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TALALA ELEMENTARY DECEMBER 2017



As we enter the holiday season, our students are learning about different cultures through a Student Council sponsored door decorating contest. In the month of October, our students celebrated "Mix-It Up" day, a day of acknowledging into the holiday season.

Talala students are learning about different holidays and cultures, which are celebrated during the winter season, and decorating their classroom doors based on the holiday they have learned about. Talala students will vote on the best door and the winning class will receive donuts and hot chocolate, a great "Winter" treat!

Winter Holidays Around the World

Christmas Day
Winter Solstice/Saturnalia
Kwanzaa ~ Boxing Day
Hanukkah ~ Saint Nicholas Day
Three Kings Day/Epiphany
Omisoka ~ Yule ~ Mawlid
Chinese New Year ~ Happy New Year



Mission Statement

Our mission is to establish a safe environment where a diverse community of children, parent, and educators become responsible, life-long learners through respect, support and collaboration.

A note from the Principal

School Hours
9:00am—3:35pm

***Please do not drop off your child early.
There will be no supervision before 8:40am.**

**Doors open at 8:40am for breakfast!
Tardy bell rings at 9:20am.**



School Calendar!

PTO Meeting
Parent-Teacher Organization
Wednesday, December 13 ~ 6:00 pm
All are welcome. Please join us!

December 15: Student Council Snack/Store Sale

December 19: SD 201-U Board of Education Meeting—6:30 pm, CMHS

December 22 ~ Winter Fest

Winter activities for students.

December 22: 2nd Trimester Progress Reports sent home

December 22: 1:15 PM Early Dismissal—School Improvement Day

DECEMBER 25 ~ JANUARY 5

NO SCHOOL—WINTER HOLIDAY BREAK



*The Staff at
Talala Elementary
wants to wish every family
a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.*



VERY IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

November 2017

Dear Talala Elementary Parents and Guardians,

Beginning November 15th, Talala Elementary will have an opportunity to participate in the fourth annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of our school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness for Talala.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that affect and predict school success. Those indicators are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Prior research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these “5Essential” indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more indicators.

The 5Essentials Survey is designed for teachers, Grade 6-12 students, and parents. 5Essentials reports will be generated if teachers and, where applicable, Grade 6-12 students meet the participation rate of 50%. If at least 20 percent of Talala parents complete this survey, a parent report will also be generated. Data from the survey will be sent to our school in March 2018, and it will also be included on the Illinois School Report Card that will be released in October 2018.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand conditions at our school and guide improvement efforts. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

**The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be conducted from
November 15 through January 30, 2018.**

**To take the survey please visit
<https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>
and select the appropriate survey to begin.**

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, please visit <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michelle Johnson

Principal



TALALA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

You Decide Your Future!

UNITY

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CRETE-MONEE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 201-U

Outdoor Recess/Inclement Weather Policy

Decisions about outdoor recess or other outdoor activities must be somewhat subjective in nature. However, the following guidelines will be used whenever possible to help make decisions regarding whether or not to conduct outdoor activities, and what type of student dress is required for participation.

When the outside temperature is:

- **70 Degrees or Higher** – No jacket required.
- **60-69 Degrees** – Student must have a long sleeve sweatshirt, sweater, or light jacket and wear it at all times.
- **45-59 Degrees** – Student must have a coat or jacket, no matter what other clothing they have, and wear it at all times.
- **20-44 Degrees** – Student must have a coat or jacket, no matter what other clothing they have, and wear it at all times. Students may be required to wear a hat, gloves, boots, and/or other appropriate articles depending on the wind, presence of snow, or other conditions.
- **19 Degrees or Lower** (with no sun and/or a wind chill factor) – No outdoor recess will take place. On sunny days, with no wind chill, outdoor recess may be permitted for some grade levels for a specific period of time.

Local temperature and wind chill will generally be checked on the NOAA home page. The principal or designee may also personally explore the conditions outside when making a decision whether outdoor activity is advisable or possible.

Students without appropriate protection from the elements will not be allowed to participate in outdoor recess or outdoor activities. Those students will be placed in an alternative setting.



Very Important Reminders



Morning Arrival

- ◆ Students may arrive as early as 8:45 am. Please be sure your child arrives at school no earlier than 8:40 am. Prior to that time, there is NO supervision available on campus.
- ◆ Breakfast is served at 8:45 am.
- ◆ Students who are tardy (arriving after 9:20 am) are required to have their parents bring them into the office to sign them in. *If this is not done, the tardy will be considered unexcused.*
- ◆ Please be sure not to simply drop students off if they arrive after the 9:20 am tardy time.



Transportation Change

The end of day preparations for dismissal are sometimes quite hectic. When we receive last minute transportation instructions and reminders for your child, we cannot always get them delivered on time.

- ◆ Please try set plans before your child comes to school. Calls to change a child's regular after-school pick-up procedure received after 3:00 pm may not be able to be honored.
- ◆ We will not pull students off of the bus once they are loaded or pulling off.



Food Service

Please remember that all student lunch accounts need to be kept up to date. Once a student's lunch account reaches -\$10.50, the student will be given a courtesy lunch.

The Crete-Monee School District utilizes an online payment program called e-Funds for Schools. This program offers various options for parent/guardians who choose to make payments online. There is no fee for using this payment program. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hands at 367-2564.



NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

A limited supply of book bags and school supplies are available to students in need. Please contact Mrs. Perkins, Social Worker, for further information: (708) 367-2577.



Parent Communications

Keep your eyes open for a variety of ways we hope to improve our school to home communication. Our teachers will be asking for e-mail and other contact information throughout the year. Please provide this information so we can better ensure that you receive important information about your child's school.

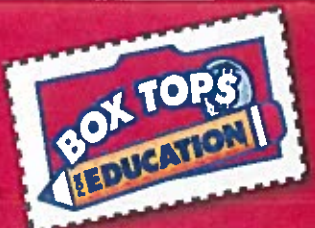
Also, please check out our ever-expanding page of school information and resources on Talala School's website. Classroom news, student spotlights, principal's letter, and parent involvement events are available at your fingertips.

Box Tops & Labels for Education

We collect Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education all year. All monies raised goes towards student activities for the year. Please help support our students by collecting and turning in box tops and labels. Thanks in advance!

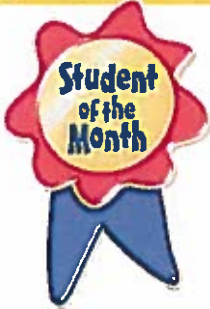
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NOVEMBER 2017 CONGRATULATIONS!

Student of the Month



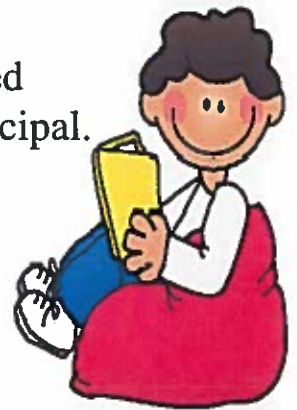
*Anthony Morris - Josiah Ames-Wells - Daniel Calleros
Daniel Tate - Armani Woods - Janiyah Heller
Tristen Davis-Dortch - Shreshta Gatty - Na'liyah Reyes-Yates
Morgan Davis - Nyzia Wilson - Julia Tatum
Alex Lankford - Yamina Jones - Danny Moss*

Student Reading Logs

Attached to our monthly newsletters is a monthly reading log. The following students have submitted their reading logs completed with parent's signatures and have received a special treat from the principal.

Please take the time to read with your child daily.

*Shariah Judon ~ Skyy Sledge
James Price ~ Sarah Rego*



...few simple tips on how to help your child have a successful school year

- **RESOLVE** to find a 'spot' in your home, label it "Homework Corner" and carve out quiet time so your child can focus and study without interruption.
- **TALK** to your child about school, friends and goals. Ask them specific questions like 'What was the best part of your day?' 'Tell me something you learned today!'
- **ENCOURAGE** self-discipline and let your child know that they are responsible for *their* own actions.
- **REWARD** determination, it leads to progress and let your child know that *hard work pays off*.



*The time you spend with your child today
may help shape their values tomorrow.*

Congratulations!

We are very proud of all our students in their outstanding achievements of making
1st Trimester 2017-2018 Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance.

Our students have applied tremendous hard work and dedication. **Great job students!**

3rd GRADE

High Honor Roll

Kassidy Johnson
Emilie Marks

Honor Roll

Tyrese Collins-Jones
Chase Clark
Frederick Flagg
Leola Butron
Brody Hensley
Rylan Williams
Anthony Nesbitt
Nariyah Johnson
Michal Stevenson

4th GRADE

High Honor Roll

Delilah Gonzalez
Braylon Charles
Alayna Ellison
Zoey Ousley
Tyisha Jackson

Honor Roll

Felix Roman ~Cherish Brooks
Devin Butowski ~ Morgan Davis
Denise McGowan ~ Zyon Floyd
Eric McGrew ~ Kendrick Williams
Danny Moss ~ Mykayla Franklin
Avana Rodgers ~ Iyannah Frazier
Cailyn Goodwin ~ Kamahri Jones
Jayden Marshall ~ Mason Shaw
Ja'Miya Simpson ~ Ravah Gilbert
Mykiyla Franklin ~ Shreshta Gatty

5th GRADE

Honor Roll

Jada Hrobowski
Allen Atkins
Sana'a Carpenter
Avianna Brown
Jalicia Jones
Nadia Clark
Laila Carpenter
Aryaunna Frazier
Tori Guest ~ Nisa Magnus
Jordan McGill
Darius Smith



Makayla Arnold - Cyncere Clark - Daivion Clemmons - Trinity Judon - Dariya Lee
Ky'Mani McKay - DeMarriyo Rice-Perconti - Ivan Sampson - Eden Thomas
Trinity Humphrey - Sincere Lee - Nadia Johnson - Rasheed Carpenter - Shamiah Crayton
Maiya Shodunke - Kayla Barbosa - Jordan Barner - Shariah Judon - Khristian Moore
SimileOluwa Adedeji - Maddox Frazier - Kentrell King - Ja'Liyah McClellan - Skyy Sledge
Carnell Terry - Essence Warner - Jayden Watson - Josiah Williams - La'Javious Burnett
Leola Butron - Tristen Davis-Dortch - Tianna Jones - Emilie Marks - Timyah Pickett
Chase Clark - Christine Fields - Justin Howard - Jayla Loiseau - Frederick Flagg
Yamina Jones - Emmanuel Adedeji - Ky'Mora Bell - Kiera Coaks - Da'Mareea Cole
Mykiyla Franklin - Shreshta Gatty - Delilah Gonzalez - Serenity Lopez - Pablo Martinez
Davina Olasehinwa - Rubi Perez - Alondra Valdez - Le'Mia Felton - Makyla Johnson
Danny Moss - Bryant Overall - Felix Roman - Iyannah Simpson - Aiyanna Smith
Braylan Charles - Daniel Dees - Alayna Ellison - Iyannah Frazier - Laila Carpenter
Aryaunna Frazier - Sa'Mya Frazier - Ariel Glover - Tori Guest - Taron Jones - Nisa Magnus
Jordan McGill - Ashtyn Polk - Daylen Sampson

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to our students who have made achievements in Math and our Kindergarten through 2nd grade students who have met goals with Sight Words, Counting to 100 and with Letters and Sounds. Keep up the great work!

Evangeline Arroyo Rasheed Carpenter
Rakin Clay Darius Cristwell
Maiya Shodunke Jayden Jones
Auston Palmer Rosalinda Perez
Dailyn Pruitt Chase Clark



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Maiya Shodunke Jayden Jones Auston Palmer Rosalinda Perez
Dailyn Pruitt Giovanni Easley Tarique Seymour Skyy Sledge
Karriem Stevenson Tenea Tyson
Essence Warner Ruby Foley
Sarah Rego Christopher Taylor
Kayla Barbosa Khristian Moore
Michael Byrd Jenesis Longstreet
Aniyah Rodney Ivan Sampson
Eden Thomas A'Laila Burton Dariya Lee Shaniya Viverette
A'Meria Cole Josiah Williams Darryen Butler-Garrett Ethan Carrington
Khloe Wilson Noe'll Gonzalez Cameron Trent



Learning to Count

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Count to 100!

Journei Irons ~ Nariyah Sampson

Nariyah Rodney Ivan Sampson Kaleyah Sullivan
Jenesis Longstreet Elijah McDonald
Delilah Taylor Eden Thomas Julius Jefferson
Dariya Lee Gianna Perconti Shaniya Viverette
Josiah Ames-Wells Andrew Baggarly
A'Laila Burton Daivion Clemmons De'Marriyo Rice

**Letters
and
Sounds**

