



# The Tansey Times

April 2011

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## Upcoming Events April 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5 5 <sup>th</sup> grade meeting 6:00 pm PTO 6:30	6	7	8 Term 3 ends PBruins 7:00 pm
11 No Screens Week REPTILES	12 No Screens Week GAME NIGHT	13 No Screens Week PAPA GINOS	14 No Screens Week ZUMBA	15 No Screens Week SOMERSET CREAMERY
18 Spring Vacation	19 Spring Vacation	20 Spring Vacation	21 Spring Vacation	22 Spring Vacation
25	26	27	28	29 Willy Wonka BCC DANCE 6-8pm S.Borden

## Building Character

During the month of March, we spoke to children about **fitness & skill**

In April, we will focus on **team spirit**

### March Characters of the Month

**K** **KM:** Devin Alves-F  
**KM:** Lindsey Mello-S  
**KH:** Eliana Estrela-S  
**KH:** Olivia DeMelo-F

**1** **1S:** Kaden Sampson-S  
**1S:** Aaron Andrade-F  
**1D:** Kiandra Boutin-F  
**1D:** Malak Issa-S

**2** **2F:** Nathan Hackett-S  
**2F:** Aubree Thibeault-F  
**2S:** Adam Bouchard-F  
**2S:** Abigail Schnurr-S

**PE** Lucas Souza-S  
Emma Keene-Reinhard-F

**Art** Yadiel Polanco-Cruz-S  
Glenn Armstrong-F

### Staff Members of the Month

Miss Medeiros-F

Mr. Hughes-S

### Susan Shea Gr. 1

Mrs. Shea has been teaching for 23 years. She has taught Reading, Kindergarten, and Grade 1. Mrs. Shea enjoys watching sports, shopping, and SHOES! She has one son, who is 23 years old. Her favorite place... the beach!



### Patricia Holden, K

Mrs. Holden loves teaching kindergarten because she loves to see the educational growth of her students from the beginning of the year to the end. Mrs. Holden loves spending time with her husband and two children (Matthew and Amanda). She has 3 dogs and two cats. She loves to read, go to the beach and travel, especially cruises.



### Kelly Medeiros, K

Miss Medeiros has been teaching in the Fall River school system for five years; eight years total in her teaching career. She feels extremely blessed to be in such a wonderful school surrounded by children who are extremely eager to learn! Some of her favorite pastimes are crafting, shopping for antiques, going to the beach and most of all, spending time with her six month old baby girl Sophie!



### Diane Coriaty, Paraprofessional

Diane Coriaty has been a paraprofessional for 18 years and truly enjoys helping to teach Kindergarten children at Tansey School. She loves spending her time off with her husband Lenny (vacationing and motorcycling) her two sons Ryan and Justin, her large family and friends. She loves gardening, going to the beach, & reading.



# Beautifying Tansey



## Coming in May 2011...

We will be having a spring planting day. Tansey families, staff, and community members will be asked to join together on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> to beautify the façade of the Tansey School.

### Gather your

shovels  
mulch  
planting soil  
gardening gloves  
annuals  
perennials  
**and join us!!!!**



# Congratulations!



Brad Nickerson	Brian DeMedeiros	Dillon Corvelo
Melissa Viera	Charlotte Coombes	Smiles Dar
Devin Sousa	Francesca Tavares	Matthew Brown
Jonah Andrade	Sydney Pereira	Kelvyn Baldessar
Jordan Hubert	Angelina Cashman	Malak Issa
Abigail Rose	Matthew Silvia	Louraine Dayao
Abbigayl Pais	Hunter Tavares	Ryan B DeMatos
Mason Piques	Kyleigh Lawson	Eliana Estrela
Cassidy Cashman	Abigail Schnurr	Joseph Francisco
Noor Issa	Colin Hargraves	Emma Gomes
Mackenzie Branco	Molly Timberlake	Phoebe Tavares
Lorelei Barcelos	Abbie Bustin	Reese Walter
Patrick El Hajj	Hannah Reitzas	Luis Duarte
Amy Nickerson	Aubree Thibeault	Dakota Garcia
Kelsey Pereira	Nathan Kuznar	Alexia Dern
Emma Keene-Reinhard	Alison Viera	Nikole Youmans-Nosko

**These students have completed the Tansey School Pawtucket Red Sox Challenge. They will be honored on the field before the May 9<sup>th</sup> game.**

## PTO/ School Council

Tansey parents, We have a busy month ahead of us. PTO meeting is on Tues. April 5th at 6:30p.m., Prov. Bruins on Fri. April 8th, and No Screens Week April 11th-15th. Mon. Game Night, Tues. Reptiles, Wed. Papa Gino's, Thurs. Zumba for kids, and Fri. Somerset Creamery. Hope everyone has a great vacation!

## Messages from the Office:

- ☉ The Fall River Public Schools has implemented a new automated phone system for student absences. If your child is out sick, you **MUST** call Mrs. Pavao in the office before 9:00 a.m. to explain why your child is absent from school or you will receive a call from this FRPS automated system. You will receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> phone call later in the day if you do not call the school to notify us of your child's absence. Thanks!
- ☉ Students are **NOT** to be dismissed before the end of the school day without documentation of an appointment.
- ☉ If children are out sick with a fever they cannot return to school until they have been fever free for 24 hrs. without the use of ibuprofen or acetaminophen, please.
- ☉ Morton Principal to meet with 5<sup>th</sup> graders April 28

## Counselor's Corner

Cyberbullying (also known as electronic bullying) is bullying that occurs through email, instant messaging, gaming sites, chat rooms, text messages, or images sent via cell phone. Kids today are used to being in touch with each other 24/7.

Tips for parents for the use of safe technology:

- Talk with your child about texting, its impact and permanence.
  - Tell them not to go online or use their cell phone when they're angry or upset (they may text something they will later regret)
  - Have your computer in a common area of the home where you can easily monitor your child's sessions.
  - Perform periodic email, facebook, and cell phone "checks" to monitor your child's correspondence
  - Talk with your child about password security. Teach them to protect all of their personal information (name, age, family info, address, cell phone number, etc.)
- Mrs. Considine*

## A Note from Nurse Pam...

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, there are a few reminders that I would like to pass on to parents to help make the transition to next year smoother. Fall River Public Schools, as mandated by Massachusetts State Law, requires all students to have routine physical examinations and a copy to be placed on file in their health record at school. Students entering Third Grade in September 2011 will be required to have a physical examination within one year of the starting day of school. If you have not already done so, please send in a copy of any physical examination and updated immunizations done since the start of school on September 8th, 2010. "Third Notice" letters were sent home on March 29<sup>th</sup> to children for whom school screening follow up documentation has not yet been received at school. Vision, Hearing and Postural Screening failure notices were originally sent home in October of 2010 in an effort to provide ample time for follow up visits. In order for "incomplete screenings" to be cleared in the computer record, it is required that health care practitioners return written verification of follow up testing and/or treatment for these screening failures. If your child has been prescribed, then please have a note sent which states the date of the exam and eye glass usage requirements.



# What's Happening in Class?

## Kindergarten

Happy Spring Everyone! It's hard to believe that in three months your little ones will have completed their first full year of school! Here is a quick look at the month ahead. In Reader's Workshop the children will be identifying, analyzing and applying knowledge of the purpose, structure and elements of nonfiction. In Writer's Workshop, the children will be zooming in on using specific skills and strategies to make their writing readable not just for themselves, but for other readers. In Math, we will be working on center activities that focus on numeral identification, counting through the decade both forward and backward as well as composing and decomposing numbers. And lastly, in Science the children will be working on their Fabric Unit. By the end of April, we will also be introducing our butterfly unit. Once again thank you for all you do in supporting your children to become lifelong learners.

## Grade 1

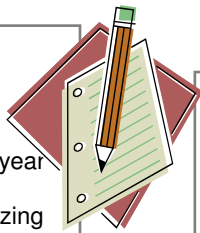
The first graders have been actively engaged in both Readers' and Writers' Workshop as they continue to learn about the elements of nonfiction. The students have enjoyed research writing and will continue to do so until the end of the month. Math Workshop continues to be a big hit with many new games targeted at building early numeracy skills, in place. The students have learned and will continue to learn a great deal about making nutritious food choices in their nutrition class. Both first grade classes will continue to work on the concept of balance and motion during their Science lessons and about many different community workers in Social Studies.

## Grade 2

In Reader's Workshop, we will continue to work on our nonfiction unit. This month our focus will be biographies and autobiographies, discussing their similarities and differences. We will also be using Venn Diagrams as a tool to compare similarities and differences among the different people we read about. We will also be discussing various character traits and give supporting evidence from the text that goes along with each trait. In Writer's Workshop, we will be presenting our All About Books and move onto writing an autobiography. Be on the lookout for project details, your help (parents/grandparents) will be needed for this writing piece. In Math, our focus will be exploring multiplication through the use of skip counting, grouping, doubling and partial products. In Science, we will be finishing up our whale unit and fluttering into our butterfly unit. Our little critters should be arriving shortly after April vacation! In Social Studies Mrs. Streeto's class will be finishing up our unit on natural and manmade things in our world. We will then be integrating our Social Studies and Writer's Workshop units this month. Also if you have time, please check out 2F's webpage!

## Grade 3

Third graders will be continuing their work with nonfiction. We will be studying cause and effect and sequencing through biographies. During writing we will be composing persuasive essays. Our math work will focus on problem solving with multiplication and division. During science we will be experimenting with sound. Our social studies work will center around Colonial America projects.



## Grade 4

After all our hard work on MCAS, we are looking forward to a field trip to the Audubon Society in Bristol, RI next week. While there, we will have the opportunity to visit the exhibits and walk through the fields looking for signs of wildlife. This trip supports our Habitats and Food Chains studies (We concentrate on the Rain Forest as the habitat.). We will also be reporting on Rain Forest animals during the next few weeks. Our Rocks and Minerals Science unit will be coming to a close and our next unit of study will be Fast Plants. This is an amazing unit of study and draws everyone's attention as they watch the speed at which the plants grow! Our biography book reports are a big hit with everyone who walks by them. As we progress through our genre studies in Reader's Workshop, we will be focusing on Fantasy and its unique features. Many students are enjoying books of this genre already as they read Harry Potter and Percy Jackson books. We will also have some well-loved fantasy stories on hand for the students to enjoy. Many of you may remember Escape to Witch Mountain, The Forgotten Door, and The Chronicles of Narnia. Fractions are the order of the day in Math. We have been exploring the meaning of fractions and working with equivalences. This study will continue throughout April.

## Grade 5

During math students will be adding, subtracting, ordering and comparing fractions. Our reader's workshop will begin to focus on drama. In writer's workshop we will continue to work on reports and answer science and math open response questions. Our grammar focus will be prefixes, suffixes and Greek/Latin root words. We will continue to learn about the American Revolution and its outcomes. Mr. Tavares' class will be focusing on physical science, Mrs. Martin's class will be studying about environments and Mrs. Corvelo's class will begin experimenting with electricity during science.

## Art

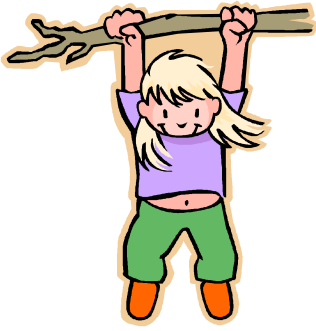
In art class, we will be working with some basics of architecture, investigating the origins of some Easter traditions, and creating examples of traditional Islamic art styles.

## Music

Greetings from Mr. B! We've made it through another winter. Welcome Spring- we'll be learning the song, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game". In April, we will be learning about story telling through musical compositions. Our composers of the month are Mozart, Britten, Stravinsky, and Copeland.

## PE

Kindergarten will be beginning a Soccer Unit. They will also participate in a Project Adventure activity unit. Grades 1-5 will be learning soccer skills in a Spring Soccer Unit appropriate to each grade level.



# Kids Corner



Solve this mystery message about springtime weather!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
13	9			6	5			25			8														

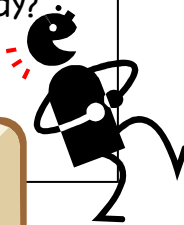
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## April Fools!

Have fun telling these jokes to your family!

1. What language does a billboard speak?
2. Why do teachers wear sunglasses to school?
3. What did the tree say to the math teacher?
4. When does a teacher carry birdseed?
5. Why did the teacher go to the beach?
6. What is a math teacher's favorite candy?
7. What did the pencil say to the paper?
8. Why did the school nurse run away?

LOL!



## Congratulations!

Alexie Jeronimo (4M) and Sarah Alston (4S) will be honored this month as Tansey's winners of the American Dream Challenge. All fourth grade students in Fall River wrote essays about bullying. Every school selected a winning essay from each class. Well done girls!



## Put these words in ABC order!

- spring \_\_\_\_\_
- flowers \_\_\_\_\_
- kites \_\_\_\_\_
- bees \_\_\_\_\_
- birds \_\_\_\_\_
- warm \_\_\_\_\_
- sunshine \_\_\_\_\_
- rain \_\_\_\_\_
- baseball \_\_\_\_\_

## Answers:

1. sign language
2. They have bright students.
3. "Gee, I'm a tree" (Geometry)
4. When there is a parrot-teacher conference
5. to test the water
6. measure-mints
7. "I dot my i on you!"
8. to catch a cold