepared made our celebration memorable.