

Cheetah News Volume 2

Issue 5

Week 5

September 11th-17th

Tallahassee School of Math and Science

TSMS Staff Appreciation Breakfast- OCTOBER

We will be hosting our monthly teacher appreciation breakfast on Friday, October 7th. If you can participate in bringing in one of the following items, this would make it a successful event. Breakfast starts at 7:30am, please have all items brought to the front office by 7:15am on the 7th. We currently have 35 staff members at TSMS.

Date: 10/07/2016 (Fri.)

Time: 7:30am - 9:00am EDT

Location: TSMS Staff Lounge

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4aafab2da1ff2-tsms7>

Tallahassee Science Festival at Lake Ella!

The 5th Annual Tallahassee Science Festival was a huge success! The TSMS booth stayed busy all day showing our fun and innovative science demonstrations to the community. Thank you to all the Teachers, students and families who came out and showed support, we could not have done it without you!

The Tallahassee Science Festival is the largest STEM (Science, Engineering, Technology, and Math) festival in the Panhandle with over 117 exhibitors in attendance. This years event was 40% larger than last years with 6,000 people from the community coming out to support and enjoy the STEM activities. Exhibitors at the festival came from cities all around Florida like Pensacola, Gainesville, and Tampa to show what STEM is all about.

<http://www.tallahasseesciencefestival.org/>



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Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to have the Scholastic Book Fair come to Tallahassee School of Math and Science the week of **September 19-23**. We hope you will be able to stop by and find that special book to add to your child's collection. We have several shopping opportunities throughout the week. The students will be shopping with their teachers on Monday and Tuesday.

There's an app for that!

Check out the Scholastic Book Fair App to make your shopping even more exciting! You can find reading, age, and grade levels for books. You create and share wish lists to share with your family members, and you can shop at our online fair! Just search for "Book Fairs" in either the Apple App Store or in Google Play.

Online Book Fair

Share our online book fair with family and friends! They can order directly from our page and as soon as the book fair is closed out, the books will ship and be delivered to the school. It's a great way to allow family members who live far away to participate in this exciting event.

www.scholastic.com/fair

Schedule

Monday, September 19: 7:30-2:30 and 3:00-5:00
Tuesday, September 20: 7:30-2:30 and 3:00-5:00
Wednesday, September 21: 7:30-8:00 and 3:00-5:00
Thursday, September 22: 7:30-8:00 and 3:00-6:00
Friday, September 23: 7:30-8:00 and 3:00-4:00

Stop by and shop

Monday-Friday 9/19-9/23

Stop by the book fair before or after school/work (7:30-8:00 and 3:00-5:00) to shop with your child.

Student Shopping with Teacher

Monday-Tuesday 9/19-2/20

Students will be able to browse and purchase books with their teacher.

Pirate Day

Wednesday 9/21

Dress Like a pirate day. Guidelines on back----->

Curriculum K-3/ Family Night

Thursday 9/22

We hope you'll join us for our Family Night at the Fair! Come and shop with us from 3:00-6:00 on Thursday evening.

SCHOLASTIC

Our book fair will be September 19-23. We need your help with this.

If you are available during this time, please sign up for 1 or more slots. Here is the link for our sign up. Thank you for all your support.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4faaa82babfb6-book1>

For more information contact: adecordova@tsmas.org

Scholastic Book Fair Sep.19-Sept. 23

We need your help with this sweet event.

Yummy Cupcakes

"Gourmet cupcake" donated by LV's Bakery Facebook link
<https://www.facebook.com/lvsbakery/> will be donating cupcakes to the school to be
given to students for every \$25.00 spent at the Scholastic Book fair on one receipt.

Assortment of Cupcakes, will be delivered on September 26th, 2016 (Monday), after the sale.

Possible combinations:

- * Triple chocolate - Chocolate cupcake, filled with white chocolate buttercream, topped with milk chocolate buttercream, drizzled with melted dark chocolate.
- * Merry Berry - Vanilla cupcake, filled with raspberry preserves, topped with strawberry swiss meringue buttercream
- * Sweet Mexico - Vanilla cupcake, filled with Dulce de leche topped with Dulce de leche buttercream
- * It's Pumpkin Season! - Spiced pumpkin cupcake, filled with white chocolate buttercream, topped with brown sugar buttercream.



1 - <https://www.facebook.com/lvsbakery/>

TSMS Grandparent's Night

September 27, 2016

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Come join us for our 2nd annual TSMS Grandparent's night which include student's performances and a pizza dinner.

Tickets will be on sale in your grandchild's homeroom class at TSMS for the amount of \$1.00 per person. The tickets will only be on sale until Friday September 23rd. Everyone attending the event will need a ticket in order to enter. *This includes students as well as family members.



Thanks Grandma
and Grandpa 

October Dress Down Days at TSMS

***Dress down guidelines on the back**

Monday, 10/3 students may dress down in BLUE for World Day of Bullying Prevention. We will be having a guest speaker who will that week to talk to the students about bully prevention.

Thursday, 10/20 we will have a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Students can pay their homeroom teacher \$1 to participate in wearing PINK. 100% of money raised will go directly to the American Cancer Society. Feel free to donate more than \$1.

Wednesday, 10/26 students may dress down in RED to celebrate RED RIBBON WEEK. Students will take the National Red Ribbon Campaign pledge, and promise to do their part in creating a drug free America.

Friday, 10/28 students will dress up for BOOK CHARACTER DAY. A flyer will be sent home from each teacher, explaining the book characters your student's will be dressing up as. This is also the day of our FALL FESTIVAL. We would love to have parent volunteers. Please see our Sign-Up Genius for more information. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4aafab2da1fe3-fall>

Dress down Guidelines:

1. Clothing should be neat and clean.

2. Clothing may not be worn inside out or backwards.
3. Undergarments must not be exposed.
4. Hair, face, body paint, and tattoo are inappropriate for school and not permitted.
5. No flip flops.
6. Cosmetics or make-up should be age and school appropriate.
7. Clothing with rips, tears, holes or frayed edges is considered inappropriate for school.
8. Jewelry and accessories should be appropriate for school and not attract undue attention or pose a safety risk. Piercing other than earrings are prohibited.
9. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted (examples: Mohawk haircuts; designs, words, or names cut into the hair; hair coloring other than standard frosting or natural highlighting) and should not attract undue attention.
10. Hats, caps, curlers, headscarves, bandanas, doo-rags, pick combs, combs, brushes, sweatbands, chains, sunglasses, tennis skirts, gloves, arm warmers and coats are not to be worn during school.
11. Clothing that is revealing, such as short mini-skirts, short-shorts, tank tops, loosely fitting, low-cut blouses or halter tops, mesh shirts, or shirts exposing the midriff are not to be worn. Sleeveless shirts are not allowed. Shirts must be worn buttoned up to second from top. No strapless dresses allowed.
12. Exemptions may be granted for religious purposes if approved in advance.
13. Leggings cannot be worn as pants.

Dads Take Your Child to School Day

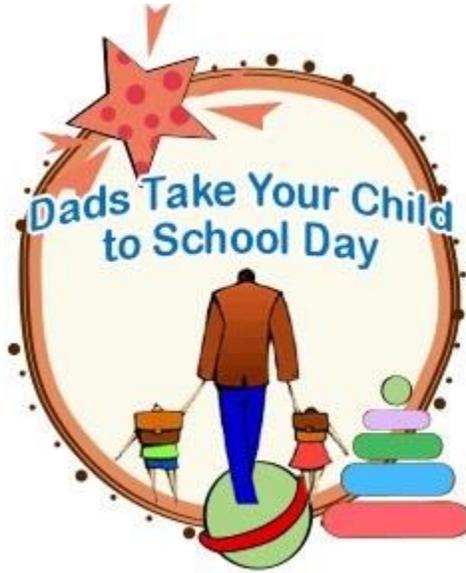
Dear Parent/Guardian:

We would like to invite all of our families to our **DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY** event! On **September 28, 2016**. All father figures are welcomed, including stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, foster fathers and other significant role models. We are asking that all father figures participate by dropping their child off to school on this day. Although the event is centered on fathers, mothers and other family members are also welcome.

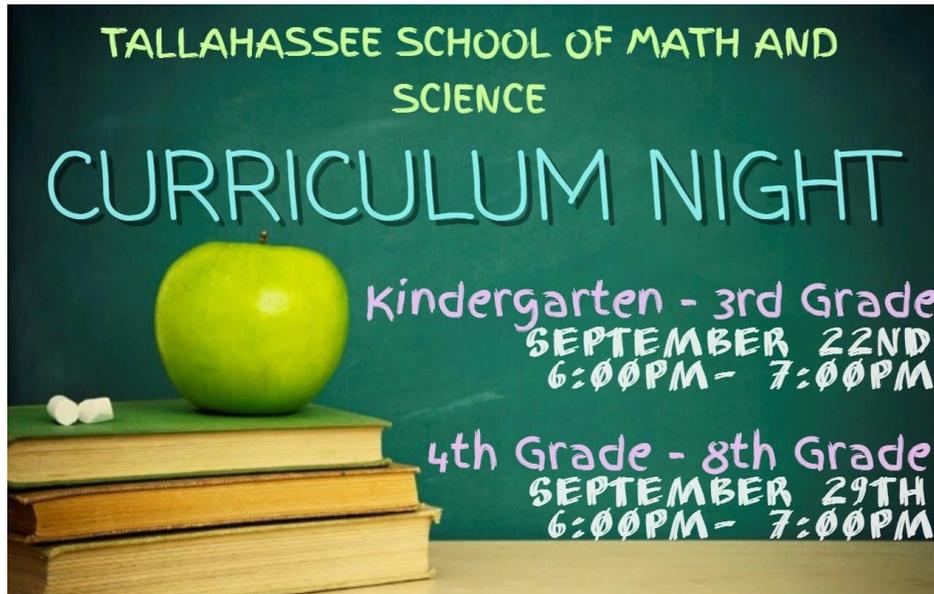
The intent of this initiative is to highlight the significant difference fathers and father figures can make by taking a more active role in their children's educational experience. When fathers play a more active role in a child's education, children perform better academically; have fewer discipline problems; and become more responsible adults. We hope all fathers will take this opportunity to become more familiar with our school and staff and that you will return often.

What about moms? Moms are vital in the lives of their children and are often the parent who is more involved in their children's education. Dads Take Your Child to School Day is just one chance for us to shine the spotlight on dads and encourage men to get involved.

For more information about DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY, please contact the front office at 850-681-7827. We hope to see you there!



Curriculum Night



Butterfly Life Cycle

This week in Mrs. Decordova's kindergarten we are learning about the butterfly life cycle. We have read many books about butterflies and watched several videos on how they transform from a caterpillar to a butterfly. This week we even had a chance to go out to our butterfly garden and look for them. We enjoyed seeing them land on our flowers.

[Click to view more photos.](#)





CONNECT WITH MUSIC

In music class, I am always searching and finding ways to incorporate other subject areas alongside our musical studies. This cross curricular approach promotes activity in the brain that stimulates memorization and helps the student recognize connections with other subject areas.

Music helps children understand other subjects much more clearly. Throughout the year, students will be participating in numerous cross curricular musical games and activities, such as:

Creating a symphony of clapping using musical math, including fraction math.

Participating in doing the “Hokey Pokey” in multiple languages to learn foreign language vocabulary for parts of the body.

Last week we sang songs about money. This week, the students will discover the connections between money, note values and fractions.

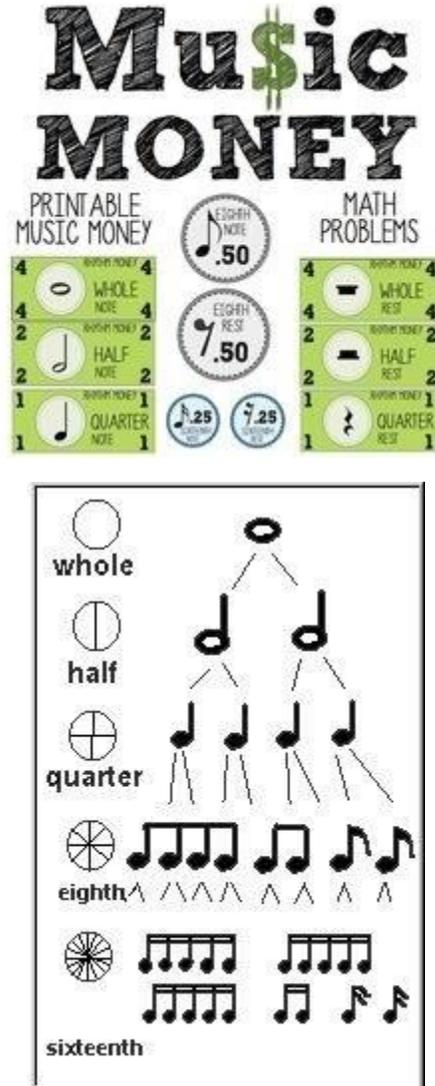
Our first performance is right around the corner! We look forward to performing for you at our upcoming Grandparents Night. We hope to see you September 27th, at 6pm, here in our cafeteria! A reminder about concert attire:

All students are expected to dress appropriately for concerts. This means a white shirt, black pants or skirt, and black shoes. Thank you!

Musically Yours,

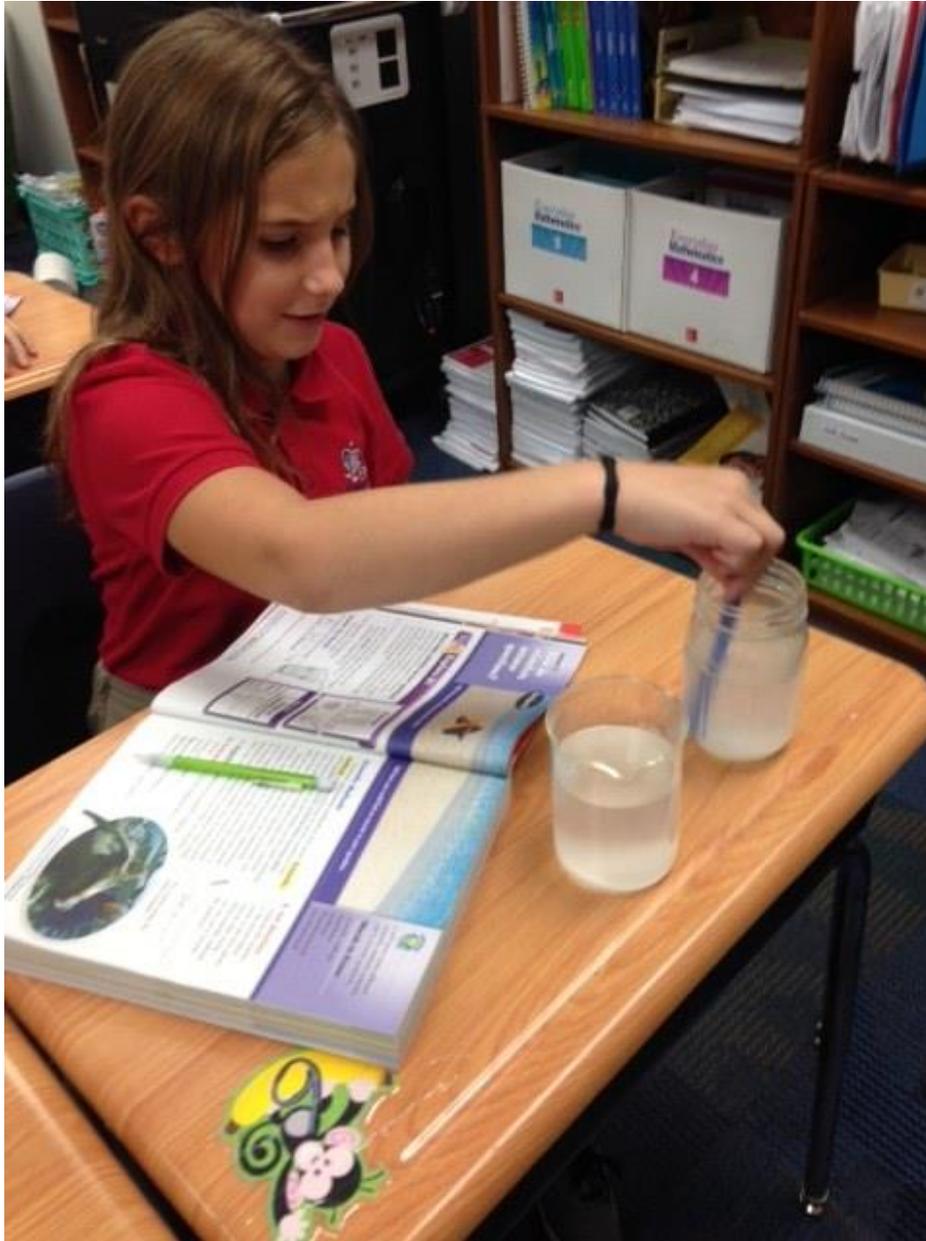
Mrs. Carlson

Click to view more photos:



4th Grade Science: Scientific Methods

Ms. Priore's 4th grade class has been very busy in Science class learning about scientific methods. The students used observations to see whether salt dissolved faster in warm water or cold water. The students predicted what would happen. They also identified that the water's temperature was change (the independent variable) and that that the cold water container stayed the same (dependent variable). Students will be using scientific methods throughout the year!



4th Grade Geometry

In math class, Ms. Priore's class has been using some hands on material to help them learn about geometry. The students used different length straws and pipe cleaners to create geometric shapes, as well as angles. The students were able to identify that shapes have the same about of angles as they do sides.



1st Grade News

First of all, I would like to thank all the families who have volunteered or contributed in any way. Also, thanks for visiting us on Science Festival Day at Lake Ella. We had a great time!

What's Happening in Class:

- Students are learning about the Scientific Method and being great investigators! We have done a few simple investigations/experiments and will be doing some more in the future.
- In Social Studies, we are focusing on the importance of rules in our school and community. Students are also learning to identify feelings and express them respectfully.
- We are wrapping up our unit on counting. Students explored different ways of counting (such as counting by fives and tens) and used math tools such as number lines and number grids.
- We are focusing on key details and visualization in Language Arts.

Reminders

- We have joined Scholastic Bookclub! You can order books online or use the catalog that will be sent home each month. When you order you help us earn **free** books for our classroom library!
- Students need to read **every night** (including Friday but Saturday and Sunday are optional) for at least 15 min. and record in their reading logs. Please remind your child to take an **Accelerated Reader quiz** for every book/story they read (I suggest they read it 3 times before taking the quiz).
- Homework is due Thursday each week, unless otherwise specified.
- **There is no candy allowed in class. If I see it, I will throw it in the trash.** Also, toys and anything else that causes distraction will be taken away. Parents can pick up those items in the main office.
- Please send a small healthy snack with your child every day (nothing sticky, liquidy or containing peanut products)
- Please check your e-mail every day. It is my preferred means of communication and I like to keep you updated. I also e-mail copies of homework on Fridays. If you don't get it by Sunday please let me know (check if it's in your blocked/junk mail first).
- Students need to bring their agendas and their homework folders to school every day.
- I am still missing some **2-inch three-ring binders** for student portfolios.
- **Every student must have a take-home folder with at least 6 pockets (you can buy a multi-pocket folder or make one by placing 3 regular two-pocket folders in a three-ring binder). This is where you will find forms to sign, homework, etc.**

Dates to Remember:

- 9/22 Elementary Curriculum Night
- 9/27 Grandparents' Night
- **9/28 Scholastic Bookclub orders DUE**

- 9/29 Picture Day

Picture Day



Picture Day is Coming
Ya llega el Día de la Foto

PICTURE DAY IS:
EL DÍA DE LA FOTO ES EL:

Tallahassee School of Math and Science
Picture Day Date: Thursday, September 29, 2016
jueves, 29 de septiembre, 2016

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PVO



10/11/2016 PVO MEETING

Parent Volunteer Organization

Come join us for our first Parent Volunteer Organization meeting

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria (Media Center)
from 6-7pm



Come learn
about...

School Events

Fall Festival

Hispanic Heritage
Night

Fundraising

TSMS

3434 North Monroe Street
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<http://schoolofmathandscience.org>

2 - PPagozalski@tsmas.org

TSMS Uniforms



3 - Shoes on the left are in the appropriate colors-- Black, White, Navy, and Brown; they do not have flashy colors or logos that stand out. Shoes on the right are not in the appropriate colors, they have logos that stand out, and boots/Uggs are not permitted.



4 - All Uniform Wear 1989 Capital Circle NE

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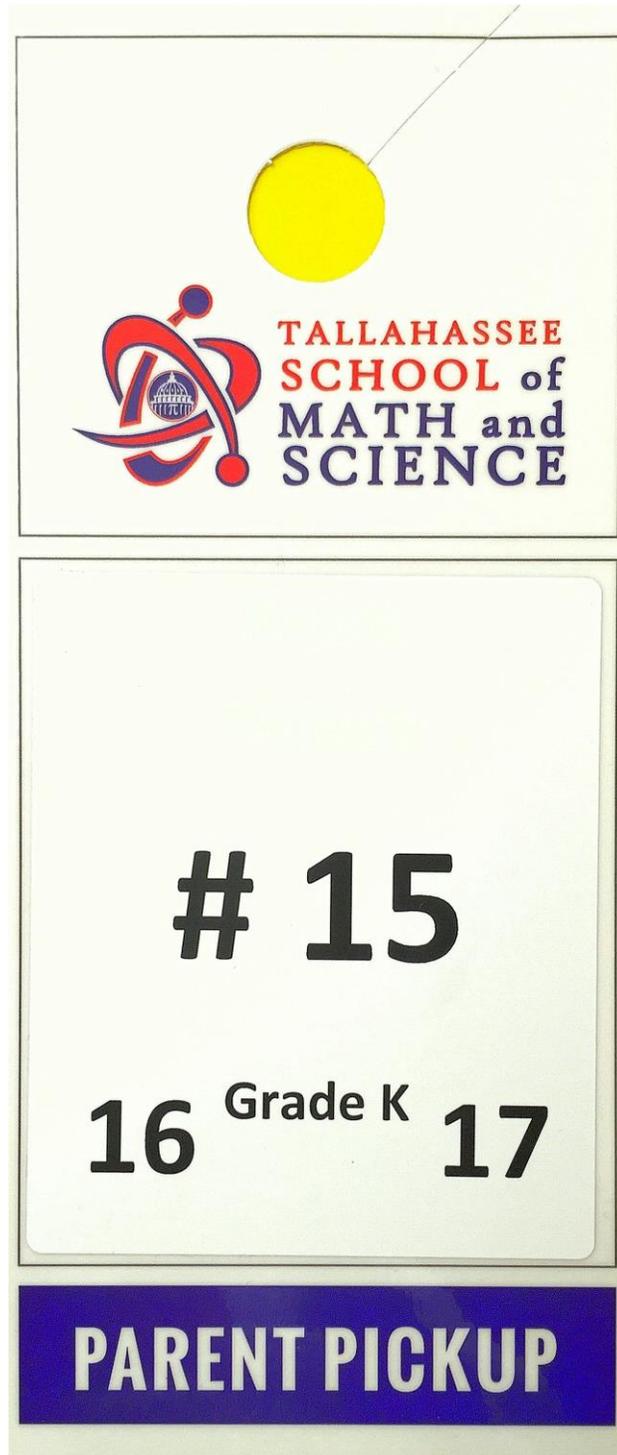
850-629-4144

www.alluniformwear.com

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*Please refer to pages 25-29 in the Student Handbook for more information.

Dismissal: Parent Pick-up Cards



To help combat heavy traffic, please park in the parking lot and walk up to pick up your student.

Dismissal is from 2:45-3:00pm, after 3:00pm students will be sent to EDP.

Please displayed Pick-up card clearly on the dashboard for car pickup. If you do not have a Pick-up card, you will be directed to park your car and show your photo ID to the front office to release your student. EDP also requires Pick-up card for dismissing a student through the front office.

Transportation change or any afternoon change will need to be submitted in writing via letter or email to the secretary Ms. Meriweather

Parents MUST notify front office by 2:30pm– at the latest if there is an emergency and transportation needs to be changed for the day. –If after 2:30pm student will go home as arranged.

Contact Us

TSMS

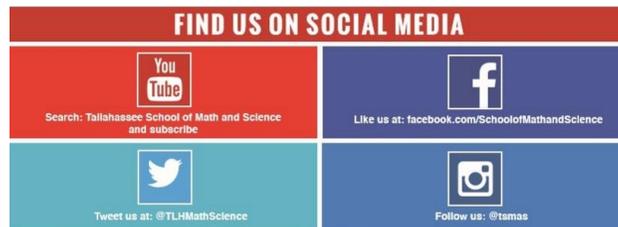
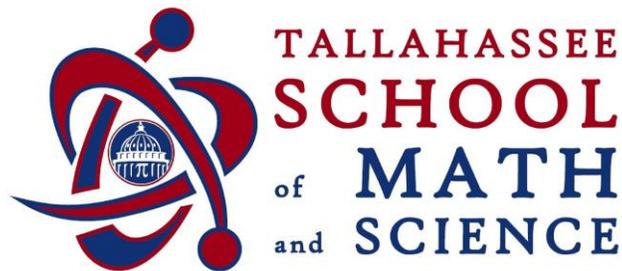
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