

Twin Cities International Elementary School

Director's Notes:



Welcome Back to a new school year! We are excited to be celebrating the

10th year of our schools! We have seen many changes and enhancements to our original school plan over the past decade. Watch for news celebrating our 10th Anniversary sometime this Winter.

We had a great turn-out of families on Monday, August 30th for our Open House! Our students & families got to meet their teachers and check out their classrooms before the first day.

This year our school put together a Family Handbook outlining our policies and expectations for our school including parent roles and student requirements. Please call the office if you did not receive one at open house

and we will send it home with your child.

We made AYP for a second year in a row! The Annual Report to the Community will be coming home soon, which will talk more about our school's scores.

If you have any concerns or would like to review your child's teacher license you may request to do so with our Administration or by using the link on our website for license look-up.

Please remember to check your student's backpack on a regular basis. We send home many notes with students as well as using our phone tree to make calls home.

We are happy to have Jubba Grill with us again as our Halal food provider for breakfast and lunch. Please take time to review the monthly menus which will come home with students at the start

of each month. Students are always free to bring their own lunch if they do not like what is being served, however it must be a healthy meal, candy, chips and soda pop are not allowed. The lunch cannot be heated up or refrigerated at school.

Personal items such as iPods, handheld video games and toys are not allowed at school. We cannot be responsible if your child brings these items to school and they get broken or stolen.

The school newsletter will be sent home at the end of each trimester Beg. of December, & Beg. Of March and the End of the Year in June.

Thank you for choosing to send your child(ren) to our school. Please feel free to come in and visit the school at any time and I am always available if you have any needs to be addressed.

-Randal Eckart, Ed.D.

Director, TIES

September 2010

Important Dates:

- **NO SCHOOL** Mon. 9/6/10 — Labor Day
- **NO SCHOOL** Fri. 9/10/10—Holiday
- **Picture Day** Mon. 10/4
- **NO SCHOOL** Thurs & Fri 10/21 & 10/22—State Teacher Conference
- **NO SCHOOL** Tues & Wed 11/16 & 11/17—Hoilday
- **Noon Dismissal**—Wed. 11/24

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Reading Information:

Through September, TIES students will discover their "Just Right" books for reading during Reading Workshop. "Just Right" books are selected by each student, and should be easy enough to be read independently. An important

part of increasing stamina is to read an equal amount of time each day at school and at home. All students are given a "Read and Respond" form a specific reading skill assignment sheet each night to guide their reading practice at

home each night. It is especially helpful for your child to designate a special spot where he/she can read without distractions.

For some Parent Tips on Reading Homework, please see the next page:



Notes From The Teachers:

Physical Education:

Gym classes will start on 9/7/09.

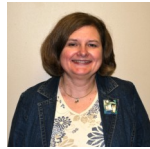
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS GYM SHOES ON THE DAYS THEY HAVE GYM.



THANK YOU -
Mr. Chris &
Ms. Angel

Media:

Please help your child be responsible for the books they check out in the school library. We want them to choose books that are at their reading level for lots of extra reading practice.
~Ms. Jean

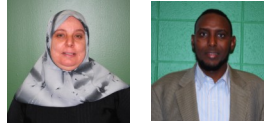


Arabic: Welcome!

Arabic classes will start on 9/7/09.

Students will have Arabic homework after each session. Please help your child remember to do their Arabic homework and ask them to teach you what they are learning.

- Ms. Wesam & Mr. Ibrahim



Uniforms

It is the expectation of the school that all students come dressed in their school uniform everyday.

The school will provide your student (s) one uniform at the start of the school year. It is the families responsibility to wash and replace these uniforms if necessary. Uniforms will be given out as soon as they arrive, which should be the beginning of October.



Bus Safety: Transportation Coordinator—Mohammed Osman #612-250-8215

This year we have 24 buses and one van that transport our students to various cities in the Metro area. It is important for our students to remember that riding the bus IS a PRIVILEGE and not their right.

Please review the following Bus Safety rules with your child(ren):

Students will receive bus consequences if rules are violated and may not be allowed to ride the bus to school.

1. Use a quiet voice so the driver can concentrate on driving.
2. Keep the aisle free of feet and backpacks so the driver can see out the back door/window.
3. Make sure all parts of your body stay inside the windows.
4. Stay seated while the bus is moving and on its route.
5. No eating Foods or Drinks on the bus.

Bus Evacuation Drills will be held at the end of September and again in the Spring.



Reading Information (Con't)

Here are some great questions to pose to your child as they are doing their **10-20 minutes** of reading at home:

- Summarize this story by telling what happened at the beginning, middle and the end.
- Give a summarizing statement about this story.
- What is the main idea of this story?
- Give three supporting details.
- What is the purpose?

It is the expectation of our school that EVERY student read at home EVERY night. Younger students should have books read to them and older students should practice their own reading. Students in Gr. K-2 should be reading approx. 10 min. each night and students in Gr. 3 & 4 should be reading 15-20 min every night.

Students who are diligently reading every night and practicing their skills will be

able to choose a book from our reading prize cart.

