Season’s Greetings, Tanner Families!

I hope you were all able to enjoy the long Thanksgiving break. The weather has certainly been kind to us so far. I am hopeful, however, that the holiday season brings a few snowflakes. The students LOVE bringing out the sleds during recess time.

This month I have decided to try out a different method to update you on what is happening at each grade level. Below you will see an image that links to a YouTube video. (Tanner now has a YouTube Channel called Tanner YTChannel...please consider subscribing to us!) The video is of a couple of our very own first graders doing a fantastic job at reporting out on the news at school. I hope you find it enjoyable.

Additionally, please take a few minutes to fill out the District Vision Committee Survey that you should have received. If you have not received this, please contact me. The district values your feedback as we will always continue to strive to provide the best opportunities for our students.

I wish you all a very happy holiday season!

Liz Thoreson, Principal
Writing in Response to Reading - **Thoughtful Logs** - Year Three

We are in the third year of introducing our kindergarten students to the idea of writing about their reading and thinking through the use of Thoughtful Logs. We continue to further this understanding and skill development of our first graders as they respond to reading in a more sophisticated way than they were able to as kindergarteners. We are very pleased to see how students can take their learning from kindergarten and transfer it into their first grade year. Our instructional framework provides students with lots of opportunities to talk, draw, and write about their thinking of both fiction and informational texts.

The Thoughtful Log is a composition notebook organized into three sections: **My Thinking, Powerful Words and Phrases, and My Strategies**. The goal of the log is to provide students with a tool that organizes and records their thinking and learning through the process of talking, drawing and writing. These logs display your child’s growth and progress as a reader, writer and thinker throughout the year. Although it is stored at school throughout the year, these ‘treasures’ will come home with your child as the school year ends in June.

**Kindergarten Examples**

**First Grade Examples**
ART UPDATE

Ms. Sheth  Students used their previous knowledge of horizontal, vertical, and diagonal lines to create a spider web for their next project. Within each of the weaves students are taking their time to create intricate patterns using crayon. Soon students will be applying paint over the patterns using a crayon resist technique and filling their spider webs with even more beautiful colors! We are excited to finish up this project by added a 3D spider to the top! In addition to all the hard work students have been doing on the spider webs, they also took one class period to create a clay hand plaque! We squished, smashed, flatted, and carved into the clay to create a piece they will surely be proud of!

Mrs. Siegel  First graders created with clay in the art room! They traced a half circle, cut it out, and smoothed the edges with water. They also learned about texture, and had fun pressing and rolling different objects into the clay. We are patiently waiting for our new kiln to be working so our clay can be fired, painted, and turned into fun birds! Students also learned how to mix the primary colors into the secondary colors. They used these colors to paint papers for a “frog on a log” project in which they are currently working! These paints will also be used for their clay birds. Finally, all first graders had the opportunity to paint on the large wooden, Christmas card that is displayed across from the middle school for the holiday parade! Look for the large “JOY” design. The “O” is a snowflake!

GYM MINIS—FROM Mrs. Otto

This past month in the gym was short and fast!!

1st graders focused on Cooperative skills and Team work! This entailed partner work, group challenges and problem solving and lots of fun! The students also focused on ball skills. Working a large group to review basic skills, tricks and some fun challenges. We also ended the month w/ some “turkey” fun! Dancing and Games!

Kindies also focused on cooperative skills through partner work. Working together on ball skills, partner stunts and some bigger group challenges shared with their partner. Learning to problem solve, share, compromise & communicate are all part of the expectations, along with the skill work. Turkey fun for kindies too to wrap up the month!

4K friends worked on several challenges this month. Ball skills, cooperative work w/ the big puzzle and the wiggly mat, balance and coordination with the chariot scooters. We used our imaginations to get some leg work done on the scooter boards! Ask your student about the trip to sea world and the TLC we gave the sharks!! 😊 The students also worked on partner stunts with friends such as the wheelbarrow walk, partner log roll and more! We introduced a fun warm up song called Jello! Danced the “turkey” dance (chicken dance) and got our hearts pumping w/ the speedy freeze. Lot of great work this month!
The holiday season is a wonderful time of year; especially for children. However, this time of year also presents a challenge for healthy eating. With all of the holiday parties and activities preparing healthy meals and snacks sometimes just doesn’t happen. One solution to prevent over indulgence on holiday treats is to send non-food items in for your child’s school celebration(s). The following are some non-food treats to share that children love:

In Kindergarten we continue to work on keeping a steady beat to music using lots of movement like clapping, marching and playing instruments. We sometimes clap to the beat of the music, and sometimes to the rhythm of the words we sing. We’re learning more about long notes (ta), short notes (ti-ti), and no words (rest). Songs from this month include I’m a Little Teapot, My Dog Rags, Bingo, Thank you for the Sunrise, and Do Your Ears Hang Low.

In 1st grade we have been singing songs and chants from our music textbooks – reading the ta’s and ti-ti’s and rests. My Country ‘tis of Thee, You’re A Grand Old Flag, and Five Smart Turkeys have been favorites this month. We have also just started learning about the families of musical instruments and have enjoyed how instruments have helped to tell the story of the Little Red Hen, and Peter and the Wolf.

Our composer of the month was Scott Joplin. Joplin was an American composer who lived from 1868-1917. He came from a musical family. He went on to study composition and classical music. In 1899 he sold one of his most famous pieces, “The Maple Leaf Rag” to a publisher, and received a royalty of 1 cent per copy. This brought him about $360.00 per year. His music enjoyed a renewed popularity in the 1970’s when it was featured in a movie called “The Sting”. Scott Joplin is known as the King of Ragtime. After his death, he was honored with a Pulitzer Prize and a commemorative postage stamp.

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Tanner Chromebook Lab:
At Tanner School, we use the web based software called Symbaloo in our Chromebook Lab. The Tanner Symbaloo site has links to many excellent websites for students in 4K, 5K, and first grade, some of which your student may have already used at school. Fortunately, the Tanner Symbaloo site is also accessible away from school, anywhere there is an Internet Connection. You might consider having your child use this resource! You can reach the Tanner Symbaloo site by clicking on this link: https://www.symbaloo.com/mix/tannerlibrary

Tanner Library:
Students at Dr. H. B. Tanner Early Learning Center had a fantastic time practicing Citizenship in the 2016 Tanner Tiger Book Character Election! Did you know that Tanner Library has a NEW library Home Page?! You can find it here: http://kaukaunasd.libguides.com/c.php?g=555929

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR - Mrs. Charneski

Classroom Guidance Lessons

During the month of December, I will be visiting all of the K-1 classrooms and talking with students about Celebrating Differences! In each grade level we will discuss the importance of respecting each other’s differences and getting to know people on the inside...not judging by their outside. Each class will have a project or activity that displays the concept of diversity. Kindergarten will hear a story titled The Crayon Box that Talked and learn how we need all different colors (people) to make a beautiful picture (world). First grade will share a story that encourages respect for everyone’s differences...titled Elmer the Elephant. As always, feel free to call me at 766-6134 Ext. 3148 with any questions or concerns.

Playground Update!

The Friends of Tanner Playground Project are busy planning activities to continue efforts to raise funds for the new playground. Please mark your calendars and join us or pitch in if you are able.

* Miracle Minute: Dec. 2nd at KHS basketball game vs. Hortonville
* Coin Drive: Dec. 12th-23rd, students can bring change into their classrooms we will work to fill the aquarium in the office full of change by the Christmas Break!! Every little bit helps!
* Family Bingo Night: Friday, March 24th @ Tanner School
* Family Carnival: coming in April

In addition to the family/school events, we did send home donation sheets to families. Thanks to those of you who have donated already! Finally, further efforts by the team include working on donations from community partners, writing grants & working on other ideas. We welcome any ideas or leads that may help us in our efforts. You may contact Ms. Otto.

Thank you families!
PBIS UPDATE

Just a couple of reminders . . .
colder weather requires coats, hats, mittens and boots to protect children on their way to school, at recess, and on the way home. Parents should arrange for proper dress for the weather conditions. Also, please remember to put your child’s initials on their winter coat and snow pants. It becomes difficult for the children when there are numerous pairs of snow pants the same color and size.
In general, if your child is well enough to be in school we assume that he/she is well enough to go outside for recess. If the temperature is 0 degrees Fahrenheit or less, all students are kept inside. If the temperature is greater than 0 degrees Fahrenheit all children will have outside recess with the option given to the outside supervisors to bring the children in if it feels too cold outdoors at any time.

PAC HOLIDAY FAMILY EVENT

Friday, December 9th
5:30-6:30 PM OR 6:30-7:30 PM
Tanner families will enjoy a night of cozy holiday fun. Dress in your pajamas or Whoville attire, listen to How the Grinch Stole Christmas, ride along on a bus to see holiday lights, visit with a very special guest and enjoy cookies and milk.

PAC NEWS

- We had a great turn out at Culver’s Scoopie Night. Thanks to everyone who came to dine with us.
- The Book Fair was also a success again this fall. Thank you all for stopping by.
- Also, thank you to everyone who helped us put together the delicious meals for our teachers during conferences. This is a simple way to show our teachers how much we appreciate all they do for our children.
- Mark your calendar for December 9th. Our Holiday Family Event is going to be a blast!!! Please remember to send back your RSVP. We need to be sure we have enough treats for everyone as well as space on the busses.
- Our next meeting will be Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

COLD WEATHER on the WAY

For the month of December Tanner students will be learning and practicing the character trait of caring in multiple ways. On December 16, we are inviting parents, grandparents or special friends to come and accompany their child and make a holiday craft or card for the residents of the St. Paul home in Kaukauna. Each Kindergarten and First Grade classroom will be going to the gym and completing a different craft or card to give to the residents. Our event will take place from 2:00-2:45 p.m.

We will be sharing the book One Winter’s Day with students and encouraging them to bring necessities for other children who may not have them. Starting December 5, we are asking students to bring waterproof mittens children’s underwear and socks. We will be putting them under the Christmas tree in the front lobby, just like in the book we read. Before our holiday break, the items will be donated to all Kaukauna schools for students in need of these items.

On December 21, we will have a Winter Wonderland day. On this day, students are encouraged to wear pajamas to school. The day will be filled with winter activities and holiday fun. So much fun to be a Tanner Tiger! Watch your child’s folder for more information about these events!
Summer School 2017

KASD is already busy planning for summer school! Thank you to all the parents who responded to the survey following Summer School 2016. The combination of parent and staff feedback as well as a large amount of maintenance work to be done within the district this summer, the following decisions have been made regarding Summer School 2017:

**Location** - Classes will continue to be held at Kaukauna High School.

**Dates** - All courses will be offered in one session, June 13 – June 30, Monday – Friday.

Classes will run five days a week
- Impact of the 4th of July
- Maintenance work that needs to occur this summer

**Other valuable information** –
- We will again offer an Open House prior to the start of summer school for families to become familiar with the location and rooms that classes will be taking place in.
- Busing/transportation will continue to be an option for families for a fee.

Seeking Your Input: District Vision Survey

Recently, the District has talked about the District Vision Committee (DVC), a group created to engage our school community in a continuous improvement process and examine the current reality of our District’s culture, fiscal sustainability and student achievement, and how they relate to our vision for the District. As we continue through our four steps - **Education, Vision, Explore** and **Action** - we’d like you to take 10-15 minutes to complete the District Vision Survey. The survey can be taken online or via a paper copy. You likely have already received the survey invitation via e-mail, and you will be receiving a paper copy in the mail. It's input from all of you, through this survey, that keeps our work moving forward on a path of success. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding, input and willingness to be a part of this process.

To take the survey in Spanish simply click on the “Español” link on the top right of the survey’s “Start” page and the entire survey will change over to Spanish. You may also request a Spanish paper copy version by calling 766-6100.

Late Student Arrivals

As we need to place the hot lunch order with the central kitchen by 8:30 a.m., students who arrive late to school without a call to the office will need to take cold lunch. Thank you for continuing to inform the office promptly when you know your child will be late to school or absent for the day.

Student Absences

We request that parents/guardians call the automated absence line at 759-6159 before 8:00 a.m. each day your child is unable to attend school. This voice mail service is available for your use before and after school hours.
School closings ... The following radio and television stations are notified of school closings or delays:

Television
WBAY - Channel 2
WFRV - Channel 5
WGBA - Channel 26
WLUK - Channel 11

Radio
WAPL - 105.7 FM
WEMI - 91.9 FM
WIXX - 101.1 FM
WNCY - 100.3 FM
WGEE - 99.7 FM
WKFX - 104.9 FM
WSGC - 1050 AM
WHBY - 1150 AM
WGEE - 1360 AM
WNFL - 1440 AM

When there is a 2 hour delay the start time for school will be 9:50 A.M. Specific announcements regarding Early Childhood will be made on the radio station that morning.

Contact from Automated Messenger System
Infinite Campus has the ability to use the system to make emergency contacts with parents regarding school closing or other information during the school day. If the superintendent would determine that district schools would be closing early for some reason parents will receive an automated message giving them details. It is very important that your contact information in Infinite Campus is up to date. If you have questions regarding your contact information please call the Tanner School Office.

Dec 5  PAC Meeting 6:00
Dec 7  Mader & McDaniel to Fox River Mall—8:00-10:30am
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Dec 9  Meerdink, Resch & Warden to Fox River Mall—8:00-10:30am
Dec 9  Meerdink, Resch & Warden to Fox River Mall—12:25-3:00p
Dec 9  PAC Holiday Family Event & Pajama Day!
Dec 13  No School
Dec 16  Caring Craft Day—KG & Grade 1—2:00-2:45pm
Dec 21  Pajama Day - Winter Wonderland Day
Dec 22  Holiday Color Day—wear holiday colors
Dec 23  Winter Break—Happy Holidays!
Jan 3  Return to school