



Mission: "To provide a nurturing and challenging environment that engages and prepares all students to be college and career ready"

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! ☺ The summer has been busy with staff trainings, curriculum inservices, new instructional programs and materials, and fun in the sun. We are looking forward to an awesome year with you and your children.

New Staff Faces at TES: Maura Simonetti will be our Music teacher. Music days are Wednesday and Thursday. Christie Dugan will be our Title One Math teacher this year and she will be providing Title One services Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Students will be bringing home the "Parent/Student Handbook" for you to keep. As you review the handbook, please note the last page (2-sided) is a signature page that needs to be returned to school. Please sign the Internet Policy and the Handbook acknowledgment page and return to the teacher. Thank you.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS TO REMEMBER:

- Aug. 29: Parent/Teacher/Student "Meet the Teacher Intake Conferences"
- Sept. 1: Parent/Teacher/Student "Meet the Teacher Intake Conferences"
- Sept. 4: NO SCHOOL-Labor Day
- Sept. 5: First Day of School for K-5 students
- Sept. 11 & 12: Each day part of PK attends. Mrs. McKelvey will contact parents for dates.
- Sept. 13: All PK students attend school
- Sept. 18: PBIS Kick Off Assembly at 1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 20: Bd. Of Ed. meeting at 7 p.m. Work session is at 6 p.m. @ TCEC
- Sept. 22: Grandparents/Special Person Luncheon. Menu and information will be coming home. Please look for the information.
- Sept. 27: Town Hall Meeting @TES at 6 p.m. Superintendent Dr. Griffith will be here at for this meeting.
- Sept. 29: Early Dismissal Day @ 12:05. Teacher Inservice



HOLD THE DATE: SEPT. 18 @ 6:30 PM. It's our WELCOME BACK COVERED DISH DINNER!! We hope that you will be able to join us. Look for more details to follow in the coming days. Make it an evening of great food while meeting new families and re-acquainting with friends.

School Times: TES school times~~Doors open to students at 8:00 a.m.

Bus unloading time: 8:15/20	Start time: 8:40	Regular dismissal: 3:20
Early Dismissal: 12:05	Inclment weather dismissal: 1:05	PK Start: 8:20
PK Dismissal: 11:10	90 minute delay: Doors open 9:45	Start time: 10:10

Breakfast is served from 8:20-8:40 in each classroom.

From the principal's desk:



The ball field was made ready and it was GAME ON! I want to give special thanks to Kyle Poore, Mark Gottlieb, and friends for all their work for the game. The TES ball field was busy with folks young and old for the "Community Softball" game! Spectators enjoyed food and fun as they watched the August 26th game. *I heard many positive comments about how wonderful it was to see young children playing ball with adults and hear the words, "Play ball!!"* Thank you to all who supported Kyle and Mark's efforts for the great event. Stay tuned for more to come! 😊

School Improvement:

Instructional programs this year will include Eureka Math (same as last year) in grades K-5, the new Wonders reading program in grades PK-5, Mystery Science in grades 1 and 2, and Stem Scopes (Science) in grades 3-5. Teacher trainings have been occurring throughout the summer, as well as the last week of August.

Title One: We are excited to have a Title One math teacher this year joining our Title One team. Ms. Dugan will be working with identified students in math this year. Mrs. Bieber will continue to work with identified students in reading this year. The Title One program is an intervention program that provides additional support for identified students in both reading and math. Criteria are used to identify the targeted students. The goal is to support students, providing strategies and increasing skill proficiency to a level at which they demonstrate mastery or grade level expectations in a specific content. The regular education teacher and Title One teachers work collaboratively to increase the students' confidence and skills. Monitoring a student's progress is necessary to determine if the intervention program is working. Parents receive quarterly progress reports for their child.

If you have any questions about the Title One program, please contact me.

ATTENTION: Grades 4 & 5! Do you want to join the band? Do you need more information before you decide?

Instrument Rental Night for 4th & 5th grade students will be on Wednesday, September 13th at 6 pm in the St. Michael Elementary School cafeteria. If you have any questions before the meeting, please feel free to email Miss Simonetti at msimonetti@tcps.k12.md.us or call at 717-953-7908. Hope to see you all there! Stay tuned for more information to come home to the parents.



School Messenger: A reminder that we would appreciate your accurate email so that you will not miss school information that will be sent using School Messenger. At the beginning of the year, several information sheets are sent home, including the student's emergency card. We thank you in advance in getting those forms back to the school.



A big "**THANK YOU**" shout out to the Christ Church of St. Michaels and the Tilghman Methodist Church for their gracious donations of school supplies. We sincerely appreciate you and your support of TES families.