Theodore Roosevelt School

Open House for Incoming Third Grade Parents
Tonight’s Agenda

Information Session
&
Tour of Building
Welcome and Overview

- School hours
- Attendance
- Absences
- Tardies/Early Checkouts
- Communication/Chain of Command
- Discipline/Behavior
- Custody
School Hours

- Students enter building: 8:20am
- Late bell: 8:25am
- Homeroom around: 8:35am
- Grade 3 and 4 Lunch and Recess: 11:30-12:15 pm
- Grade 5 and 6 Lunch and Recess: 12:15-1:00 pm
- Student Dismissal: Early Bus: 2:40 pm
- Dismissal- Other bus students and walkers: 2:50 pm
Attendance

An elementary pupil will be retained at grade level, in accordance with Policy No. 5410, when he/she has been absent twenty or more school days.

Exceptions to this rule may be made for pupils whose absences are excused and who have demonstrated thorough completion of home assignments and/or home instruction that they have mastered the proficiencies established for the assigned courses of study.

- Parents should call the office before 8:30 a.m. when their child is absent and give the child’s name, grade, homeroom teacher and reason for absence.

- We will notify parents in writing of students who have excessive absences and ask that parents take steps to remedy the situation.
Absences

Excused
- illness
- family death
- excused religious observances

Unexcused
- child doesn’t feel like going to school
- tired/sleeping too late

Truant
- Absent from school without permission

*They are all absences.*
Tardies

- Children should be on line by 8:20am each day.
- The entrance door is always locked, and children who arrive after 8:25am must go to the office with their parents to get a late pass.
- No tardy child should simply be dropped at the door after 8:25am.
- Parents will be notified in writing, for excessive tardiness.

Early Checkouts

- If you need to pick up your child early from school, you must notify the teacher and office.
- All students leaving early must be picked up by 2:00pm.
Communication

- Students are not permitted to call/text parents on cell phones.
- If there is an emergency, don’t worry, we will call you or you can call us.
- Always, speak to the teacher first. If you are not satisfied with the results, please follow the **chain of command:**

1. Teacher
2. Supervisor of Elementary Education
3. Principal
4. Assistant Superintendent
5. Superintendent

**Quick Tip:** Email the teacher.
How can you find out what’s going on?

- Check RealTime Parent Portal
- Check Teacher Websites
- Check District Website for updates & newsletters
- Follow us on Twitter for newsletters
- Assessment folders come home every two weeks.
  - Didn’t get one in a while? Email the teacher.
All custody papers must be on file at school.
Custody papers must be signed by a judge.
We cannot tell a parent that they can’t pick up their child from school without these papers.
Providing a safe, secure learning environment is our objective.

Rules help to maintain an orderly environment.

Discipline and order can only be achieved through communication and cooperation between parents and the school.

Discipline shall be based on a careful assessment of the circumstances of each individual case.

The ultimate goal is for students to understand the effects of their actions and learn how to handle themselves appropriately in future situations.
Health & Guidance

Rita Fallon is the Nurse at TRS
- Be sure your immunizations & physicals are up to date.

Nurse Rita is also the TRS Conflict Coach
- Group Guidance / Conflict resolution
- Not about punishment; more of a positive learning experience.
- Ambassadors of Kindness members meet during recess. The program has a total of 70 students in grades 3 through 6.
3rd Grade Fun
3rd Grade Science Fair

**JJ 3000**
By: Julian McLaughlin & Jeremiah Liberato

Problem: The problem is that we have to clean and we don't want to clean.

Solution: So we decided to make something to clean for us.

Materials: Duct tape, vacuum, charger, zip tie

**The Spop**
By: Ian and Christopher

Problem: The floor is dirty

Solution: Cleaner to clean

Materials: Vacuum, soap, green stick
3rd Grade Mathematicians will learn...

- Place value and time
- Perimeter, shapes, area and volume
- Facts within 100
- Fractions and measurement
- Solving word problems using four operations
3rd Grade Scientists will learn...

- Lifestyle of animals
- Engineering design
- Effects of organisms of changing environments
- Weather/climate
- Forces and interactions
3rd Grade Historians will learn...

- Maps skills
- East coast geography
- Native Americans
- Regions of the USA
- Immigration
- Government and political decision making
- Economics decision making
3rd Grade Writers will focus on...

- Author study
- Nonfiction
- Persuasive writing
3rd Grade Readers will focus on...

- Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Poetry
Departmentalization

- Students begin and end their day in their homeroom.
- All rooms have cubbies to hold materials and supplies.
- Students rotate from room to room clockwise, under supervision.
- Shorter time span helps keep students focused. Movement helps students release energy.
- Teachers participate in PD and Graduate classes specific to their subject area.
- Different styles of teaching helps to reach all students.
- Handbook Link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/17LHSweUw9qS5k2eeWi5g1GG0ZpDwZv1B4Xt1BZ5arWA/edit
Each day, students will have 43 minute periods for each core subject: Reading (Reader’s Workshop), Writing (Writer’s Workshop), Math, Social Studies, Science & Health.

Once per week 43 minute special area classes including: Art, Library/Technology, Physical Education, Music, Spanish Language.

45 minute lunch periods with 20 minutes of outside recess each day (weather permitting).

1 “WIN” Period every day (What I Need):
- Academic Support (3-6) & ELL support (3-6)
- Enrichment (3-6) & Instrumental Music (5 & 6 only)
- Typing (3 only)
- KidWitness News (6 only)
Grading and Assessments

- Standards Based Grading (similar to DWS)
- Formative Assessments (pretests, exit slips, observations)
- Summative Assessments (Quizzes, unit tests)
- Rubrics (scoring tool)
- Lexile level Assessments
- DRA assessments (Tier 2 & 3 students only)
- NJ State Testing (Standardized, 3-6)

SBRC link on School Website
Welcome Jennifer Bolcar!

- Overview
- Membership
- Officers
- Activities