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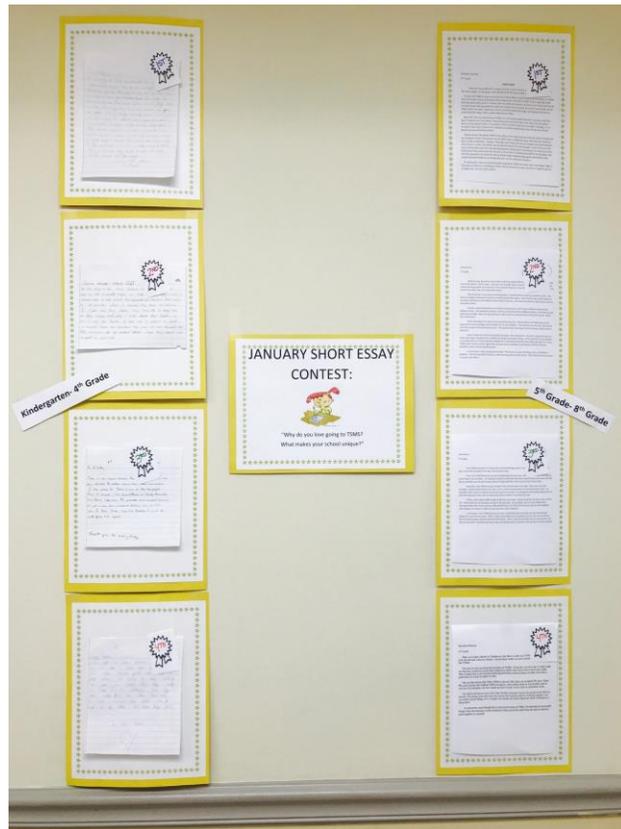
*Week 25*

*January 29th-February 4th*

*Tallahassee School of Math and Science*

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## JANUARY ESSAY CONTEST



This Past month TSMS held a school wide essay contest asking students: *Why do you love going to TSMS? What makes your school unique?*

Our top four place winners received a cash prize ranging from \$5 to \$25! Bellow are our winners!

K-4 Winners:

1st Place: \$25 -- Charlotte Harding (3rd Grade)

2nd Place: \$10 -- Gabriela Miranda (3rd Grade)

3rd Place: \$5 -- Mariah Drake (3rd Grade)

4th Place: \$5 -- Zenny Perez (3rd Grade)

5-8 Winners:

1st Place: \$25 -- Deshawn Jackson (6th Grade)

2nd Place: \$10 -- Elexsia Lurry (5th Grade)

3rd Place: \$5 -- John Rivera (5th Grade)

4th Place: \$5 Brendon Pittman (6th Grade)

## Valentines Parents Night Out!

### *Parents Night Out*

*Sponsored by TSMS PVO*

*Just in time for Valentines' Day!*

*Bring your K-8<sup>th</sup> grader to TSMS on*

*2/10/17 from 6pm to 9pm*

*\$15/1<sup>st</sup> child and \$5/ for each additional child.*

*We'll serve pizza and drinks have a movie, games, and fun for  
all the kids to enjoy.*

*Sign up now and pay through 2/6/17.*

*If you still plan to drop off the day of*

*we will still take kids we just*

*need to know how much pizza to order ahead of time!*

*We Hope To See You There!*

*-TSMS PVO*

## PVO Meeting



# 2/7/2017 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 6-6:45pm

\*Supervision provided for students during meeting



Come learn  
about...

School Events

Volunteer  
Opportunities

Family Events

Fundraising

### TSMS

3434 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

<http://schoolofmathandscience.org>

## Chick-Fil-A Family Night Event



**Spirit Night Fundraiser  
at North Monroe Street**



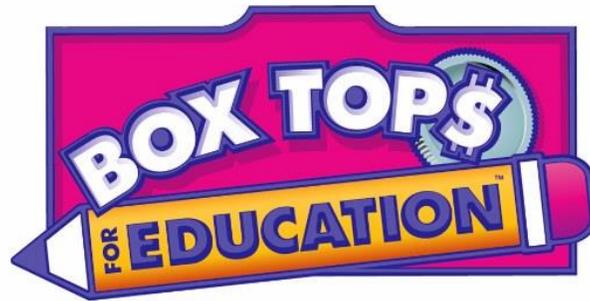
Chick-fil-A North Monroe Street welcomes the  
**Tallahassee School of Math & Science**  
**on Tuesday, February 21st**  
**from 4:00pm – 8:00pm**

Stop by [Chick-fil-A North Monroe Street](#) and  
present this flyer to your cashier so your  
organization can receive credit.

A portion of the proceeds from their sales between the hours of  
4:00pm – 8:00pm will be donated. Also, for a \$1 donation, take  
a spin on the Chick-fil-A Spinning Wheel to win FREE coupons  
or prizes! All proceeds from the Spinning Wheel are donated to  
the Tallahassee School of Math & Science. They appreciate  
your support to make this fundraiser a success!

## BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION

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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 third collection is due by Friday 2/24/17.**

**Turn them into your homeroom teacher.**

## LOST AND FOUND



**Please check the lost and  
found!!**

**All non-TSMS related items will be  
donated to the Goodwill on  
FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm!**

**The lost and found is located in the front  
office**

TSMS MUSIC!





Music class has been rockin' and rollin' this week! Students had the pleasure of performing on some of the instruments we purchased with our grant money from COCA's Arts Education Grant. We had a blast performing on different percussion instruments and boom whackers. We look forward to the upcoming weeks of practice on our instruments and we can't wait to perform on our new xylophones.

Middles school students will have the opportunity to observe an abridged version of the opera, *Beatrice and Benedict*, which is an abridged version of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Mr. Matt Cooksey, from the FSU Opera Outreach Program visited TSMS and Monday and gave a presentation of what to expect when the performers arrive on Monday, February 6th.

Many more exciting things to come! Stay tuned.....

Musically Yours,

Mrs. Carlson

## Money!



This week in Ms. Tiller's class we are using our money kits to practice counting money and making change. We are finding different combinations of coins to pay for items. Our coins are helping us count up using different increments. We are having so much fun using our coins. Soon we will all be mathematicians!!!

## Study Skills Strategies



4th grade has been working on study skills and strategies. During class they had the opportunity to work with other students to study and review vocabulary words for Science. This gives the students time to practice using the new words and helps them understand the new content they are learning in the Unit of Motion!

## 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking Contest













Our school winners performed at the county-wide Tropicana Speech competition on Saturday, January 28th. Tasneem Maswadeh represented TSMS in the middle-school division, and John Rivera won "Most Humorous Speech" for elementary. They competed against winners from each school in Leon County, and our new Leon County Schools superintendent, Mr. Rocky Hanna, supported the students with encouraging remarks. Ms. Sullivan, their Language Arts teacher, is over the moon with how well they both presented on stage.

### Ms. Zuschlag's Class



In honor of Literacy Week, the students were able to listen to eight different books read by the kindergarten through third grade teachers. Please encourage your child to take the AR tests for each of the following books:

- If You Give a Mouse a Brownie
- Fancy Nancy Fanciest Doll in the Universe
- Franklin Fibs
- Cooking with the Cat
- When Elephant Goes to a Party
- The Kiss Box
- Pete the Cat and the Magic Sunglasses
- Pete the Cat at the Beach

Congratulations to the following students for reaching their AR goal during the last grading period:

- Abigail Carlton
- Mariah Drake
- Samira Gallon
- Charlotte Harding
- Armonie Henderson
- Jacob Matthews
- Hannah Moore
- Zenny Perez-Leon
- Cortez Uballe

In Math, we have worked on strategies to solve multiplication and division problems for multiples of ten. We have located fractions less than, equal to, and greater than one. We have also solved math problems using commutative, associative, and distributive properties.

In Science, we started learning about ecosystems and food webs.

In Social Studies, we learned about the different government levels. We were able to identify what each government level was in charge of.

Reminders:

- Valentines Box due February 9th.
- Friendship Celebration is on February 10th. Please see sign-up genius for a list of items we would like to have.

Items We Need:

- Mechanical Pencils

- Box Tops
- Empty tissue boxes

## Spring Book Fair!



TSMS is excited to host a second Scholastic Book Fair February 13th through the 17th! We will need volunteers to help, please click the link below and sign up!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844aaa722aafd0-spring>

## Parents for Charter Schools



A great read on *Helping Your Child Succeed in School*.

Published by the U.S. Department of Education, Margaret Spellings.

At the heart of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is a promise to raise standards for all children and to help all children meet those standards. In support of this goal, President George W. Bush is committed to promoting the very best teaching programs. Well-trained teachers and instruction that is based on research can bring the best teaching approaches and programs to all children and help to ensure that no child is left behind. However, the hours in a school day are few and the time a teacher can spend with any one child is limited. For children to be successful in school, parents and families need to be actively involved in their children's learning. They need to become involved early and stay involved throughout the school year. In fact, many studies show that what the family does is more important to a child's school success than how much money the family makes or how much education the parents have.

<https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/succeed/part4.html>



Dear Parent/Guardian,  
2017

January 9th,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will be participating in the statewide assessment program as required by statute. Exceptional education students will be administered assessments in compliance with their individualized education plan (IEP).

Overview of Testing Dates:

\*PBT= Paper Based Testing CBT= Computer Based Testing

**3rd Grade:** ELA PBT March 27th ♦ 28th, Math CBT April 17th ♦ 18th

**4th Grade:** Writing PBT February 28th, ELA CBT April 19th ♦ 20th , Math PBT April 24th ♦ 25th

**5th Grade:** Writing PBT February 28th, ELA CBT April 26th ♦ 27th , Math CBT April 10th ♦ 11th,  
Science PBT May 1st- 2nd

**6th Grade:** Writing PBT February 28th, ELA CBT April 17th ♦ 18th , Math CBT April 26th ♦ 27th

**7th Grade:** Writing PBT February 28th, ELA CBT April 19th ♦ 20th , MATH CBT May 2nd ♦ 3rd , Civics EOC CBT May 8th

**8th Grade:** Writing CBT February 28th, ELA CBT April 24th-25th , SCIENCE PBT May 1st, MATH CBT May 4th ♦ 5th

**\*Algebra 1 ♦ Geometry EOC CBT May 4th -5th**

**\*Biology EOC May 8th**

For more information about the FSA program please visit the FSA portal at [www.FSAssessments.org](http://www.FSAssessments.org).

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices-** Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones and smartphones at any time during testing OR during breaks (e.g. restroom), **even if they are turned off and students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated. The best practice is for students to leave devices at home or in their lockers on the day of testing.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment-** All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgement that reads, “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, students will have the rules read to them and acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement on their ELA Writing planning sheet, ELA Reading worksheet, and/or their Mathematics work folder.
- **Discussing Test Content After Testing-**The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states, “After the test, you may not reveal details about the passages or items to anyone. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.”
- **Test Invalidations-** Students are responsible for working on their own during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. FDOE employs a test security company, Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results for unusually similar answer patterns. If cheating is detected through this process, it will also result in test invalidations.
- **Leaving Campus-** If your student leaves campus during a test session (for lunch, an appointment, illness, etc.) he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete the test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact our Assistant Principal, Patricia Pagozalski, at [ppagozalski@tsmas.org](mailto:ppagozalski@tsmas.org).

## Get Your Winter Gear!



Winter is coming! Get over to ALL UNIFORM WEAR to purchase the Dress Code approved pieces. Make sure your students stay warm with the TSMS pull-over sweater, cardigan, and the zip-up fleece jacket.

ALL UNIFORM WEAR is located on 1989 Capital Circle Northeast, Tallahassee, FL 32308. For more information you can contact them at (850) 629-4144.

## 2017 Title I Information January Newsletter

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The attached Parent Information letters explain details you may request about your child's teacher, paraprofessional, or substitute in addition to assessment and achievement information. (2nd Notice to inform parents)

#### Parent Right to Know Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

In compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, you may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teachers(s) and paraprofessional(s) and information about state academic assessments.

The information regarding the professional qualifications include:

- Certification type
- Subject area coverage and grade level of coverage
- Degree(s) and defined major area of work
- Qualifications of paraprofessionals providing services to students under the direction of a teacher
- Information about a teacher that is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.

The information regarding state academic assessments include:

- A copy of the state's assessments; dates and description.
- Individual Student State Assessment Report to ensure specific information on the child's level of achievement.

Federal law requires that schools receiving Title 1 funds hire highly qualified teachers. The School District of Leon County has always employed certificated personnel according to the Florida Department of Education requirements. Be assured that this will remain a priority in our school district.

If you would like to request any of the above information, please contact the principal at your child's school.

## TSMS Uniforms



1 - 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.



2 - All Uniform Wear 1989 Capital Circle NE

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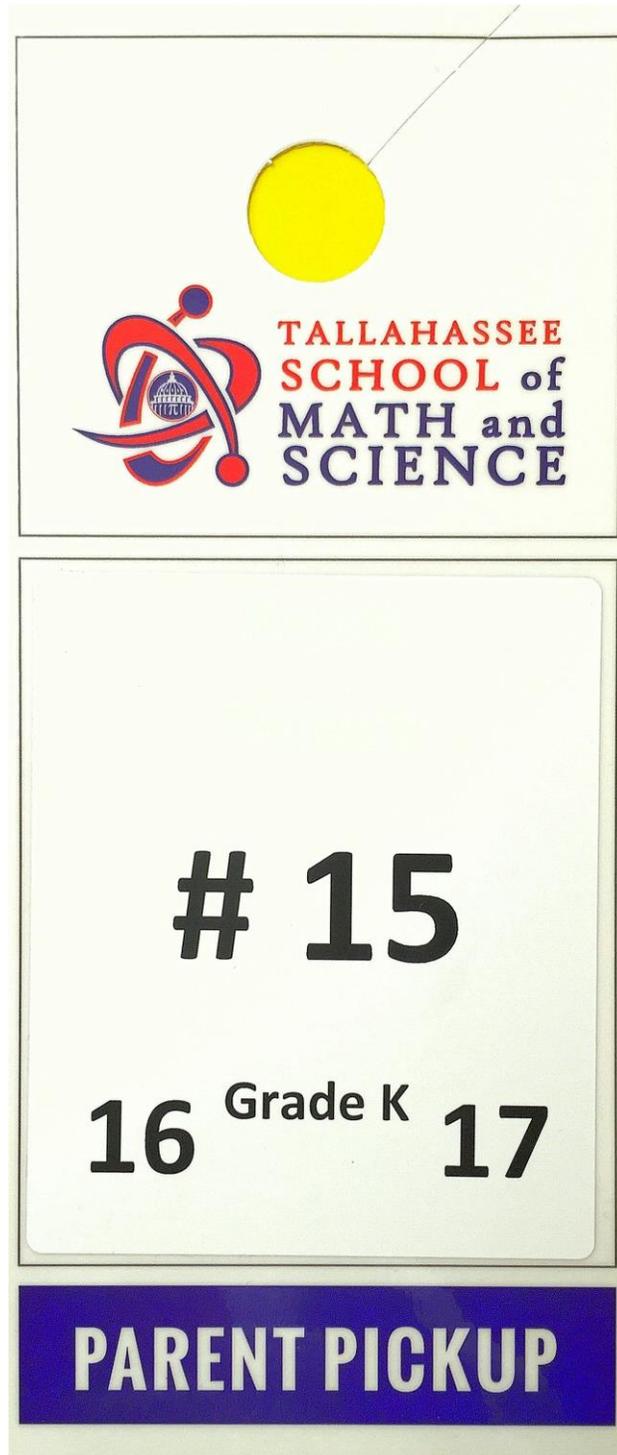
850-629-4144

[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.

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

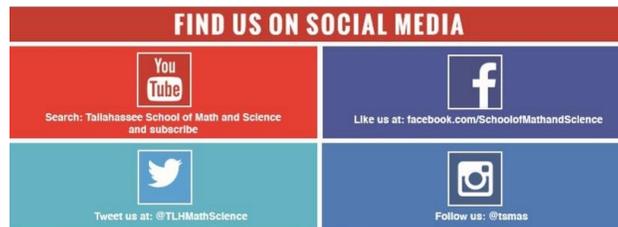
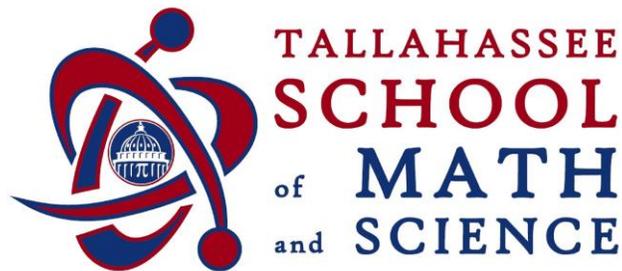
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