



Wild Kitten News

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- Presidents' Day 2/20
NO SCHOOL
- Papa John's Night 2/23
- Movie Night 2/24

Dear TUE Families,

It is a great feeling knowing we have had no snow days this school year. This has been a great help with our students being able to stay in a routine, and being able to go outside for recess when the temperatures stay warm. As hard as it may be to believe we have had no snow days, the thought that February is upon us hard to imagine. There are some key dates to remember in February worth mentioning. We will not have school on Monday, February 20th as we honor Presidents' Day. We will have school on Tuesday, February 21st.

As we approach Spring, the MAP Testing Window will arrive. It appears that 5th grade will begin taking the MAP test the week of April 2nd. Once we return from Easter Break (April 6-9), 3rd and 4th grade will begin their MAP Testing sessions, and 5th grade will resume their testing as well. All testing should be completed by Friday, April 20th. All months during the school year are important, but MAP Testing is the gauge used to determine success. Please visit with your child about the importance of doing your best each and every day.

I want to thank PTA for all of their support. Due to their support, we will have classroom parties in the gym on February 14th. The key to success is parent involvement. PTA will need volunteers to make sure this event is fun for all our kids. You can contact Amy Vance by e-mail at amy64014@yahoo.com or call the TUE office at 816-224-1365 if you would like to volunteer.

Have a great month!
Kelly C. Flax
Principal TUE

Don't Stop Believin'!







Butter Braids are coming back with a new twist! Watch for information on the new product we will be introducing at the Muffins with Mom events for our Spring Fundraiser!

TUE Wild Kittens February 2012 Calendar of Events

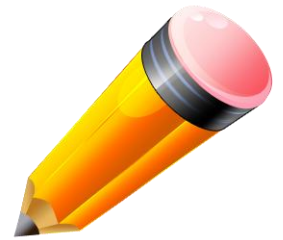
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Dr. Kelly Flax, Principal

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1	2	3 Rotation-THURS  8:20-8:45 am Collection in the Cafeteria	4
5	6 Spanish Club	7 Green Team	8	9 PTA Get Movin' Night 6:00-8:00	10 Rotation-MON  8:20-8:45 am Collection in the Cafeteria	11
12	13 Spanish Club	14	15	16 TUE Read-a-thon Begins 5:45pm TUE PTA Bd Mtg 7pm TUE PTA Mtg 2 nd Gr performs	17 Rotation-TUES  8:20-8:45 am Collection in the Cafeteria Spring Pictures	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day	21	22	23 Papa John's Night	24 Rotation-MON  8:20-8:45 am Collection in the Cafeteria PTA Movie Night	25
26	27 Spanish Club	28 Green Team	29	TUE Read-a-thon Ends Mar 9th	March 2 TUE "Get Your Game On" night	



PTA President's Pencil



Dear Thomas Ultican Families,

I'm not much of a fan of the winter months after Christmas. Sick kids, stuck indoors, not enough sunlight – it all just seems to make the time pass slowly. I'm looking forward to spring! Thomas Ultican has lots coming up to keep us busy until then.

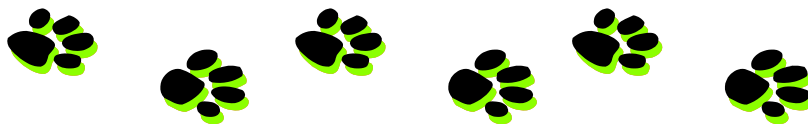
Our Get Moving fitness night on Feb. 9th at 6pm will be a great way to get a cooped up family out of the house for a night of fun and fitness education.

The TUE Read-a-thon begins Feb. 16th, so take advantage of being warm indoors and snuggle up with a good book. And on Feb. 24th, bring the whole family out for Movie Night at 6pm in the gym.

As always, we invite you to attend our monthly meetings. The next will be Feb. 16th at 5:45pm in the library. We are planning ahead for next year and will need to fill several positions on our Board and Committee Chairs. Please come, share your ideas and get involved with a fantastic school!

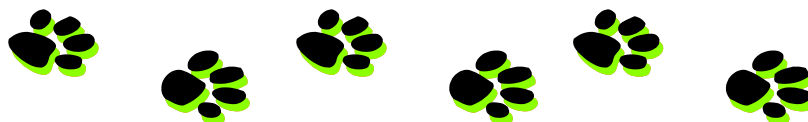
We appreciate all the volunteer help we've had this year. There has been a wonderful turnout for every event. Remember to log your hours; you will be recognized for your service. We will need a lot of help in the coming months. There are so many ways to participate. If you're interested but don't know where to start, give me a call and we'll figure out what would be the perfect task for you! I can be reached at 682-5143.

Dani Sons
TUE PTA President



TUE Green Team Aluminum Can Drive Rescheduled

Due to circumstances beyond their control, it was necessary for the TUE Green Team to change the date for the aluminum can drive. While the date has not yet been set, early February may be the new time. Watch the TUE Wednesday Packet for updates and further announcements.



Counselor's Corner

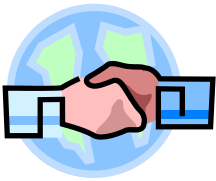


Handling Anger

Anger is a normal human emotion. How you handle the anger can make the difference between making a problem much worse or walking away from a problem with self respect and the pride of knowing you are in control. You need to find a way to get the anger energy out without hurting anyone including yourself.

One way is to count to ten (or three if ten is too long) or simply take a few deep breaths before you react. You may say or do something you will regret later if you react every time someone says or does something that bugs you. Counting or breathing allows you a moment to calm down so you can make a better choice of what to say or do.

You can talk out the problem with "I" messages- I feel ____ when you _____. Please _____. This way you are able to communicate your feelings without putting the other person down so you don't make the problem worse. This is called a win/win situation.



You can try to compromise when you are in conflict with someone. Compromising is when both people get something they want from a situation. If two students are arguing over the use of a ball, one student can use it Monday and Wednesday while the other can agree on Tuesday and Thursday.

You may choose to simply ignore the person bothering you because you know that in the long run it doesn't really matter what someone else thinks about you.

Another strategy is to put yourself in the other's place. This is called empathy. You may find that someone is bothering you because they are jealous of you or maybe they are treated badly by someone and are taking it out on you.

Talk to a teacher, parent or any caring adult if all of the above doesn't work with a particular problem. Remember that not one strategy will work with all people and situations.

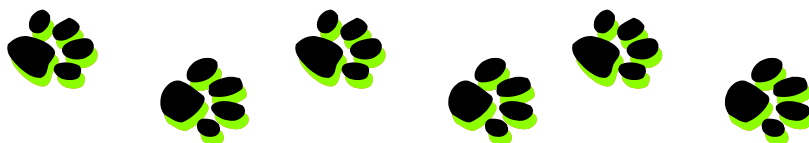
You need to find a positive way to let out your anger energy if you find that you are holding in anger even after you are away from the problem. The following are positive ways to let out anger energy:

- Punching a pillow.
- Letting out a scream, (somewhere that won't disturb others; muffling the scream in a pillow works well.)
- Talking to people who will listen.
- Tensing your body parts and then relaxing them beginning at the toes and working upward to your face, (scrunch your face tight then let relax.)
- Deep breathing.
- Listening to soothing music.
- Drawing.
- Writing feelings in a journal.
- Vigorous exercise.



Remember, feeling angry is normal but you need to find a way to deal with the anger so no one is hurt and nothing valuable is broken.

John Stickney
TUE Counselor



Literacy Coach's Recommendation

On January 19th we were lucky enough to host Katherine Bomer, a renowned author and expert in teaching students about writing. She taught a lesson in grades kindergarten and fourth and the students enjoyed their time with her very much.

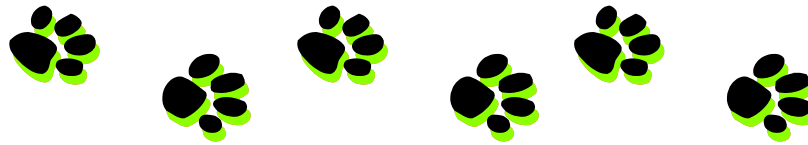


Mrs. Bomer conferring with a student about her writing.



Ashley Welch, TUE, Literacy Coach

Mrs. Bomer helping a student share his writing to his class.



TUE Students Join in All the Reindeer Games

To get in the spirit of the holidays, TUE students and faculty participated in the second annual TUE Reindeer Games, planned and presented by Health/PE Teacher, Mrs. Brianna Brooks. Everyone enjoyed the cooperative skiing, bobsled, and the snowball fight. Dasher and Dancer would be proud to join in TUE's Reindeer Games!





TUE Wild Kittens of the Month
 ~ January 2012 ~
 Trait: Punctuality

Kindergarten

Mrs. Anderson: Axton Henderson
 Mrs. Callahan: Claire Boumstein
 Ms. Pilla: Marissa Roland
 Mrs. Straub: Abby Busick

Third Grade

Ms. Arreguin: Preston Havener
 Mrs. Kimsey: Hannah Springer
 Mrs. Marble: Kyle Bishop

First Grade

Mrs. Adamczyk: Dakota Wages
 Mrs. Crane: Ami Patel
 Mrs. Haley: Claire Duce
 Mrs. Sisney: Trenton Shive

Fourth Grade

Ms. Adams: Ra'mon Shelton
 Mrs. Dirksen: Samuel Kwon
 Mrs. Redel: Trent Ewing

Second Grade

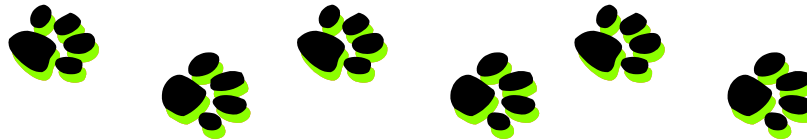
Ms. Luke: Jazmine Carter
 Ms. Peters: Michelle Miller
 Ms. Schelp: Carol Jackson
 Ms. Schwaller: Cydney Acers

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Martin: Austin Shepard
 Mrs. Meissen: Donnie Kennedy
 Mrs. Milne: Brody Everett
 Mrs. Phillips: Matthew Noud

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TUE BSSD "Great Riders"

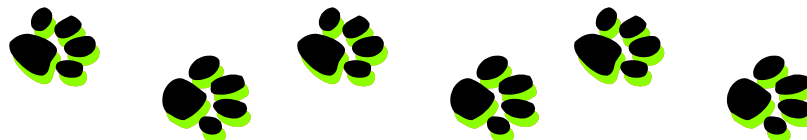
The BSSD Transportation Department's "Great Rider Recognition Program" recognizes exemplary behaviors by students demonstrating exceptional conduct, kindness, courtesy, self-control, fairness, and good citizenship. We are very proud to announce that the Thomas Ultican students selected for "Great Rider Recognition 2011-2012 Second Quarter" are as follows:

Raven Griffin
 Noah Ewing
 Evan Heard
 Ariana Lamas

Bus # 14
 Bus # 110
 Bus # 134
 Bus # 144

Alexa Bliss
 Kali Fontenot
 Katie Schneider

Bus # 92
 Bus # 112
 Bus # 148





TUE PTA Reflections Winners

Each year, the PTA Reflections Program challenges students to create art inspired by a specific theme, and students submit entries to their local PTA. The program has six arts areas—dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts—and four grade divisions—primary, intermediate, middle/junior, and senior.

When children express themselves through words, pictures, music, dance, and other art forms, they grow intellectually and socially. They learn to analyze their thoughts, feelings, and ideas; learn to look at things, people, and experiences in a fresh and exciting way; and become more interested in the ideas and works of others. The PTA Reflections Program is designed to enhance a quality arts education by providing an opportunity for students to explore their artistic talents and receive positive recognition for their efforts.

We are very pleased to announce this year's TUE PTA "Reflections" winners:

Kindergarten-2nd Grade Division ART

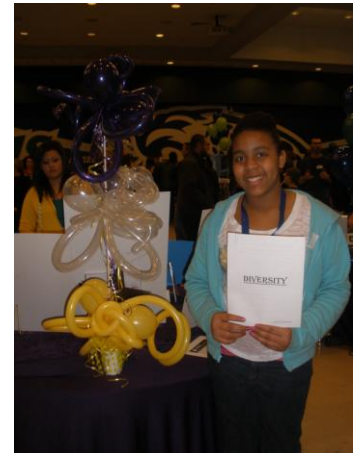
- 1st Place - Carley Lagemann
- 2nd Place - Caitlin Lagemann

3rd - 5th Grade Division LITERATURE

- Khalicia Harris - 1st place

3rd -5th Grade Division ART

- 1st Place - Alexis Gerken
- 2nd Place - Christina Nguyen
- 3rd Place - Donnie Kennedy
- Honorable Mention:
Tyler Adams
Caleb Frasier
Samuel Kwon



TUE Spirit Day!

Our Wildkittens took advantage of beautiful January weather to celebrate Spirit Day in the Courtyard last month.

Mrs. Wand was recognized as the best non-certified staff member in the district. Mrs. Gentry was recognized for being chosen to judge the KC Star contest. All 100% attendance students were recognized as well as the students who participated in the Reflections contest.

Our next Spirit Day will be this Friday, Feb 3rd. Be sure to wear your purple and gold! And...

Don't Stop Believin'!



Student Council - Help a Kid in Need

TUE students donated over 400 personal care items for the "Help a Child in Need" winter service project!

At their November meeting, student council members brainstormed ideas for a service project and then voted, ultimately selecting to collect personal care items for foster children. They also thought of a slogan, made posters to place in the hallways, decorated the collection box, wrote a speech to be delivered over the intercom, and created a flyer to be attached to PTA's Wednesday packet. Members assembled the bags at the December meeting. Items were counted and organized, then several students worked on an "assembly line" while others tied the bags with curled ribbon.

The TUE Student Council is composed of 18 Student Council members, two representatives from each fifth and fourth grade class as well as four officers. The four officers are fifth graders and were elected by students from third through fifth grade. Student Council has three teacher sponsors: Hillary Adams, Debbie Martin, and Susan Phillips.

Thank you for your generous support of this project!



Kelly Flax, Principal

Beth Legler, District RN
Carrie Trumble, Health Aide



Exclusionary Medical Conditions

TUE has experienced a large number of cases this past week that has included strep throat, cough, fever and/or vomiting and diarrhea. If your child complains of these symptoms, it is important that you keep your child home until 24 hours after these conditions have been resolved (with **OUT** help of any medications) to help keep the transfer of this virus to a minimum. It is important that you encourage frequent hand washing. Thank you so much in helping to keep the illness transfer to a minimum.

This page contains a list of the medical conditions for which we **MUST EXCLUDE** students from school attendance. Also listed are the circumstances that must occur in order for the student to return to school. Please keep in mind that the **EXCLUSION** of your child from school is for the health and benefit of all our students and staff. We look forward to the quick return of your healthy child. If you have any questions, please call 224-1365.

EXCLUSION CONDITION

CONDITIONS FOR RETURN

VOMITING/DIARRHEA

Excluded until student is symptom free for 24 hours.

FEVER (100+)

Excluded until fever free with **OUT** the use of Tylenol or Aspirin for 24 hours.

SKIN RASH

Excluded if rash is from an undetermined cause. If cause is unknown, the student is kept at home until the rash is gone or we receive a doctor's diagnosis that the rash is non-contagious.

PINK EYE

Excluded until there is a doctor's diagnosis or until it has been treated for 24 hours with a prescription antibiotic eye drop. **OR** – the student is kept at home until the eye is free from redness and drainage.

CHICKEN POX/SHINGLES

Excluded from school until all lesions are crusted and there are no new lesions appearing; generally day 6 after onset of rash.

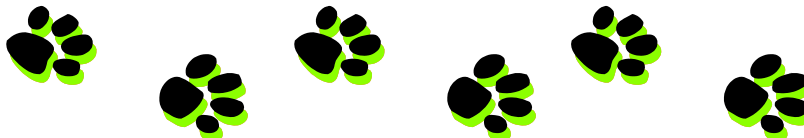
HEAD LICE

Excluded from school for active head lice infestation.

SCABIES

Excluded until the day after adequate treatment is completed.

DOCTOR'S NOTES CAN BE FAXED TO SCHOOL @ 224-1490.



PTA News and Notices



Congratulations to 42 people who have fulfilled their PTA "Three for Me" pledge!

At the beginning of the year many of you completed the PTA Three for Me Promise to volunteer at least 3 hours of time for your child during the 2011-12 school year. At halfway through the school year, many have already completed that promise! Thank You!

We know many more have met their goal, but just haven't turned in your hours. If that's you, please stop by and fill in your hours in the purple Volunteer Book in the office or email them to Carrol Tompkins, volunteer coordinator, at Carroltom@hotmail.com.

Many others of you are faithful volunteers who did not complete a pledge card. You may still sign up if you wish. Simply complete the attached pledge form and return it to the office. You do not have to do the Three for Me pledge, but we would still ask that you keep track of your volunteer hours. We turn these totals in to the District Central Office, and we love to be able to show the tremendous parental support and involvement of our TUE families.

There will be many opportunities to volunteer in the next few months. Watch the Wednesday Packets for details on the TUE Friendship Parties, Movie Night, the Spring Book Fair and Muffins with Moms, Spring Fundraiser, Field Day, Carnival, and the monthly PTA meetings. We would love to have your input and help!

Volunteer	Wild Kitten	Volunteer	Wild Kitten
Jeana Arndt	Dezeray Banta	Rochelle Barrett	Raegan Barrett
Crystal Baugher	Gavin & Gage Baugher	Melissa Boumstein	Garrett, Claire, Avary Boumstein
Shanda Baxter	Caleb Baxter	Marie Benz	Abigail Benz
Hollie Benz	Abigail Benz	Brian Booker	Jarek Booker
Kenda Busby	Libby Shippy	Tammy Burnes	Tyler Burnes
Karen & Wes Butler	Shawn & Katie Butler	Marsha Dedrick	Alexandria Dedrick
Chris Endecott	Madison Greer	Ardith Fisher	Abbey & Libby Danley
Joella Fontenot	Kali Fontenot	Tiffany Freelon	Ja'Mon Williams
Sheila Gann	Andy & Jon Gann	Randy Johnson	Nate Johnson
Tricia Johnson	Nate Johnson	Sadie Johnson	Lake Johnson
Anne Johnston	Nate Pogulis	Frank Kerby	Deacon Egelston
Brooke Lagemann	Carley & Caitlin Lagemann	Jill Leffert	Matthew Leffert
Karen Leslie	Clay Leslie	Ashley Loveall	Braeden Grote
Serina Maring	Alexis Maring	Wendy Mackay	Samantha Mackay
Angela Mulvey	Jennifer & Alyson Mulvey	Jaclyn Mitchell	Peyton & Trenton Mitchell
Cindy Pittman	Jacob Pittman-Davis	Christine Riley	Samuel Riley
Barbara Schneider	Mrs. Luke	Ellen Scott	Anne & Hailey Scott
Erica Smith	Bailey & Emily	Jacque Summy	Tristyn Summy
Christi Tapella	Addisyn Tapella	Robert Thibault	Alyna & Madison Thibault
Carrol Tompkins	Tyler & Riley Tompkins	Amy Vance	Salma Kamal
Victoria Wages	Dakota Wages		



A little means a lot

The following is a list of other events that PTA sponsors with varied time commitments. We will email you as volunteer opportunities arise. If you are able to assist, just respond to the email!

Book Fair – Staff and act as cashier at book fairs. Day and evening hours available(October/March)

Carnival – Work games, cooking/serving food, or donating items. (April/May)

5th Grade celebrations: DARE Graduation (January), 5th grade graduation and 5th grade picnic (May).

Donuts with Dad-Help organize and serve at this breakfast event. (October)

Fall Party – Help plan, work games, snack, crafts for parties. (October)

Field Day- Serve snacks on Field Day. (May).

Fundraising- Sort and distribute orders for the annual fundraiser. (October).

Grandparent/Special Person Day -Assist grandparents and special persons. (October).

Holiday Shop-Assist students with gift selection and wrapping. (December)

Ice Cream Social- Help serve at this evening event. (May).

MAP Testing-Distribute student snacks during MAP testing. (April)

Membership --Work at our membership table at one or more events throughout the year.

Movie Night – Work concessions. 1-2 per year.

Muffins with Mom – Help organize and serve at this breakfast event. (March)

Picture Aide-maintain children’s hair and clothes while in line for pictures (September & February)

Valentine Party-Plan, work games, snack, crafts for parties commitment (February)

Parent Name: _____

E-mail: _____

We hate unsolicited emails too! Your email will ONLY be used to keep in contact with you regarding PTA/School Events.

Child’s Name and Teacher: _____

Child’s Name and Teacher: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Please return this form to your child’s teacher or the front office. If you have any questions call Pat Lee @ 224-1365 or email @ plee@bssd.net .



<p style="text-align: center;">Three for Me Promise</p> <p>I promise to volunteer Three Hours of my time for my child during the _____ school year at _____</p> <p>Parent Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Child’s name: _____</p> <p>Grade: _____ Teacher: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Three for Me Promise</p> <p>I promise to volunteer Three Hours of my time for my child during the _____ school year at _____</p> <p>Parent Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Child’s name: _____</p> <p>Grade: _____ Teacher: _____</p>
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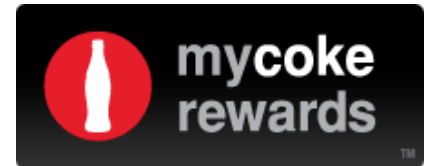
PTA Ongoing Fundraising



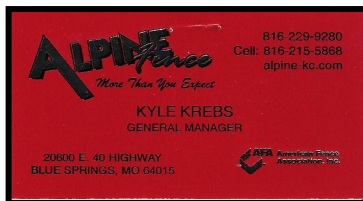
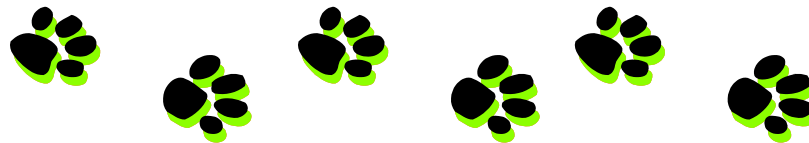
Thanks for saving your Box Tops for Education! We really appreciate your help!

Please remember, prizes are given when you turn in at least 10 Box Tops at a time.

If you have only one or two Box Tops this week, please keep saving them until you get 10 so you can turn them in for a PRIZE on Friday mornings in the Cafeteria!



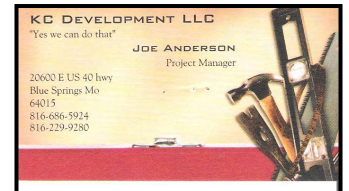
Please continue to save Box Tops, Campbell's Labels for Education, My Coke Rewards codes, and Tyson labels for our school. They are just one more way we work together to help our school.



TUE PTA Business Sponsor of the Month

This month's featured PTA Business Sponsors are Alpine Fence and KC Development, sister companies created by long time friends Kyle

Krebs and Joe Anderson. (Joe's wife is TUE Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Callie Anderson.)



Alpine Fence began doing business in 2001 while sister company, KC Development, started about a year ago. Alpine Fence is a residential and commercial fence contractor and KC Development is a residential home improvement company with a focus on decks, flat concrete work and patios.

The TUE PTA appreciates the support of local Blue Springs businesses when they purchase a PTA Business Membership in our annual membership drive.

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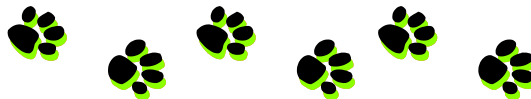
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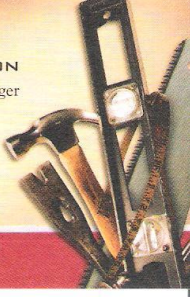
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CLOSED SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS

