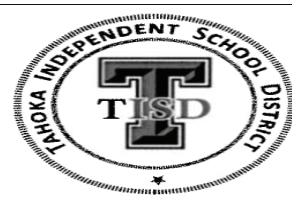




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WHATS HAPPENING IN TISD

- ◆ Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016, will be an early release day. All campuses will release at 12:00 pm. This is a change from the original school calendar. That day will be a day that the entire district participates in Community Service Projects. Titled “Tahoka’s Big WIN,” to correspond with the district’s visioning document titled *W.I.N. 2025*, the district will use this day as a day to give back to the community of Tahoka.
- ◆ Tahoka ISD received a “*Superior*” rating financially through the state’s financial rating system called the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). TISD scored a perfect score of 100, where 70 or above earned a “*Superior*” rating.
- ◆ Tahoka ISD recently implemented the usage of an app called *CrisisGo*. The app is an emergency operations application that allows the district to communicate via one portal during times of emergency. In addition, the app gives staff members steps to follow during various emergency situations. The purpose of implementing this app district-wide with staff members is to put convenience at the fingertips of our employees in case we experience emergencies that require immediate action on our part.
- ◆ You may have noticed that in order to gain access to any of our campuses now, you are being asked to present a form of picture identification. The purpose of this is to utilize technology that the district has recently implemented that will allow us to not only have one common means district-wide of identifying visitors with printed badges, but the system also runs visitors’ identifications against registered sex offender databases so that our campus officials will be alerted to visitors to campus who will not be allowed to freely access the campus without the presence of an administrator.
- ◆ Congratulations to the Tahoka 3-D band for earning straight 1’s in UIL marching competition for the 15th consecutive year at UIL band competition, held on 10/22/16 in Lubbock.

Our District Values

These are the 4 “C’s” the district identifies in its vision:

Community: A true partnership between TISD and the entire community relying on both sides to advance the district mission

Character: Student character development promoting student responsibility, perseverance, school spirit, and respect for self and others

Civic Involvement: Promoting student service and involvement in the local community as a means of giving back to society and discovering our place in a global climate

Continuous Improvement: Regularly assessing all areas of district operations and adjusting to make improvements which are aimed at accomplishing our district’s mission

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Other Items of Interest

- Nov. 4 End 2nd grading period
- Nov. 4 Football vs. Plains
- Nov. 7 Begin 3rd grading period
- Nov. 10 1st JH Basketball games
- Nov 18 1st Home HS Boys & Girls Basketball games
- Nov. 22 Day of Service; 12:00 release
- Nov. 22 Regular Board Meeting
- Nov. 23 Early release @ noon
- Nov. 24-25 Thanksgiving Break

- Our student enrollment is currently 585 students
- Visit the TISD website for information about other current happenings in the district at tahokaisd.us
- For local weather, visit the “Tahoka Weather” link on the TISD webpage for Weatherbug information directly from the THS weather station
- TISD attendance so far this school year is 96.04%



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Campus Spotlight: Tahoka Elementary

Principal: Ms. Christa Ritchey (2nd year in TISD)

Number of Staff Members: 34 **Number of students:** 312

What makes us unique? There are many great things about Tahoka Elementary, but what sets us apart is our focus on growing learners and leaders. The Leader in Me is a whole school transformation process. It teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader.

What are students exposed to? Parents can expect their students to be exposed to the 7 Habits of Happy Kids. By now, I am sure that parents have heard the 7 Habits pledge, and maybe even been encouraged to use one of the habits. The habits include: Be Proactive, Begin with the End in Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win-Win, Seek First to Understand, Then be Understood, Synergize, Sharpen the Saw. Students will also be exposed to leadership opportunities in the classroom and the campus such as Morning Greeters, Flag patrol, Morning Announcements Leader, Library Leader, Birthday Greeter, and many more.

Ways Students are celebrated: Six Weeks Awards Assembly/Pep Rally; Perfect Attendance, Citizenship, Academic Success; 7 Habits Wall; Birthday Celebrations; AR/Reading Goals; Student Clubs; Student submitted Shout-Outs; Teacher Post Cards; School Board meeting recognitions; Leadership roles and responsibilities.

Parent Involvement opportunities: Attending our Leader in Me Student Leadership events; Attending Parent Conferences; Becoming a Parent Volunteer in the classroom; Joining our Parent Teacher Organization; Joining a Leader In Me Action Team (contact Ms. Ritchey @ critchey@tahokaisd.us or Mrs. Tekell @ htekell@tahokaisd.us).

How are students exposed to being servant-oriented? Through our 7 Habits lessons each week during our academic period., plus our Leader in Me club days where students have the opportunity to use their unique talents and interests to meet the needs of others. Each student on our campus will be participating in our district-wide service day. Finally, our leadership roles in the classroom and throughout the campus promote service.

Sporting Events

11/8 VG Basketball @ Lubbock Christian

11/10 JH basketball vs. Plains

11/11 HS Girls basketball @ New deal

11/14 JH Basketball vs. Morton

11/18 HS Basketball vs. Slaton

11/19 JH girls in Slaton Tournament

11/22 HS basketball vs. Roosevelt

11/28 JH basketball vs. Sundown

11/29 HS Girls basketball @ Lubbock High

BUSINESS RECOGNITIONS

The following entities were recognized at the October School Board Meeting for their efforts to support TISD as a true educational partner with our district:

IST Bank & Trust
Ist National Bank
Lynn County Ag Extension

STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The following TISD staff members were selected from their respective campuses as teachers/staff of the month of October:

MS– Pam Paris (Life Skills teacher)
HS– Angelica Aguirre (technology coordinator)