Parent Update
E- Newsletter

September 15, 2017
Remaining Instructional Days of the month: 8

Theory of Action:
If we plan strategically to intellectually engage our students via use of varied data-based strategies, along with promoting student ownership of the learning process, then we can tailor instruction to meet the individual needs of students to demonstrate mastery of standards.

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started”
-Mark Twain

We are off to a great start! The energy in our school has been exhilarating. Our parents, students, and visitors have taken notice. I have received a lot of positive feedback from our families to express their excitement of what this year will bring. Parents received an “Opening Day Survey” which indicated that over 95% of our families felt our staff were “welcoming and inviting” and 88% felt they had an “overall satisfying experience”. Many gave solid suggestions of how we can improve opening day for the next academic school year.

I am looking forward to all of the things we will achieve as a learning community. Your commitment and willingness to work collaboratively to strengthen our home-school connection will be the blueprint of our success.

I invite you all to join me in the pursuit of this important work. Together, we will impact our student’s performance and well-being.

Together, I believe that we can and will achieve excellence! ~Michelle

Celebrations!!

• Our PA Executive Board has been diligently working together this summer, on behalf of our PA members, to organize and coordinate calendar events for the school year. Please see our newly updated website www.tccsp517.org
  o Special thanks to Francine Lane for designing our website & The TCCS Filmmaking Club led by Christian Pollard for producing the welcoming video on our website!
• Please take notice of our beautiful garden. Thank you to Laurie Kindred for tending our garden over the summer. The variety of produce is amazing to see and the harvest is sure to be yummy.
• Our PA grant has already been put to use. All of our classrooms have been supplied with instructional supplies to support student learning. Thank you!

Organizational Updates:

New Staff: Please welcome our teachers who have joined our TCCS family. We undertook a rigorous hiring process to ensure that incoming teachers are aligned with our philosophy of how students learn best and are vested in nurturing the whole-child. All teachers are fully credentialed and well versed in the common core standards, which are the foundation of our curriculum. All families received a welcome letter from their classroom teacher on September 8th, which included his/her contact information.

Curriculum Night:
We had 193 families attend our Curriculum Night on September 13th. We have received a lot of positive feedback from families as they were able to familiarize themselves with classroom
teachers, programming, and knowing what their child will learn by the end of the school year. Thank you for your participation!

**Parent Engagement:**
Please utilize our designated Parent Engagement times and make an appointment to meet with teachers on Tuesdays from 7:55-8:30AM. We are committed to meeting the needs of our parents. If you are unable to meet during this time contact the teacher or Ms. Leona, our parent coordinator, for a modified meeting time.

**School Calendar:**
Please be on the lookout for our monthly Parent Calendar that will be backpacked. We will also upload the calendar on our school website: [www.TCCSp517.org](http://www.TCCSp517.org)

**PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System):**
PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) is used with all students grades Pre-K-6! Students are rewarded for demonstrating positive behaviors via our R.O.A.R. standards:
- **Respect**
- **Own it**
- **Act safely**
- **Responsible.**

Our R.O.A.R. matrix will be back-packed this week. Please take some time to discuss with your child(ren) and support R.O.A.R. behaviors at home.

*This months PBIS Focus Behavior: RESPECT*

**Attendance:**
Our school wide attendance goal is 98%. 
*Showing up counts!*

We will post class attendance on the bulletin board in the main lobby and celebrate our students who have 100% attendance.

**SAFETY:**

**Evacuation Drills and Soft Lock Down Drills:**
We are mandated to conduct evacuation (fire) and soft lock down drills. The purpose is to ensure that our staff and students know how to safely evacuate the building and follow safety procedures. We have begun the drills within the first 5 days of school.

**Front Door Access:**
The main doors of the building will be locked and alarmed during the morning from 8:00 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. when the Safety Agent is on the Playground assisting with arrivals. We ask that no one exit through the main lobby doors until the Safety Agent is present at 8:45.

Pre-K families are able to enter through the main doors at 8:25 a.m. and exit through the playground area until 8:45 a.m.

**Coming Up Soon!**

**P.A. General Meeting** – Tuesday, September 19th, 5:45 pm.

**Chancellor’s Dads Bring Your Child to School Day** will be held the morning of September 19th

**School Closed** – Thursday & Friday, September 21st and 22nd. *Rosh Hashanah*

**TC Specials** begin the week of September 25th

**Afterschool Programming** begins Monday September 25th