



The Tansey Times

November 2010

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Upcoming Events November 2010

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
1	2 PTO 6:30	3	4	5
8	9	10 Parent Workshop- MATH K-2 5:00 3-5 6:00	11 Veteran's Day No School	12 Term 1 Ends
15 Stakeholder Team 3:15-5:15	16 Coffee Hour 9:15	17	18 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7p.m.	19
22	23	24 Early Release	25 No School 	26 No School
29	30			

Building Character

During the month of October, we spoke to children about **friendship** and what it means to be a good friend.

In November, we will focus on **loyalty & cooperation**.

October Characters of the Month

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| K KM: Keirsten Anderson | 3 3N: Julia Kelly |
| KH: Phoebe Tavares | 3B: Catherine Callahan |
| 1 1S: Isabella Tiburtino | 4 4M: Tyler Mitchell |
| 1D: Adam Souza | 4S: Madison Beaulieu |
| 2 2S: Roger Inchaustegui | 5 5M: Sydney Pelletier |
| 2F: Jasmine Johnson | 5C: Tyler Ferry |
| | ET: Glenn Armstrong |

PE Zachary Silva

Art Greylen Tetreault

Music Nikeya Almeida

Staff Member of the Month

Mrs. Coriarty

Meet the Staff



Eric Tavares, Gr.3,4,5

This will be Mr. T's 10th year as a special needs teacher. He's taught every grade level from Kindergarten to High School. His favorite subject to teach is Reading. When he's not working he enjoys spending time with his wife, two kids and dog, and exercising.



Deborah Corvelo, Gr.5

Mrs. Corvelo has been teaching in the Fall River Public Schools for 12 years. This is her second year as a fifth grade teacher at Tansey. Throughout her career she has worked at Lincoln School in both third and fifth grade, and third grade at both Osborn and Viveiros.



Mrs. Corvelo enjoys reading, preparing for holidays at her house, having her whole family together and playing outside with her two boys.

Nancy Martin, Gr.5

Mrs. Martin is a new member of the Tansey family. She has worked in the Fall River Schools for four years. Prior to coming to the Fall River Schools, Mrs. Martin was an executive with Sallie Mae, assisting students and their families with the financing of higher education. She enjoys spending time with her husband, son and daughter, her many sisters, nieces and nephews. She also enjoys hiking, bicycling, wading, gardening...anything outdoors. Mrs. Martin currently lives in Fall River.



Kids Corner

Walk to School Day October 13th

Mrs. Nogueira, Tommy Zhang (Gr.3) and Madison Paiva (Gr.3) met at the old Highland School and walked to Tansey on Walk to School Day!



Halloween Party October 22nd

Friends Kiara Son-Has (Gr.5) and Chantelle Tetreault (Gr.5) had matching costumes!



Cap Day

October 22, 2010

Kayla Melo (Gr.1) was all smiles on Cap Day. Tansey School raised \$170.00. Thanks to all who participated!



PTO/ School Council

We hope everyone enjoyed the Halloween Party and Magic Show. We have launched our cookie dough sale. At our Nov. 2nd PTO meeting we will be discussing the Fall River Children's Holiday Parade. We will be honoring our Gold Star Mothers, whose children have been lost in war this year. In addition, the parade will also celebrate the " Good Olde Dayz ". Please continue selling cookie dough to friends and family. The student with the most sales gets a **\$100 Toys R Us gift card!**

STAKEHOLDERS' TEAM- The work of the School Council will now be done by the Stakeholders' Team, a group comprised of teachers, parents, administrators, and community members. Our first meeting was held on 10/25/10. We reviewed student performance data for the past 4 years, heard feedback from each representative group, and set norms for our work. Minutes from all meetings will be available on the webpage. *Initiatives that have been implemented thus far include:*

- Schoolwide focus on open response
- Professional Development for teachers in standards based lesson planning & instruction, using formative assessment, and differentiated instruction
- Tutoring for 100 Tansey students (Oct-Dec and Jan-Mar) Applications for the 2nd round will go home in December.

Messages from the Office:



- Our first coffee hour was very successful. But, we'd love to see more parents attend this month! Join us on Tuesday, November 16th in the cafeteria at 9:15!



- Thank you for your participation in our annual cookie dough sale! Envelopes are due Friday, November 5th. Delivery is expected the 1st week of December.
- It is essential that children attend school daily, and are present for the entire day. Early dismissal greatly hinders your child's learning. Please plan your appointments after school or during vacation weeks.
- If a child is tardy for school 5 times, he/she will be issued an afterschool detention. Please be sure your child is on time for school. School begins at 8:35 a.m.

Counselor's Corner

The theme for the month of October was friendship. The dictionary defines a friend as...

A person whom one knows well and likes

A person on the same side of a struggle, an ally

Someone who helps or supports a group, cause, or movement

Many Tansey students have established friendships that began in kindergarten and have continued over the grade levels. Kindness, respect, and a smile go a long way in making and keeping friends.

Mrs. Considine

Monthly Parent Workshops

How can you help support your child in math?

What does math instruction look like in your child's classroom?

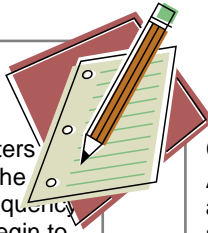
Come to the November Parent Workshop and find out! Hosted by Mrs. Farias, Mrs. Homol, and Ms. Mainelli on **Wednesday, November 10th 5-7p.m.**

A Note from Nurse Pam...

Annual health screenings are currently being done. Health screenings vary by grade level and include vision, hearing and postural. Later this fall a nursing student will be working with me on a project involving height, weight and BMI measurements for grades 1 and 4. Letters will only be sent home for **screening failure** notification. If you receive a health screening failure for your child please contact your physician as soon as possible for additional evaluation. All screenings recorded as failures will require follow up evaluation to determine if specialist consultation is needed. Please forward written documentation to my office when follow up is complete.



What's Happening in Class?



Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students will be introduced to the letters P,C,N and D. This introduction will include the sounds the letters make as well as how to write them. The high frequency words will be like, go, we, and play. The students will begin to blend "am" and "an" words. In Readers Workshop we will be using fairy tales to introduce the students to character and setting. We have begun Writers Workshop and students will continue to illustrate stories and write the sounds they hear in words. In Math the students will continue to work with number recognition and value. We will continue to count forward and backward from any number. Our science unit is Myself and Others. Social Studies we will discuss Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. We will continue with Second Steps.

Grade 1

The children have been getting familiar with our classroom routines and rituals. They are on the way to becoming independent learners. We are reading many fiction stories by many different authors. Your child should be able to tell you who the characters in their books are, the setting, as well as be able to retell their stories in their own words. Writers' Workshop is going smoothly as well! The children are becoming quite the little authors as they continue to write their personal narratives. Math sessions have been filled with enthusiasm as we spend a lot of our time trying out new strategies and playing games which foster their learning. The children in 1D have been learning about the weather. They are learning how weather changes daily and how weather can impact our lives. 1S has just begun to explore, observe, discover, and describe characteristics and properties of balls and their motion. They will continue to work on this concept throughout the month. Term 1 will be coming to an end soon. We look forward to meeting with you during Parent Teacher Conferences!

Grade 2

This month we will be finishing up our science kits. The children have enjoyed working with magnets in 2-B and solids and liquids in 2-S. In math we will continue to work on our unit Measuring for the Art Show. In this unit we are focusing on adding and subtracting by tens as well as using an open number line. We continue to work on realistic fiction in reading and writing small moments in writing. Students will be revising and editing their stories, then publishing them. We look forward to sharing these stories!

Grade 3

Our Third Grade community of friends has been working very diligently through the month of October! We are looking forward to our work together this coming month. In November we will continue our work with fiction during our reading block. We are using strategies to help us understand our text through Harcourt, the Reader's Workshop and we will continue to build fluency and comprehension in our leveled guided reading groups. Our math work will be centered on the use of ratio tables to solve early multiplication problems. We are working on a unit of study called The Big Dinner. During our writing block we will be drafting our personal narratives and focusing in on writing sequenced focused pieces. We will be continuing our work with the properties of water and the water cycle in Science as well as beginning to investigate the solar system. Our Social Studies unit this month will be about Massachusetts and its early settlers.

Grade 4

As term 1 comes to a rapid close, Grade 4 is finishing up a unit on the solar system. We are studying the eight phases of our moon and have been tracking each phase nightly during the month of October. Results can be found on individual charts students have been given to do the tracking. It is amazing when you're doing this because in most cases, we just think the moon is there. Children are given the opportunity to view them and see the nightly changes. Ask your student to explain some of the phases and maybe they will point these out while viewing them each night at 7:00 pm.

Grade 5

In reading the focus is still Elements of Fiction, with a focus on plot and theme. Grammar this month we will focus on compound subjects and predicates, words with multiple meanings, complex sentences, common and proper nouns, and abbreviations. In writer's workshop we will begin the process of publishing our personal narratives and then moving on to fictional narratives. In Social Studies students are all learning about the early cultures of North America. Our math unit on factors and multiples is wrapping up this week. All fifth grades are also working on Calendar Math, where fractions, percents, decimals, whole numbers and measurement are reviewed and discussed daily. We will begin working on associative and commutative properties of multiplication as well as an understanding of volume and surface area. Students will also be learning how to represent repeated multiplication expressions with exponential notation.

Art

In the art classes we will be celebrating Native American Heritage Month. Our focus will be on ways that the environment provided all the materials that were used in the various cultures. We will also explore traditional Native American arts and crafts.

Music

This month we've heard a variety of composers during Music in the Morning- from Haydn to Bartok, and now one of the great Russian Five, Modest Moussorgsky. The children have developed listening skills such as sectional differences, orchestration, as well as melodic direction. The Tansey students have come a long musical way in a short amount of time. Thanks to your children, I am impressed as well as musically happy.

PE

In November, Kindergarten will be continuing with locomotor skills activities. First and Second Grades will be doing a Fitness/Track and Field Unit. Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades will be participating in Presidential Fitness Testing.

Thanksgiving Word Search

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ALGONQUIN
AMERICA
CANOE
COLONY
COOK
CORN
ENGLAND
FALL
FAMILY
FEAST
FREEDOM
GRAVY
HARVEST
INDIANS
JOHN CARVER
LONGHOUSE
MAIZE
MASSASOIT
MAYFLOWER
MILES STANDISH
NEW WORLD
PATUXET
PIE
PILGRIMS
PLYMOUTH
PUMPKIN
PURITANS
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SAMOSET
SETTLERS
SICKNESS
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