



# Tarawa Terrace Tiger Tale



**February 2013**

## Notes from the Admin Team

Dear Parents,

In case you have not yet met our newest addition to the Tarawa Terrace Elementary School community, let us take this opportunity to introduce a wonderful new resource for our families. Welcome, (Name remove for the Web), Military Family Life Counselor (MFLC). The MFLC program, funded by Department of Defense (DoD), has been providing services to all military branches in the United States and abroad since 2004. MFLC's are licensed therapists (Master's level and above) and are available to help and support everyone in our school community. MFLC's provide non-medical, solution focused, problem-solving counseling support to children, family members, active duty, and our staff members as requested or needed. (Name remove for the Web) is available to assist and support anyone who works in various child and youth programs on the installation and in our schools. All information shared with MFLC's is kept confidential, other than the duty to warn. MFLC's do not report or document any identifying information nor do they keep records of their interactions with anyone who has need of their services and expertise. MFLC's can recommend referrals to other resources as well.

(Name remove for the Web) has been working as an MFLC since 2009 and has worked on installations both in the United States and overseas. We are very fortunate that (Name remove for the Web) will be with us at TTES until the end of this school year. Every school within Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools has an assigned MFLC for their school community.

Subject areas with which (Name remove for the Web) may provide assistance and support include:

- Communication

- Resolving conflicts
- Managing anger
- Bullying
- Self-esteem/self-confidence
- Behavioral management techniques
- Sibling/parental relationships
- Deployment and reintegration issues

(Name remove for the Web) is available to assist in any number of ways, including:

- Observe, participate, and engage in activities with children and youth
- Provide direct interventions to children (with parental permission) and families
- Suggest, coach and educate staff regarding age appropriate behavioral interventions to enhance the coping and behavioral skills of the children they serve
- Outreach to parents
- Conduct trainings for staff and parents
- Recommend referrals to additional available resources as needed

Please drop by TTES to meet (Name remove for the Web) in person, or call the school to learn more. Our number at TTES is 910-450-1635. (Name remove for the Web) extension is 206. (Name remove for the Web) has a direct line as well and you can reach her by calling 910-915-6762. This is an excellent opportunity to reach out and help our community and (Name remove for the Web) is eager to meet you and help out in any way possible. **If you are interested in (Name remove for the Web) working specifically with your student, permission slips are available at Tarawa Terrace Elementary School.**

Ms. Kapiko and Ms. Steimel

**Our mission: To Provide an Exemplary Education that inspires and prepares all DoDEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment.**



# Enter and Learn Learn and Achieve Achieve and Succeed



## Nurse's Notes

February is Dental health month. Along with various classroom lessons on taking care of our teeth, we will also have volunteers from the Second Dental Battalion share their knowledge and expertise in dental care with our children. This is a great time to reinforce and discuss with

your child all they have learned about dental health and to make an appointment to see their dentist for their first or bi-annual check-up.

On another note, we have several viral illnesses (stomach and respiratory) affecting students as well as staff. There has also been a few documented cases of the flu. If you or your child have not received the flu vaccine, it is not too late to do so. Most cases of the flu are seen in February and March. Check with your doctor or Naval hospital immunization clinic for more information on the flu vaccine.

Remember, if your child is sick and has had a fever, diarrhea, vomiting or any contagious rash or infection, they must be free of these symptoms for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

Thanks for your help in keeping us all healthy!  
Nurse

## February Music News



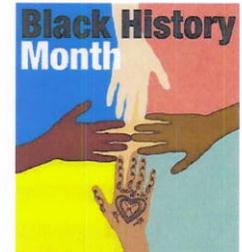
Although February is a short month, music students won't let it hold them back from learning new songs. We will start off this month singing songs about friendship and being a good friend. As this month progresses, students will learn new rhythms and musical forms. Students will also learn about progressive musicians who dared to change musical styles by adding these new rhythms and sounds into their music. Here's to a Fortissimo February.

Music Teacher

## February Art News

February is Black History month and in art we will be celebrating some famous people in history. Second grade will be making a collage that celebrates Black History month. 1st grade will be creating an animal mask with an African theme. Kindergarten will be making head pieces with an African animal such as lions or elephants. We will also get into the heart of things with Valentine's!

Art Teacher



## Important Dates to Remember

- Feb 1 - Report Cards Go Home & PTO Book Fair Family Night 5-7pm
- Feb 6 - 100th Day of School
- Feb 7 - Chick-Fil-a Family Night
- Feb 8 - Staff Development Day - Non-Student Day
- Feb 13 - Jump Rope for Heart Event (9am-12pm)
- Feb 18 - President's Day - No School for students or staff
- Feb 20 - CLDS Board Mtg - 10 am- TT Elementary School
- Feb 21 - CICI's Family night
- Feb 22 - Aquarium Visit : scaly skin no fins 9:45 - 2:20 pm
- Feb 25 - 28 - Read Across America





## Tiger Paws Behavior Expectations

Positive Attitude, Act Respectfully & Responsibly, Work Together, Stay Safe

### A few things to keep in mind

- The winter weather has arrived. Please remember to dress your student in proper appropriate winter weather attire and warm coats. The students do go outside for recess and it is important for them to stay warm.
- No Dogs are allowed on school campus unless the animal is service related.
- It is important to use the cross walk at the front entrance of the school when crossing from the parking lot. No Jaywalking please.

### Signing Students Out of School

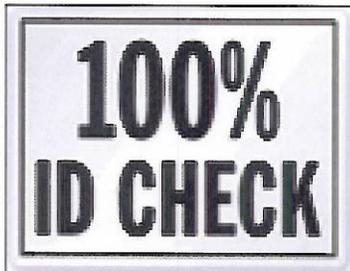
When a child needs to be signed out of school during school hours, parents may park **ONLY** in the designated parking lot and come to the school office where the student will be signed out.

**Students must be signed out by 2:15 pm on a regular school day and on Wednesday a parent or guardian must sign his or her child out No Later Than 1:00pm. No student checkout after these times.**

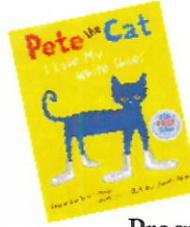
Everyone is required to show picture identification. The front office will call the child to the office for check out.

Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours unless parents have signed them out in the office. If children are to be picked up from school by someone other than a parent or guardian, the school must be provided with written permission, in advance. For safety reasons, no student will be allowed to walk home early without adult supervision.

This information is available for review in the Student handbook. If you have any questions please contact the office.



### Media Center News



Goodness, Pete the Cat loves his white shoes! We have been reading different books for the North Carolina Children's Book Awards

Program and Pete is a hit! Have a conversation with your child about Pete and his white shoes and then listen to his song on the website! (Click on website and click on "free song download") <http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/feature/petethecat/>

We are also gearing up for **Read Across America Week** February 25<sup>th</sup> thru March 1<sup>st</sup> celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday! Flyers will be going out the third week of February with detailed info, but here's a quick look!

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – Hat Contest

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – Hat day! Wear a "Cat in the hat" hat!

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – School Assembly at 9:00 a.m.

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – Eat green eggs for breakfast, school parade at 1:30 p.m. and Family Night that evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – No school for students. Stay home and read a good book!

### Media Specialist



Our vision: Tarawa Terrace Elementary is committed to success for all students by setting high expectations, teaching critical thinking skills, and providing motivating challenges to inspire excellence

# DESIGNING EXCELLENCE CREATING SUCCESS

*Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools*

## February P.E. News

WOW!!!! is really all I can say about how TTES tiger students are doing jump rope. It is truly fascinating to watch every student not only learn how to jump but to see how much they have improved every day. They are truly jumping fast and furious!

As you all are aware of the **Jump Rope for Heart** packets were sent home several weeks ago for the students to start collecting donations. Our goal for the school is 3,000.00, so I am hoping that everyone is doing great with this endeavor.

Our event is February 13th. Mark it on your calendar. Below is the schedule for your child's event time. You are more than welcome to come and participate or watch as your child jumps.



Please understand that you cannot nor can your child jump beside you. They have a specific place where they will be sitting and jumping as you will have a specific place where you can jump or watch. This is a school wide event and is not for the siblings, our space is limited because we are still not in the new gym. We want everyone to have fun and be safe.

0900-0950 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
1005-1050 Kindergarten  
1105-1150 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Also remember to wear tennis

shoes to gym every time.

Thanks for your support!!!!

TTES tigers are GRRRRRRRRREAT!!!!!!!!!!!!

P.E. Teacher

## National School Counseling Week Feb. 4-8, 2013

During the week of February 4-8, 2013, the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) will join this celebra-

tion and proudly display features and a message of appreciation on the DoDEA Web site. Please join the more than 30,000 school counselors nationwide who will participate in the week-long celebration. Many schools will take the opportunity to promote their counseling programs and host special events and activities that highlight the myriad of benefits of a comprehensive school counseling program.

This year's theme, "**School Counseling: Liberty and Learning for All,**" provides an opportunity to focus public attention on the important role and impact school counselors have in helping students achieve success. The week will highlight the counseling program as an integral part of the educational process and a continuum of services provided to all students.

Guidance Counselor



## COFFEE AND CHAT

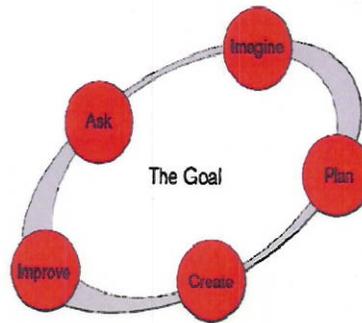


Have concerns? Want to know what is going on at TT?

Come enjoy coffee and doughnuts with Ms. Kapiko and Mrs. Steimel Thursday, February 7th from 8:30am until 9:30am in the teacher's lounge.

## STEAM

STEAM classrooms shifts learners away from memorizing rote procedures and discrete pieces of phenomena and toward investigating and questioning the interrelated facets of the world. Students are beginning to learn about the Engineering Design Process and using it to solve real world problems.



## TRY THIS CHALLENGE AT HOME

***Propel a ping-pong ball at least 2 feet (61 cm)—hands off!—using one of the following options:***

- 3 rubber bands
- 1 18-in. (46-cm) piece of string
- 1 paper clip
- 1 sheet of newspaper
- 1 drinking straw



As you go, use the steps of the Engineering Design Process to help you.

- What is the goal of the activity?
- Can you imagine how someone could use what you're going to design? How would it help them?
- Are there any special requirements for the activity? For example, are you only allowed to use certain types of materials? How will you know if you've been successful?

## INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

The Instructional Support at Tarawa Terrace will begin a series of monthly workshops to help parents learn about the importance of reading and how to help your child become a better reader. Our first parent workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:00 in the media center. This session will focus upon how to read aloud to your child, and tips to help you model what good readers do. More information about this workshop and how to sign up will be coming home soon. We hope to see you there!

– Instructional Support at TT2

# Safety Tips for School Bus Riders

The mission of school transportation is to deliver students to and from school safely, on time, each and every day. Reminding children of school bus rules and having discussions with them daily helps set and reinforce these important behaviors. Sitting flat on the bus seat, keeping hands to self, and talking about appropriate topics on the bus in a quiet conversational tone are basic rules that support bus safety and that every bus rider should use while on the bus.

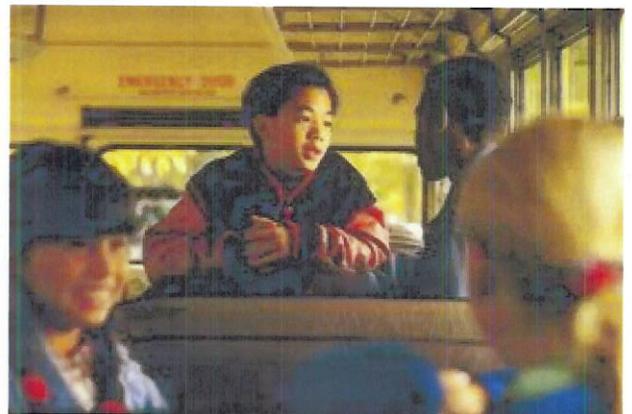


Bus drivers have assigned seats for all students, generally according to grade level. If there are special considerations or concerns on the bus, the driver makes necessary changes to ensure that the priority for safety is maintained. Bus drivers also work very closely with school administration to address problems and concerns, ensure safety, and maintain communication that fosters safe behaviors on the bus.

When parents partner with school transportation and administration to promote and establish safe bus behaviors, everyone wins. Thank you in advance for going over the bus rules and talking with your bus rider every day about his/her experience.

## FOLLOW ME FOR SAFETY

- When waiting for the bus to arrive in the morning, wait on the sidewalk, not in the road.
  - Keep all items in back packs to prevent loss.
  - Walk immediately to the assigned seat.
  - Once in the assigned seat, do not move to another location.
  - Eating and drinking on the bus is not permitted. It is a choking hazard.
  - Standing is not permitted while the bus is in motion.
  - Use quiet conversational voice volume when talking with friends.
  - Be respectful to the other students; hitting, kicking, biting, pushing, etc. are not appropriate bus safety behaviors.
  - Sit flat on the bus seat, face forward, legs in front, and hands in your own lap.
  - Tell the driver if there is an emergency.
- REMEMBER...** There is a difference between *TELLING* and *TATTLING*. Tattling is to get someone else in trouble. Telling is to keep someone or something safe.





# Parking Lot Safety

STUDENT SAFETY is our first priority at Tarawa Terrace Elementary School

- The cones in the traffic loop will be moved at the appropriate time by authorized personnel.
- Cars may enter the loop at 0800 to drop off for breakfast and between 1500—1530 for afternoon pick-up.
- At afternoon dismissal, right hand lane is reserved for Pre-school and Kindergarten. The left hand lane is reserved for 1st and 2nd grade.
  - Pre-school parents begin arriving at 2:40 pm for the 2:55 dismissal
  - Kindergarten parents begin arriving at 2:45 for the 3:00 dismissal
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents begin arriving at 2:50 for the 3:05 dismissal
  - Arrive for the time of your youngest child. Older siblings will be dismissed to meet your younger children.
- Following the direction of staff directing traffic in the loop, vehicles should always pull as far up as possible in the pick-up/drop off area to reduce back-up of traffic in the street.
- ALL PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC is expected to use the crosswalk. Our students will follow the examples set by adults.
- DO NOT drop students off in the parking lot unattended. Park the vehicle and escort the child to the school building.
- If you visit the school at times other than those posted above, park your car in the visitor's lot. Never park in the loop due to Anti-terrorism/Force Protection regulations.
- Children should ALWAYS enter and exit vehicles on the passenger side.
- Once children are secured in vehicles, the left lane of the loop may be utilized to bypass cars that are loading in the loop. MOVEMENT SHOULD BE MADE WITH EXTREME CAUTION.
- Drop-off and pick-up times in the loop cannot be used as a parent teacher conference time. Please schedule a conference with your student's teacher. Traffic flow must be maintained during these heavy traffic periods.
- Bicycles and scooters will be walked onto and off of campus using sidewalk pathways.
- Base Order V5560.2L paragraph 5007 mandates that helmets will be worn when riding bicycles, scooters of all types, skateboards, and roller blades/roller skates.
- Base Order 5560.2L paragraph 4003 mandates that vehicles may not park on grassy or seeded areas, such as the shoulder of the road adjacent to the sidewalk.
- Pets are not allowed on campus.

Tarawa Terrace Elementary School staff on duty are there for the safety of students. It is our responsibility to communicate concerns to parents as we monitor school safety. Courtesy and cooperation are expected and appreciated as we work together for the safety of our school community. Thank you for working with us to provide the safest school environment possible for the children and families of Tarawa Terrace Elementary School.