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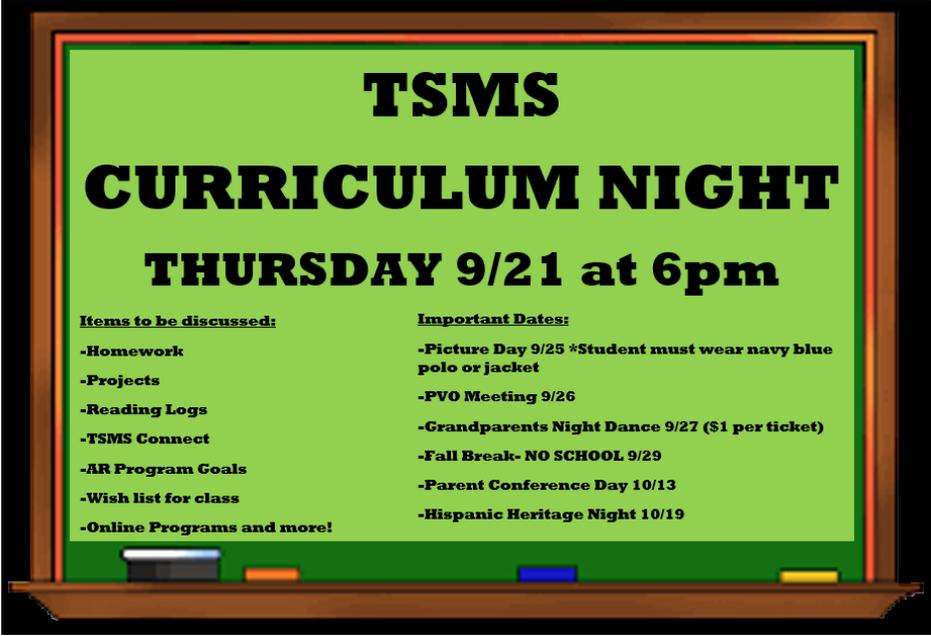
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*August 27th-September 17th*

*Tallahassee School of Math and Science*

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TSMS Curriculum Night!



**TSMS**

**CURRICULUM NIGHT**

**THURSDAY 9/21 at 6pm**

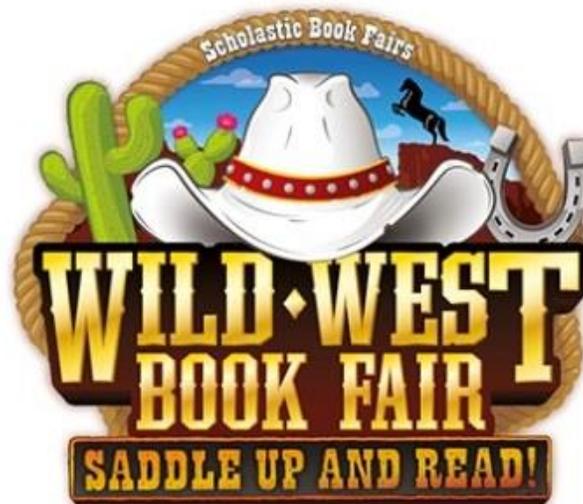
**Items to be discussed:**

- Homework
- Projects
- Reading Logs
- TSMS Connect
- AR Program Goals
- Wish list for class
- Online Programs and more!

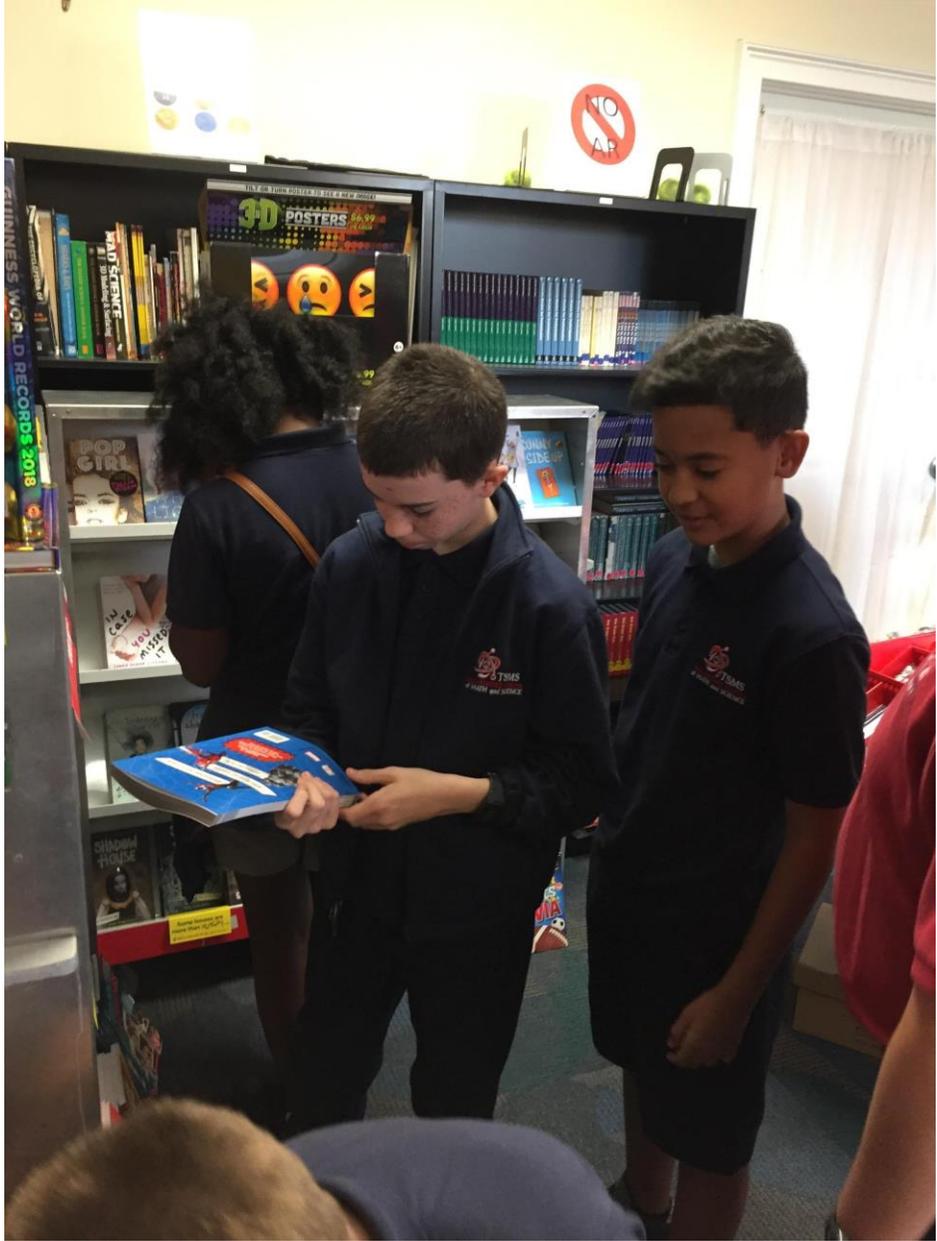
**Important Dates:**

- Picture Day 9/25 \*Student must wear navy blue polo or jacket
- PVO Meeting 9/26
- Grandparents Night Dance 9/27 (\$1 per ticket)
- Fall Break- NO SCHOOL 9/29
- Parent Conference Day 10/13
- Hispanic Heritage Night 10/19

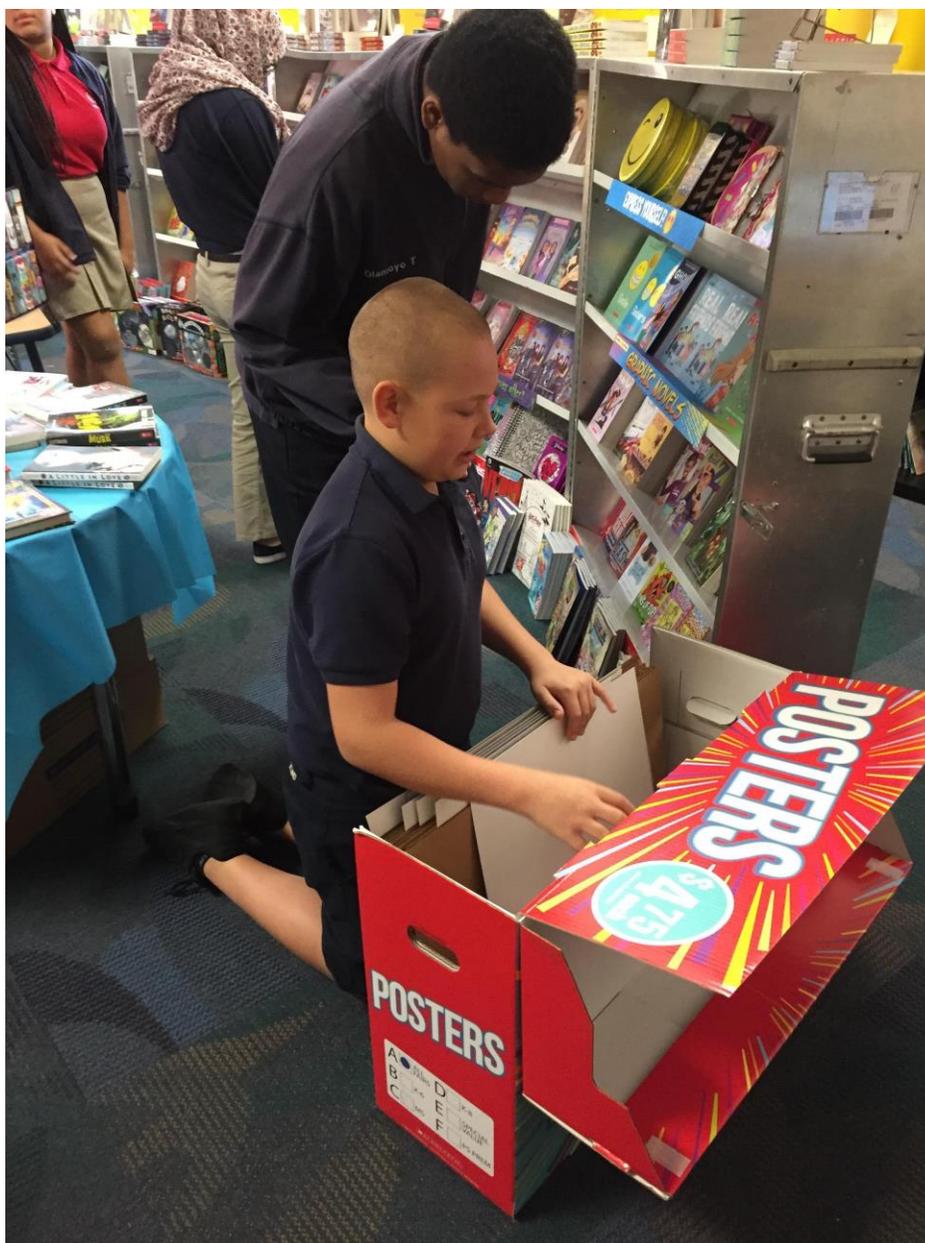
Back to School Book Fair!











TSMS is proud to announce that we will be having a book fair at our school from 9/18-9/22. We need volunteers to help us run the book fair. If you are available, please sign up for 1 or more slots to help us.

[Volunteer Sign Up Click Here!](#)

We are excited to have the Scholastic Book Fair come to Tallahassee School of Math and Science the week of **September 18-22**. 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](http://www.scholastic.com/fair)

### **Schedule**

Monday, September 18: 7:30-8:00 and 3:00-7:00

Tuesday, September 19: 7:30-8:00 and 3:00-5:00

Wednesday, September 20: 7:30-8:00 and 3:00-5:00

Thursday, September 21: 7:30-8:00 and 3:00-5:00

Friday, September 22: 7:30-8:00 and 11:00-1:00 and 3:00-4:00

### **Stop by and shop**

#### **Monday-Friday 9/18-9/22**

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 9/18-2/19**

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

#### **Curriculum K-3/ Family Night**

##### **Thursday 9/21**

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.

##### **Wild West Day**

##### **Friday 9/22**

Dress like a cowboy/cowgirl.

TSMS Picture Day!



September 25th

Wear Blue TSMS Polo.

PVO 9/26/2017



## 9/26/2017 PVO MEETING

Parent Volunteer Organization

Come join us for our first Parent Volunteer Organization meeting

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria from 6-7pm

\*We will provide supervision for TSMS students



Come learn  
about...

School Events

Teacher Wish List

PVO Board

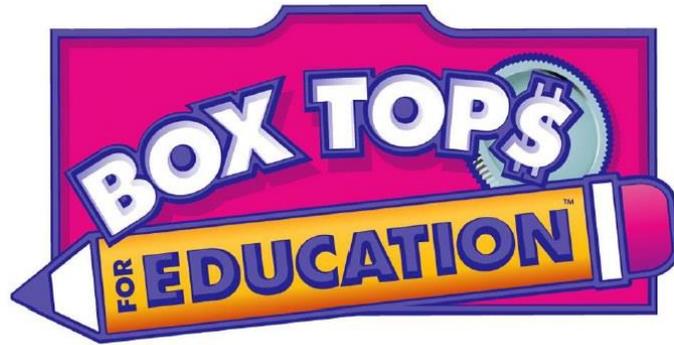
Fundraising

**TSMS**

3434 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

<http://schoolofmathandscience.org>

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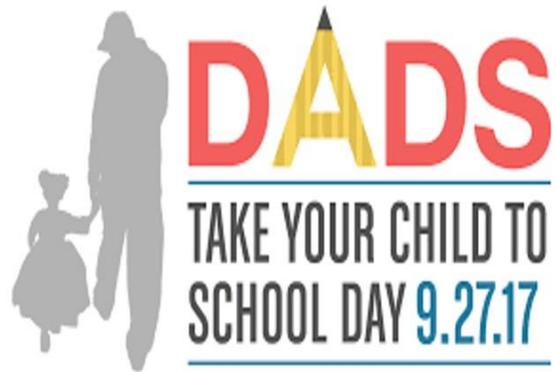
Tallahassee School of Math & Science is now participating in the Box Tops for Education program! This is a great way to help raise money for the school.

Please clip and bring in to the school all the BoxTops you can collect and your student can turn them in to their homeroom teacher. Every BoxTop helps!

**Our first collection is due by Thursday 9/28/2017.**

**Turn them into your homeroom teacher.**

## DADS Take Your Child To School Day!



The Florida Department of Education has issued a statewide observance of Dads Take Your Child to School Day. Fathers, stepfather, grandfather, uncles, brothers, foster fathers and other significant role models to take their children to school.

## TSMS Grandparent's Night!

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### Grandparent's Night

September 27, 2017

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Come join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual TSMS Grandparent's Night, which will include crafts, dancing, STEM tables, a photo booth, and light refreshments.

Tickets will be on sale in your grandchild's homeroom class at TSMS for the amount of \$1.00 per person. The tickets will be on sale until Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Everyone attending the event will need a ticket in order to enter. \*This includes students as well as family members.

Happy  
Grandparents  
Day

Come show your grandparent pride at TSMS!

## TSMS Character Education

### Character Trait of the Month- RESPECT



#### RESPECT

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant and accepting of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements

Examples of what RESPECT looks like:

#### Admitting Mistakes

The ability to examine conduct and actions and see errors and mistakes is a respectful way to act. The process of admitting a mistake and apologizing for it demonstrates a contriteness and repentance, and shows respect for others' feelings. **Mistakes happen but that the important thing is to admit the mistake, apologize and move on.**

#### Courtesies

Using common courtesies in communicating, such as "Thank you," "Please" and "Excuse me" in conversations, it shows polite respect. Sharing and working cooperatively with others is another way to demonstrate respect.

#### Privacy

Respect the privacy of others. Privacy includes the property of others as well as information pertaining to others. **Children should not invade other people's belongings, or other personal spaces. Respecting privacy is a respect for personal boundaries.**

## Empathy

An example of an empathetic response from a child might be a girl noticing another girl watching children playing on the swings on the playground. After swinging for a few moments, the first girl hops down from the swing and invites the other girl to take a turn. The first child **recognized sadness and yearning for a turn and felt motivated to demonstrate care for the other child by sharing.**

## TSMS Connect: Parent Portal



Dear parents,

We are excited to announce a great new feature added to TSMS Connect: Parent Portal.

Until now, parents have been using student accounts to gain access.

From now on, parents will have separate login accounts and have ability to do following ;

- Send messages to teachers within the system
- Access information easier (grades, assignments, discipline, attendance, report cards, standards reports)
- Parents of multiple students have access to all their children's info from one account
- Update contact information via their accounts
- Submit volunteer hours (will be added soon)

Please look for an email from Mr. Aktas soon about instructions to set up your parent portal account.

Thanks

Did you know, your teachers are coming to our house today?















Dear Parents,

We would like to visit the home of our students to see the students and their families as a way of getting to know them better, and bridging the gap of communication between the parents and the school.

Researches show that

- Home visits help with both academic and behavioral performance of students.
- The interaction with student's family at their home is a very effective way to help his or her progress.
- Home visit is an effective way for teachers to get parents involved in their child's education and to inform parents and children on how much they care.

For this reason, our teachers would like to have a short visit to your home at a time that is convenient for you.

[Please fill out home visit request form here if you are interested.](#)

## Staff Spotlight



"Ms. Straubinger was born in San Diego, California before moving to Silver City, New Mexico at the age of sixteen. When her younger sister was accepted to FSU Law, she moved to Tallahassee with her to help support her through school. She loves the green trees and rain here in Tallahassee, but misses the food in New Mexico! (Does anyone know where to get a good green chile burger anywhere in town?!) Ms. Straubinger graduated from Western New Mexico University in 2013 with a B.S. in Elementary Education and again in 2016 with a MAS in Teaching Reading. She has taught kindergarten, third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade. In her spare time, Ms. Straubinger can be found reading a good fantasy novel at home! Ms. Straubinger always wanted to be a teacher, and is now living her dream. She is incredibly excited to be joining the TSMS family!"

## TSMS Music



Hello Cheetah Family!

Please ask your child what they have been doing in music class so far. They should be able to explain something they have learned to you. Kindergarten and first grade students are now completely through reviewing the steady beat! If you have a student in these classes, please ask them what the steady beat is. They may even be able to show you! Steady beat is so important because it is the foundation of all music. The speed of music is determined by how fast or slow the steady beat can go. Here is a great video/brain break students did this week that is a great way to practice their steady beat!

## Mrs. DeCordova's Kindergarten Class



This week in Mrs. DeCordova's kindergarten we learned all about what a hurricane is and how to stay safe. We watched a video that showed what things we can do to keep our family safe. Students learned that there are 5 categories of a hurricane and that evacuate means to leave and go to a safe place. Also, I am so proud of my little class for winning the green cup challenge for good behavior in the lunch room. Please let them know how proud you are of them. Thank you to everyone for all your help and support. So far this year.

## Ms. Zuschlag 3rd Grade!



I hope everyone stayed safe and had little damage from the recent storm. I am sure the students enjoyed having four days out of school. They seemed very excited to return to school today and enjoyed extra recess time on the playground.

We have a lot of upcoming events here at TSMS. Be sure to look over the updated September calendar that was sent home. Below you will find a list of events for the remainder of September and a few from October.

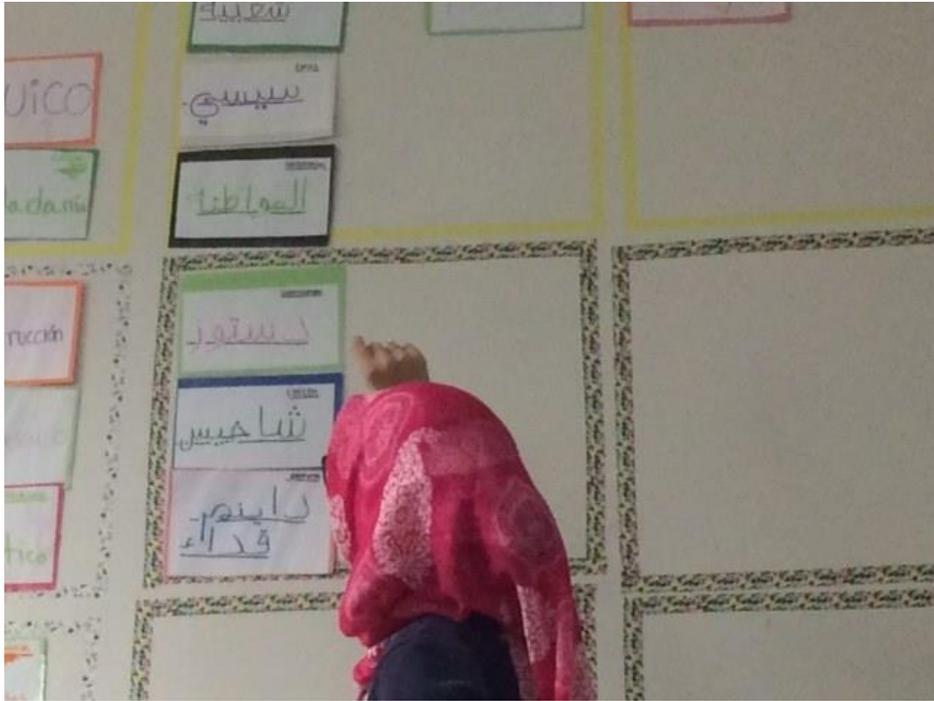
- Book Fair (9/18-9/22)
- Curriculum Night (9/21) -Extra Credit opportunity
- Picture Day (9/25)
- PVO Meeting (9/26)
- Dads Take Your Child to School Day (9/27)
- Grandparent's Dance (9/27)

- No School (9/29)
- Meet Your Teacher at the Library (10/7 from 10am-12pm)
- STEM Night (10/10)- Extra Credit opportunity
- Conference Day – No school for students (10/13)

The Third-grade teachers will be at the Lake Jackson Public Library on Saturday, October 7th from 10:00am-12:00 pm to discuss Accelerated Reader. A parent must be present in order for students to attend. Please RSVP through the sign-up genius that was sent out.

## Embracing Different Cultures Through Curriculum



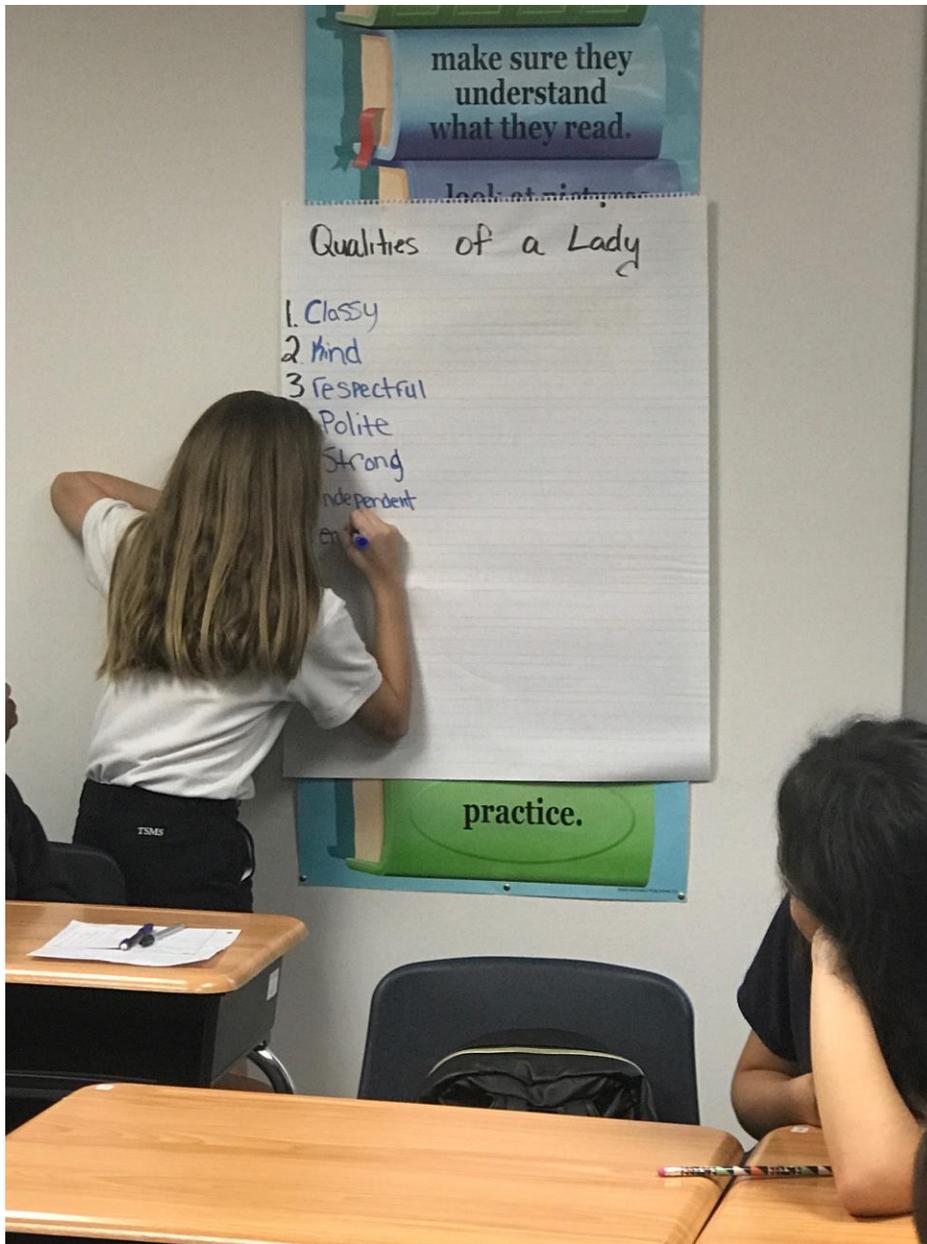




Cheetah P.E.A.R.L.s







P.E.A.R.Ls is a club for young girls to interact with each other, volunteer and learn how to be a lady. We meet every Friday at 3:05-3:50 in room 207.

Ms. Smith

## Garden Mini "Field Trip"



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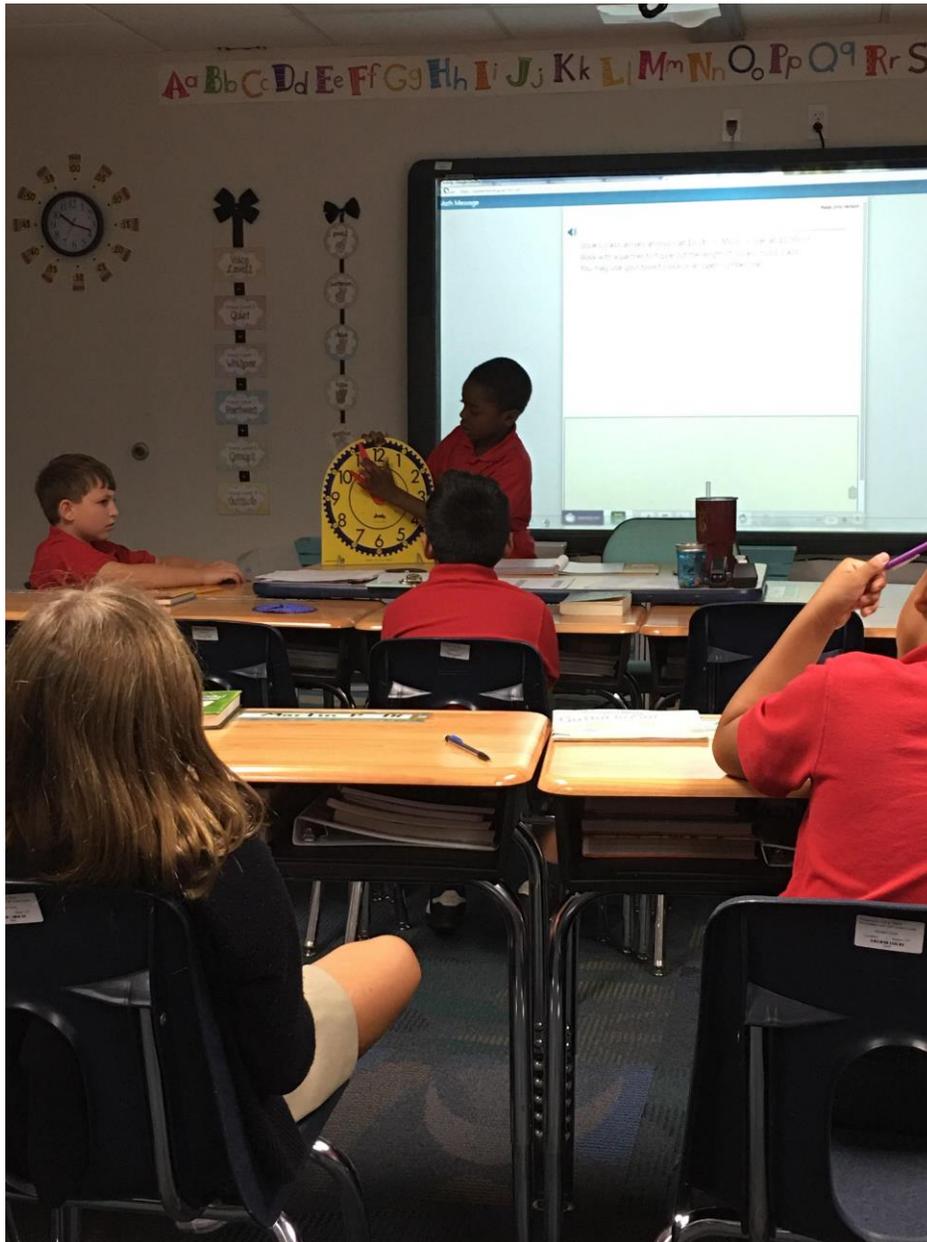




Ms. Sullivan's lunch class took a mini "field trip" to our school garden to check out the latest blooms. The Mexican sunflowers are ending their season, but the basil in the butterfly garden is still

going strong, even in this heat. A swarm of bees were feasting on the fragrant, purple basil-flowers. Dwarf sunflowers have sprung up, and many vegetable plants have bright, green leaves. The class later relaxed on the benches of our school's outdoor classroom.

## Ms. Tiller's Class



Ms. Tiller's class is learning about elapsed time! We are solving real world problems and calculating the time it takes to get from the start of an activity to the end. We are using many different strategies but our two class favorites are "toolkit clocks" and "open number lines". Keep up the great work!!! Feel free to find elapsed time problems and practice at home with your students.

Here are a few to get you started:

1. Sarah goes to swim lessons at 4:30. Swim lessons end at 5:45. How long are Sarah's swim lessons?

\_\_\_\_\_ hours and \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

2. Jared has guitar lessons at 5:15. His guitar lessons end at 6:05. How long are Jared's guitar lessons?

\_\_\_\_\_ hours and \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

3. Brooke started her homework at 5:06. She finished her homework at 5:48. How long did it take Brooke to complete her homework?

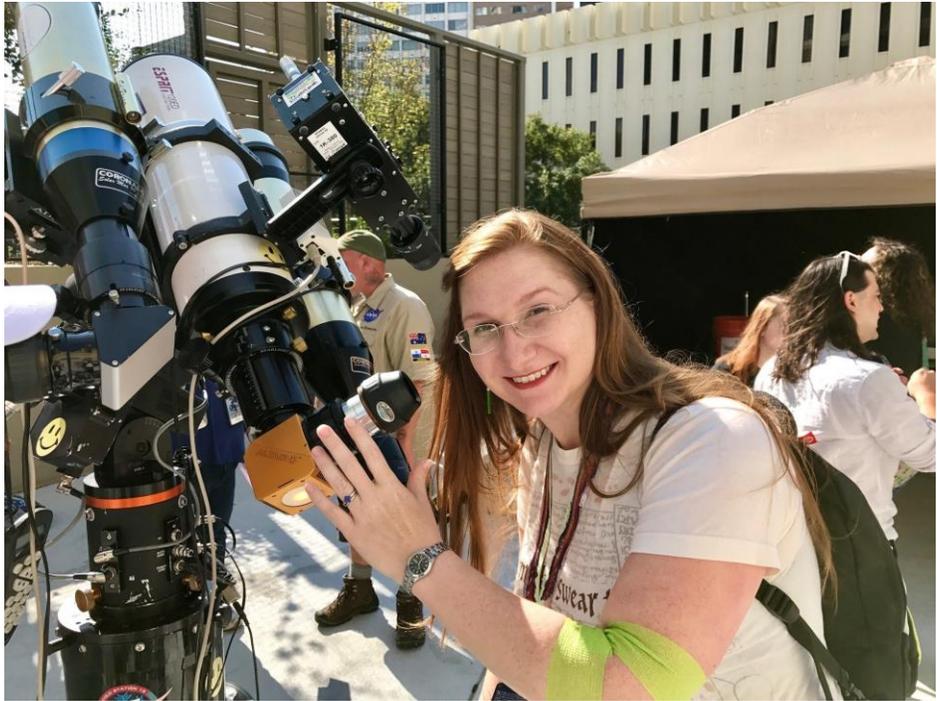
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes

## Dragon Con!!











Ms. Sullivan had a grand time on her annual adventure in Atlanta for this year's Dragon Con. Some of the highlights include joining a book discussion with the young-adult author Claudia Gray, who wrote *Defy the Stars*. She dressed up as Lilo, while her 4-month-old son, Seneca, was costumed as Stitch – aren't they cute?!

The whale sharks at the Georgia Aquarium were as majestic as ever, and Ms. Sullivan even got to touch some sea anemones, which is such a strange feeling because they are so soft that it feels as though you aren't touching anything at all! She was also fortunate to look through solar telescopes again with 3 special filters, and even picked up a meteorite that was found in Egypt in 2009!

Ms. Straubinger's class!



Greetings from Ms. Straubinger's class! Our science curriculum this week has been replaced by discussion on a topic that hits close to home: hurricanes! My students have been so excited to look at pictures of hurricanes and projected paths of upcoming storms. We have also been learning about what causes a hurricane and what we can do to stay safe. Here are some basic preparedness tips from ready.gov:

- Know where to go. If you are ordered to evacuate, know the local hurricane evacuation route(s) to take and have a plan for where you can stay. Contact your local emergency management agency for more information.
- Put together a go-bag: disaster supply kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, medications, and copies of your critical information if you need to evacuate
- If you are not in an area that is advised to evacuate and you decide to stay in your home, plan for adequate supplies in case you lose power and water for several days and you are not able to leave due to flooding or blocked roads.
- Make a family emergency communication plan.
- Many communities have text or email alerting systems for emergency notifications. To find out what alerts are available in your area, search the Internet with your town, city, or county name and the word "alerts."

We have also been playing the "Disaster Master" game to see how much we know about being prepared for natural disasters. If you want to play with your child, here is the link!

<https://www.ready.gov/kids/games/data/dm-english/>

## CEP Announcement



Dear Parents and Students,

Tallahassee School of Math and School will continue its participation in the Community Eligibility Provision during the 2017-18, which means: All students are eligible to eat breakfast and/or lunch at no charge!

Menus and nutritional information about the meals provided by SLA Management, our food service provider, are available everyday by going to the **SLA Cafeteria Hub** link, which can be found on the TSMS website under Services > FoodService.

Thank you!

## Parents For Charter Schools



[Tip of the Day \(Click Here\)](#)

[Consejo del Día \( Haga clic aquí\)](#)

### **Teach Your Child To Follow Directions**

It's important for your child to know how to follow written directions. In school, he will be asked to follow directions on homework, writing assignments and tests. If he doesn't follow them correctly, he may completely miss the point of what he is supposed to do.

To help your child practice following directions:

1. **Give him a set of complex instructions.** Baking a cake or making a pizza completely from scratch is perfect for this.
2. **Have him read all the directions aloud.** Don't rush through this.
3. **Put a special focus on the action** or actions he needs to take. He could highlight or circle key words such as "measure," "mix," and "preheat."
4. **Monitor his efforts** as he carries out the directions. Help him as needed.
5. **Reread the directions** together. Did your child follow them to the letter? See if he can catch his mistakes, if any.

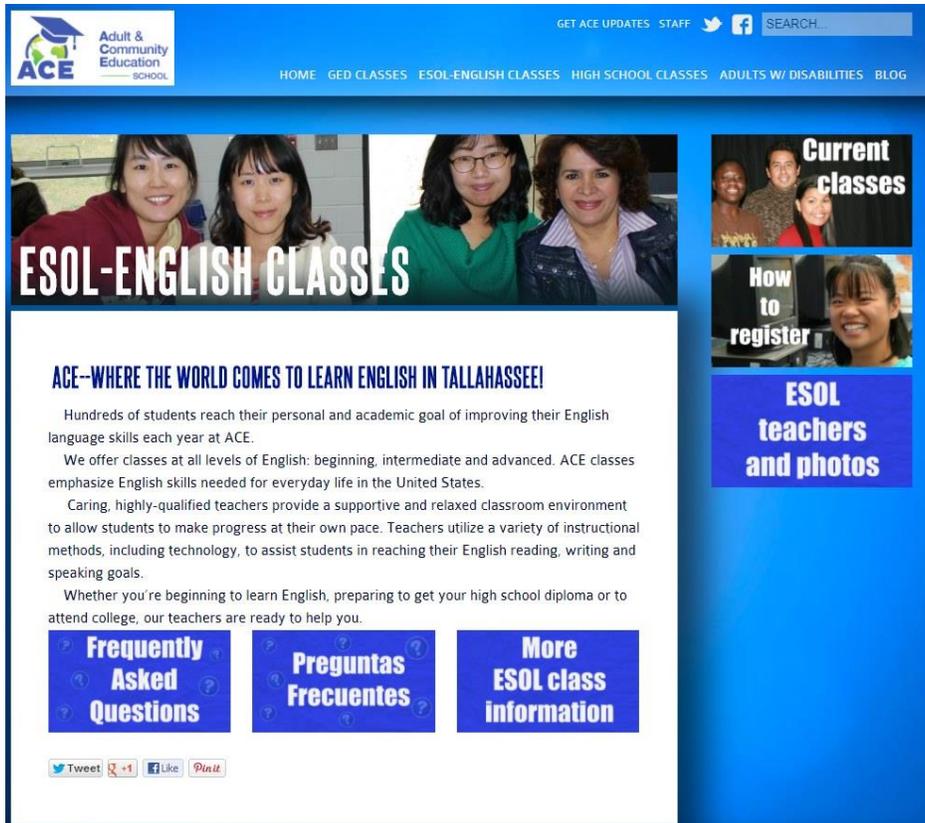
### **Enséñele a su hijo a seguir instrucciones**

Es importante que su hijo sepa seguir instrucciones escritas. En la escuela tendrá que seguir instrucciones para hacer la tarea, escribir composiciones y rendir exámenes. Si no las sigue de forma correcta, podría no comprender lo que debe hacer.

Para ayudar a su hijo, practique las siguientes instrucciones:

1. **Dele una serie de instrucciones complejas.** (por ejemplo, cómo hornear un pastel o hacer una pizza casera).
2. **Dígale que lea todas las instrucciones** en voz alta. No lo apresure durante este proceso.
3. **Ponga especial atención en la acción** o las acciones que debe llevar a cabo. Podría marcar o subrayar las palabras clave como "medir", "mezclar" y "precalentar".
4. **Supervise a su hijo** mientras lleva a cabo las indicaciones. Ayúdelo si fuera necesario.
5. **Vuelvan a leer las instrucciones juntos.** ¿Su hijo las siguió al pie de la letra? Vean si puede encontrar sus errores, si es que los hay.

## ACE ESOL English



The screenshot shows the homepage of the ACE ESOL English website. The header features the ACE logo (Adult & Community Education School) and navigation links for HOME, GED CLASSES, ESOL-ENGLISH CLASSES, HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES, ADULTS W/ DISABILITIES, and BLOG. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled "ESOL-ENGLISH CLASSES" and includes a sub-header "ACE--WHERE THE WORLD COMES TO LEARN ENGLISH IN TALLAHASSEE!". The text describes the school's mission and offers classes at various levels. It also mentions that teachers provide a supportive environment and use technology. A sidebar on the right contains links for "Current classes", "How to register", and "ESOL teachers and photos". At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Frequently Asked Questions", "Preguntas Frecuentes", and "More ESOL class information". Social media sharing icons for Twitter, Facebook, and Pinterest are located at the bottom left.

[Link to ACE Website](#)

## Dismissal: Parent Pick-up Cards



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

Each parent will be given TWO name cards to be displayed 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.

**To help combat heavy traffic, please park in the parking lot and walk up to pick up your student. Thank you for your patience during this first week.**

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

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.

**Please DO NOT use Last Year’s Pick-up Cards they will not work; ALL numbers have been changed. New cards will display 17-18 at the bottom. Additional Cards may be purchased for \$4 per card.**

## TSMS Uniforms



The advertisement features a blue header with the TSMS logo and icons for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Below the header, the text "Dress Code" is written in large red letters. To the right of this text is a small black box with "TSMS" in gold. The central part of the ad displays images of uniform items: a dark blue polo shirt, a dark blue short-sleeved shirt, a dark blue long-sleeved sweater, a dark blue skirt, a tan skirt, a pair of black dress shoes, and a pair of brown and black sneakers. A globe logo with "ALL UNIFORM WEAR" is also present. Below the images, the address and phone number are listed: "Address: 1989 Capital Cir NE, Tallahassee, FL 32308" and "Phone:(850) 629-4144". At the bottom, a note states: "Each article of clothing will have to have the 'TSMS' embroidery".

**TSMS**  
TALLAHASSEE SCHOOL  
of MATH and SCIENCE  
Science Technology Engineering Mathematics

# Dress Code

**TSMS**

Address: 1989 Capital  
Cir NE, Tallahassee,  
FL 32308  
Phone:(850) 629-4144

Each article of clothing will have to have the "TSMS" embroidery

**Make sure to stop by All Uniform Wear and pick up your uniforms! While at the store it is a good idea to purchase your student a sweater and zip-up fleece jacket.**

All Uniform Wear 1989 Capital Circle NE

Tallahassee FL 32308

850-629-4144

[www.alluniformwear.com](http://www.alluniformwear.com)

[store28@alluniformwear.com](mailto:store28@alluniformwear.com)

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

## Guidelines For Clarification



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.

### Contact Us

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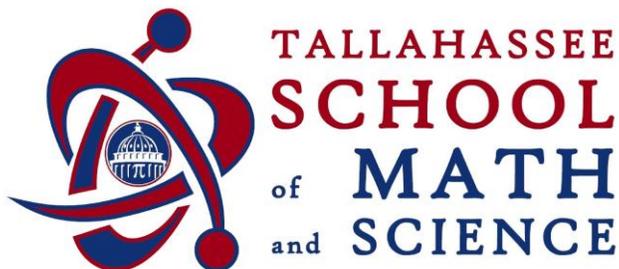
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