

Thornton Creek Elementary



Gator Gazette

October 5, 2018

If you have something to submit to the gazette, please email your information as a **Google Doc or Word Doc NOT PDF** to thorntoncreekgatorgazette@gmail.com by 5 pm every Wednesday.

Events

To view upcoming events click here: [Thornton Creek Events Calendar](#)

Important Dates:

10/8- After School Art 2nd-5th grade

10/10- Walk or Ride Your Bike to School Day

10/10- Bonaventure Skating Party 6:00-8:30 pm

10/11- After School Art K-1st grade

10/17- PTA Meeting 9:00 am

10/19- Gator Gala ticket pre-sale deadline

10/31- Halloween Parade 9 am



Thornton Creek Elementary School

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER 10-5-2018

Dear TC Families,

Now that we are officially one month into the school year, I want to thank our entire Thornton Creek community for being a champion for every student, every day! Each of us takes ownership and accountability with regard to the relationships we foster day in and day out. It is through these intentional and significant relationships that opens the door for significant learning to take place among our students and staff. I came across this [TED Talk](#) again the other day and felt re-connected to our mission and values here at Thornton Creek. The main message from the speaker, Rita Pierson encompasses the notion that "Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be."

As we continue moving forward into the fall months of October and November, our focus on being a champion for our scholars remains constant and grounded in our work as a Leader in Me Lighthouse School. Thank you for your continued support around our 7 Habits of learning and leading.

Forgotten Items: Thank you for your support as we continue developing skills and strategies connected to responsibility and ownership in our TC Gators! In the building, we have noticed an increase to the time students are on task thanks in large part to the minimal interruptions throughout the school day. One such instance is families using our bins in the main hallway to place forgotten items for student pick up. By placing forgotten items in the bin with your child's grade on it and writing your child's name on the whiteboard, we see a natural Win-Win for our students as the classroom learning is not interrupted and our students get an opportunity for leadership.



Spotlight: Every so often, I will share a fun, positive, and/or touching story that will be featured in this "Spotlight" section of the Principal's Corner.



This week's spotlight goes out to two groups. First, way to **SYNERGIZE Ms. Boomer's class!** You were caught helping others in the cafeteria by cleaning up at the end of lunch...even though it wasn't a mess you made.

Our second spotlight shines on our dedicated kindergarten safeties from Mrs. Murrell's 3rd grade class. Thornton Creek has never has 3rd grade lunch safeties before and they are totally rocking it! Each safety takes their job very seriously and, according to [Mrs. Murrell](#), "is **PROACTIVE** about reminding me when it's time to leave for their lunch." When she takes her students to lunch, she will often chat with the kids while they eat and has noticed the safeties even sit and eat lunch with their kindergarten class so they can help out. So proud of our student leaders here at Thornton Creek!

Thank you,

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Principal
Thornton Creek Elementary

Order Your GATOR GALA TICKETS!

Click here to order:

<https://thorntoncreek.memberhub.store/shopping/categories/5813>

GATOR GALA is coming **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018!** Gator Gala is our Annual School Carnival presented by the Thornton Creek PTA and parent volunteers. Students and their families can enjoy activities, crafts and games! Student can win **Gator Bucks** to redeem for prizes. A wristband is required for unlimited play all night for students 5th grade and younger only (ages 2 years and under play for free).

Avoid lines and buy your wristband(s) early!

Refreshments will be available at the **GATOR CAFÉ** offering a great selection of food, drinks & snacks. Buy your food tickets early (*no cash used in Gator Cafe*) to keep yourself and kids out of the Ticket Line!

This is the PTA's main fundraiser for the school year and all proceeds help fund a variety of wonderful programs at TC.

I. Food service in the Cafeteria begins at 5:30 PM

Food Pricing

Dinner items	3-4 tickets		
Snacks	2 tickets		
Drinks	2 tickets		
Dessert items	2-4 tickets		

II. Games and Crafts are in classrooms beginning at 5:30 PM

*Games and crafts are for kids 5th grade and younger (2 years and under are free) and REQUIRE A WRISTBAND to participate!

Stay out of line and save money by pre-ordering your WRISTBAND(S) and FOOD tickets:

	Pre-Sale Price	At the Door	Savings
Wristbands (3 years old through 5th grade)	\$13.00	\$15.00	\$2.00
FOOD Tickets	12 for \$5.00	10 for \$5.00	\$1.00

All pre-sale orders will be available for pick-up Wednesday, October 31st from 8:30-11:00 (pick-up while at the Halloween parade) and Wednesday, November 7th from 8:30-9:00 a.m. and 3:30-4:00 pm in the School Lobby. If you can't make Pre-sale pick up, your wristbands and tickets will be available at the Will Call table at Gator Gala, Friday November 9th, starting at 3:30pm.

THE TICKET PRE-SALE DEADLINE 10/19!! Wristbands and food tickets will be available for purchase at the door prior to the carnival, starting at 3:30pm. Please **DO NOT** try to purchase tickets in School Office.

REMINDER: Students 6th grade and higher must be either working at Gator Gala or with their families that are working at Gator Gala. They **CANNOT** play games and therefore are not eligible to win Gator Bucks. They are required to **CHECK IN** at the Information Table and pick up and wear identification provided.

Art Keepsakes- Order Info Coming Soon!



This week your child will be creating an original piece of artwork in their weekly art class. You will have an opportunity to turn this artwork into a great personalized gift for everyone in the family. With over 40 products to display your child's art, such as ornaments, note cards, bookmarks, cutting boards and hot pads, your holiday shopping list will be a breeze!

In a few weeks, your child's art along with a personalized brochure and order form will be sent home with your child. Everyone is invited to participate in this annual PTA fundraiser. In addition to the art being created at school in class, there is a basket in the office where anyone, including siblings or friends outside of Thornton Creek, can put their own masterpiece (using a regular 8.5" x 11" sized paper) to be turned into a one-of-a-kind keepsake.

Samples of various products made from the kid's art are in the office for you to preview. Look for more detailed information to come, but any questions can be directed to Gina Stevens email: ggodette70@yahoo.com



October 10, 2018

Thornton Creek Elementary
is participating in Walk to School Day on
Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate
the benefits of walking and bicycling.

About our event:

TC will be participating in the National Walk to School Day!

Walk to School Day is part of Thornton Creek's Green School events!

Get a sticker to show you participated!

Staff, Students & Parents will join!

Have a positive effect on our environment by WALKING to SCHOOL!

Get more steps for your FITBIT or Activity App!

Help reduce the congestion in the parking lot by WALKING to SCHOOL!

Learn more at

walkbiketoschool.org

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by
the National Center for Safe Routes to School.





**Send in your BOX TOPS
and you could win a \$10 MENCHIES gift card!**

Please send in box tops with your child's name and grade clearly labeled on an envelope or bag. One child per grade who sends in the most box tops for that grade will win a \$10 MENCHIES gift card. Contest ends on Friday, November 2nd. Winners will be announced Monday, November 5th.

Box tops can be found on hundreds of products you already purchase. You could find them on paper products, cereal, snacks and so much more! Every box top is worth ten cents. We turn these box tops in for money. *Last year we earned over \$2,500!*

If you would like more information about this program, please visit:
<https://www.boxtops4education.com/about>

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Bermingham at amybermingham@yahoo.com.

Thank you for supporting our Gators!



Young Artists After School Art Program-Open for Registration

Northville Art House Classes at Thornton Creek are designed to teach kids drawing skills and art techniques through a variety of mediums such as pastels, pencil, watercolors, acrylics, mixed media, clay & fiber arts. Join us once a month! Kids will get to explore nature, travel around the world, create animals, and get inspired by master artists. *Be a pART of it!*

Registration is open for Oct, Nov, and Dec After School Art classes.

Click this link to register: <http://northvillearthouse.org/classes-3/>

For more information about the K-1st grade program click this link:

<https://app.memberhub.com/download?r=114732&u=12vpgzk15sr>

For more information about the 2nd-5th grade program click this link:

<https://app.memberhub.com/download?r=114733&u=ehy12pju1h1>

YOUR KIDS WANT TO SEE YOU!!!

We are always looking for parent support in the cafeteria and at recess. No experience needed!!! This is an important job and your kids will love to see you! All that is required is just 1.5 hours of your time to help be an extra set of eyes and to lend an extra set of hands. Even if you can only sign up for once a month - whatever you can do is greatly appreciated. See the sign up link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D45A8A92CA46-tcparent>

EARN \$\$ FOR THORNTON CREEK PROGRAMS WHILE DOING YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING!

By taking just a few minutes to set up Thornton Creek Elementary PTA as your organization of choice at the following stores, you can earn money for Thornton Creek enrichment programs. Help us take advantage of these charitable offers! Friends and family can enroll, as well!



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Register your Kroger Plus card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and select Thornton Creek Elementary PTA as your community rewards organization. Remember to use your Kroger Plus card every time you shop to earn rewards for our school.