



The Tansey Times

January 2011

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Upcoming Events January

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
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3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12 Stakeholder Mtg 3:15	13	14
17 No School MLK Day	18	19	20	21
24 No School Prof. Day	25	26	27 Coffee Hour 2:00 Stakeholder Mtg 3:15 Parent Workshop 5:30	28 End of Term 2
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Building Character

During the month of December, we spoke to children about **self-control**

In January, we will focus on **alertness & action**

December Characters of the Month

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| K KM: Emma Kershaw | 3 3N: Ricardo Lopes |
| KH: Destiny Pereira | 3B: Sydney Pereira |
| 1 1S: Sebastian Rebello | 4 4M: Tyler Mitchell |
| 1D: Zachariah Phillips | 4S: Sarah Alston |
| 2 2S: Jaycey Tessier | 5 5M: Lacey Oliveira |
| 2F: Hannah Reitzas | 5C: Makenzie Rose |
| | ET: Luis Nieves |

Art Tyler Tacovelli

Music

Logan St. Onge

Staff Member of the Month

Mrs. Considine

New This Month
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We will be holding a breakfast for our Characters of the Month and their parents to honor their accomplishment. Additional information will be sent home with children.

Rachel Nogueira, Gr. 3

Rachel Nogueira is so happy to be a new addition to the third grade team at the Tansey School. She has been teaching for 13 years in the Fall River School System. She started as a Reading Recovery teacher, which she taught for three years. She then became a classroom teacher, having taught third and fourth grade. Ms. Nogueira's absolute favorite thing to teach is Reading. She loves to get lost in a book! Her favorite children's author is Patricia Polacco. She has two beautiful children named Steven and Katheryn who keep her very busy. However, Ms. Nogueira always has time for chocolate and shopping!



Laureen Beausoleil, Gr. 3

Mrs Beausoleil has been working in the Fall River School System for nearly 23 years. She began her career at Watson Elementary School teaching 1st and 4th grade. In 1997 she came to James Tansey School where she taught 4th grade for 9 years and 3rd grade for 4 years. Prior to teaching Mrs. Beausoleil was a veterinarian's assistant. In addition to teaching she enjoys spending time with her family, friends and animals.

Jane Mattos, K-5 Inclusion Teacher

Mrs. Mattos has been a teacher in the Fall River Schools for 35 years. She has taught at many different schools and has been at the Tansey School for 4 years. Although Mrs. Mattos loves teaching and will miss the staff and students at the Tansey, she is looking forward to her retirement in February. Mrs. Mattos lives in Somerset with her husband, Frank. She has two sons, Nick and Evan. She enjoys gardening, reading and walking with her two beagles, Lucy and Shyla but mostly she loves SHOPPING!!!!



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We're only an email away!

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PTO/ School Council

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays! There is no PTO meeting in January. Our next PTO meeting is February 8, at 6:30pm. International Night will be Thursday, March 10, from 6-8pm. We need volunteers, and are forming a committee. Our first meeting will be on Monday, January 10, at 6:00pm. Hope to see you there. Happy New Year!

STAKEHOLDERS' TEAM- We have reviewed the parent surveys completed during open house. We discovered that (1) there is a very positive response to the Tansey Times (2) more parents want to use email/ website to communicate with teachers (3) parents feel that they do not have a firm understanding of the curriculum being taught in their children's classes. **We will continue to take your valuable feedback and try to meet your needs.** We encourage more parents to attend our monthly workshops to learn more about curriculum and instruction. January meetings: 1/12/11 and 1/27/11

Messages from the Office:

- ☉ We are so happy to welcome Mrs. Furtado and Miss Medeiros back from maternity leave- we've miss them!
- ☉ This month's Parent Workshop will be focused around Literacy. Please join us on 1/27/11 at 5:30.
- ☉ Our agenda-free Coffee Hour is a time for you to network with other parents, and share your opinions with us. Please join us on 1/27/11 at 2:00.
- ☉ **REMINDER-** supervision for children begins at 8:20. Morning daycare is available for those who need it.
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Counselor's Corner

- Bullying among children is aggressive behavior that is intentional and involves an imbalance of power or strength. It is usually repeated over time. It can take many forms (ie: physical, verbal, emotional, or cyberbullying).
- The Fall River Public Schools is committed to promoting a positive school climate and safe learning environment free from bullying.
- The Tansey School Is using the Second Steps Social Competency to teach children how to effectively manage their emotions and demonstrate self control. Kindergarten is using "I Can Problem Solve".
- Working together, we can help to reduce and eliminate bullying in school.

Mrs. Considine

A Note from Nurse Pam...

Physical examinations and immunizations:

Please be sure to forward copies of annual physical examinations as they are completed. For students currently enrolled in second grade a state mandated physical exam will be necessary for entry into third grade in September of 2011.

Current information:

It is of particular importance that communication of newly diagnosed allergies, health concerns, medical conditions and any other changes in health status or medications are kept current with me.

Medications:

Students who must receive medication during the school day are required to comply with the required medication forms, including a doctor's order and parent/guardian consent. This policy also applies to any over the counter medications such as Tylenol/Motrin. Medications should be delivered to the school nurse in a pharmacy or manufacture labeled container by you or a responsible adult. **CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CARRY MEDICATION IN SCHOOL.** Best wishes to everyone for a Healthy and Happy New year!

What's Happening in Class?

Kindergarten

The kindergarten students will be learning about the events in a story using fairy tales. We will be reviewing character and setting. The high frequency words for the month are "is", "you", "have" and "do". In Writers Workshop the students will begin to write about events that happen in their lives. Miss Medeiros's class will be learning about the senses in science. Mrs. Holden's class will be learning about classification. In Social Studies the students will be learning about Dr. Martin Luther King.

Grade 1

It may be a new calendar year but things are in full swing in Grade One! We are wrapping up our Personal Narrative Unit and moving into our Nonfiction Unit during Writers' Workshop at the end of this month. Our mathematicians are continuing to get a strong sense of our number system as they work in Math Centers playing a variety of games designed to strengthen their addition and subtraction skills. There has been much enthusiasm during our Literacy Block as the children work at different centers which engage them in many different authentic tasks to enhance their reading skills. Readers' Workshop will be spent exploring our new genre of Nonfiction.

Grade 2

This month in second grade we will continue discussing Fiction. Our focus will be on Folktales and Fable stories. In Math we will continue working on Shapes, Halves, and Symmetry. We will continue practicing adding and subtracting on the open number line. In writing we will begin our poetry unit. In Science Mrs. Furtado's class will continue to explore Pebbles, Sand, and Silt while Mrs. Streeto's class will be experimenting with magnets.

Grade 3

Third Graders will be digging deep into nonfiction during reading and writing in the month of January. We will be learning about the features of nonfiction during reader's workshop and we will be writing research reports during writer's workshop. Our math block will continue it's focus on geometry and multiplication. During social studies we will be researching and learning about Colonial America. Third graders will continue investigating the solar system in science.

Art

The Art classes will be creating winter landscapes, stressing symmetry and the concept of positive and negative space. We will also begin a study of traditional African arts and crafts in preparation for Black History Month in February.

Grade 4

Happy New Year from Everyone in Gr. 4! The students are excited to begin 2011 studying the elements of Informational Text. Thanks to our generous PTO and school funds we were able to add some great books to our classroom library. In our WEX writing program our new focus is Writing in response to fiction. We will be reading together In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson, by Bette Bao Lord. Ask the students what this book is about, maybe you too will want to read it. GEOMETRY is the word in Gr. 4. Highlights include: Identifying and classifying both angles and shapes. We will explore volume, investigate symmetry, determine how shapes have edges, faces, and vertices to name just a few skills. Have a look at our Multiplication Goal Bulletin Board to see how many students have shown consistent improvement in multiplication facts and related problems. We are moving forward in Science toward completion in our unit Weather and Climate. The trip to the Ocean Explorium in New Bedford was GREAT, we learned a lot, too. We will continue to visit several more regions of the United States through study with Miss Stankiewicz. Pop in to see where we have last been!!!

Grade 5

Grade 5 will be writing persuasive essays this month and continuing our work on answering open response questions. Our grammar will focus on a review of all the parts of speech we've studied. During reading we will begin our unit on the Elements of Nonfiction. Math will have a focus on geometry like - sorting, drawing and naming polygons. We will also be identifying congruent and symmetrical shapes; as well as comparing perimeter, area, volume and surface area. In Social Studies we will be moving from European explorers into colonial times. Mrs. Martin's class will be studying variables during science, Mr. Tavares' class will be focusing on the environment and Mrs. Corvelo's class will be examining the solar system.

Music

Once again we start a new year, I hope your holidays were peaceful. This month students K-5 will explore the music of such greats as Mozart, Vivaldi, Britten, and one of my favorites Paganini. Our patriotic song of the month is The Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key.

PE

We are happy to welcome Ms. Mc Murray back this month!

