

Cheetah News Volume 2
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Week 26

February 5th-11th

Tallahassee School of Math and Science

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



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.

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>

Science Olympiad



Congratulations to our TSMS Science Olympiad Students and staff-- taking 3rd place overall in this past weekends Florida Regional Science Olympiad Tournament!! The tournament was held at Florida Gateway College, in Lake City Florida. TSMS had 13 students compete in 23 different events at the Olympiad. Our students also received three 1st places, three 2nd places and one 3rd place in the individual events. Our schools third place finish qualifies us to move on to the Florida Science Olympiad State Tournament being held at the University of Central Florida, in Orlando. Great job team we are very proud!!!

Visit to Mayor Andrew Gillum's Office





Mr. AK's CMP (College Mentorship Program) students visited Mayor Andrew Gillum's office. They had a chance to see his office and take pictures. They also went to the Florida State Capitol where they met Dr.

Larry Robinson, the renown nuclear chemist, who served on President Obama NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). He is currently President of Florida A&M University.

Cheetah Track Team



1 - Jaylan Lurry







The TSMS Cheetahs competed in their first track meet of the season on Saturday, February 4th at Lincoln High School. We are so proud of their hard work. They ran in nearly every event, even though it was a bit chilly, we had a blast! One of our youngest runners, Jaylan Lurry of 3rd grade, achieved the fastest 100m Dash in the elementary category! Our next track meets are on March 4th, and March 11th.

Tallahassee Half-Marathon



Ms. Sullivan completed all 13.1 miles of the Tallahassee Half-Marathon last Sunday dressed as one of her favorite Star Wars characters, BB-8. Being 30 weeks pregnant has made her a bit more sore than usual after the race, but she had a blast and is already signing up for another race in the fall.

Math Olympiad Team



Congratulations to our Math Olympiad Team for earning the Spirit Award, among the ten schools at this weekend's Mathcounts competition!

TSMS also would like to congratulate Alyssa Vanlinder for earning a medal for Best Performing Student on the TSMS MATH OLYMPIAD TEAM!

Way to go Math Olympiad!!

FSA Prep 4th Grade

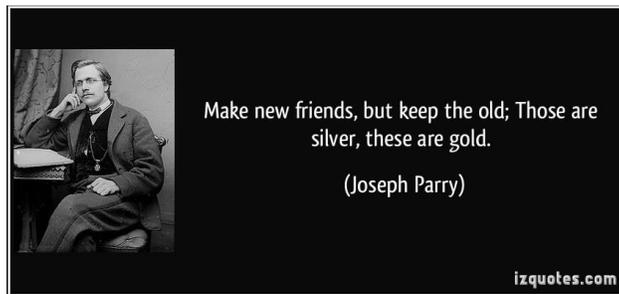




Our fourth grade students are well on their way in preparation for the FSA. Our students are working on honing in on using context clues to increase their knowledge of unfamiliar vocabulary words. Students should have a host of vocabulary words and definitions that we have learned throughout this school year thus far to utilize as a guide in their reading composition notebooks. Any opportunity to practice reading words and phrases in the books that they freely read, can be optimized to practice these skills as well. Also, as the Writing FSA approaches, some of the materials that we are using in class are informational texts. At times some students may not fully understand how to take unfamiliar information from a text and eloquently write an entire essay about a specified topic, but we are pushing toward the mark. We will continue to practice writing informative essays over the next few weeks.

Reminder: Please be sure that students are completing their homework daily. Homework is due every Friday. AR is also graded every Friday as well.

New Friends



Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other's gold!

This week we are celebrating our new classmates! We are so happy that they are here to join us for the second half of the year. We have already started to see such wonderful new friendships blossoming in Ms. Tiller's room. Upon their first day, each student was assigned a buddy. This buddy was there to help the student learn the procedures of the class as well as answer any questions they may have and even help them find their way around campus. If you see any of our new friends please introduce yourself them with a friendly smile and welcome them to our TSMS family.

Ms. Wrinkle's Wildflower News



This week in the Wildflower room we are working hard on math and reading. We have a few new students and we hope they are enjoying our classroom. We are gearing up for the Valentine's day party in our room. We are concentrating on Study Island standards. Each student has a working ahead pack in Study Island. We want all students to have a 70% or better in each lesson on Study Island before the end of the year. Our Reading FSA will be taken on March 27th and 28th. Our Math FSA will be taken on April the 17th and 18th. I feel confident that the students are ready for this assessment. Please have them teach you the strategies that we practice each and every day in class. If they learn to teach it then they learn mastery.

News from Ms. Zuschlag's Class



This week we raised money to purchase new books for our Media Center. We hope that we earn the dress down day by raising the most money!

We are very excited about the Book Fair coming next week! We will walk through the book fair on Monday and have the opportunity to purchase items before and after school on Tuesday through Friday.

Students are able to purchase "Crush" soda cans as a special Valentine's treat. The cans will be delivered on Valentine's Day. Each can cost \$1.

Students may dress down on Tuesday, February 14th, in honor of Clifford the Big Red Dog's Birthday! Your child may dress down as long as he/she is wearing the color red!

We had a special visit from Mr. Temel! He helped our class learn the meanings of the words absorb and reflect. Thank you Mr. Temel!

Ms. Zuschlag wants to wish the following students a very Happy Birthday!!

- Xhi Young (2/9)
- Samira Gallon (2/11)
- Kylee Hodges (2/13)
- Zenny Perez (2/13)
- Lena' Sky Dimmock (2/15)

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.

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.

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.

TSMS Uniforms

The graphic is titled "Guidelines For Clarification" and features the TSMS logo at the top. It is divided into two columns. The left column is marked with a large green checkmark and displays six pairs of shoes in neutral colors: black, white, brown, black, navy blue, and white. The right column is marked with a large red X and displays six pairs of shoes that are not permitted: two pairs with prominent logos (Nike and Adidas), a pair of bright red sneakers, a pair of multi-colored sneakers, and a pair of brown boots.

2 - 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.

The graphic is titled "Dress Code" and features the TSMS logo at the top. It displays images of uniform items: a navy blue polo shirt, a navy blue long-sleeved shirt, navy blue shorts, khaki shorts, navy blue trousers, and two pairs of shoes (black and brown). A logo for "ALL UNIFORM WEAR" is also present. Below the images, the following contact information is provided: Address: 1989 Capital Cir NE, Tallahassee, FL 32308; Phone: (850) 629-4144. A note at the bottom states: "Each article of clothing will have to have the 'TSMS' embroidery".

3 - All Uniform Wear 1989 Capital Circle NE

Tallahassee FL 32308

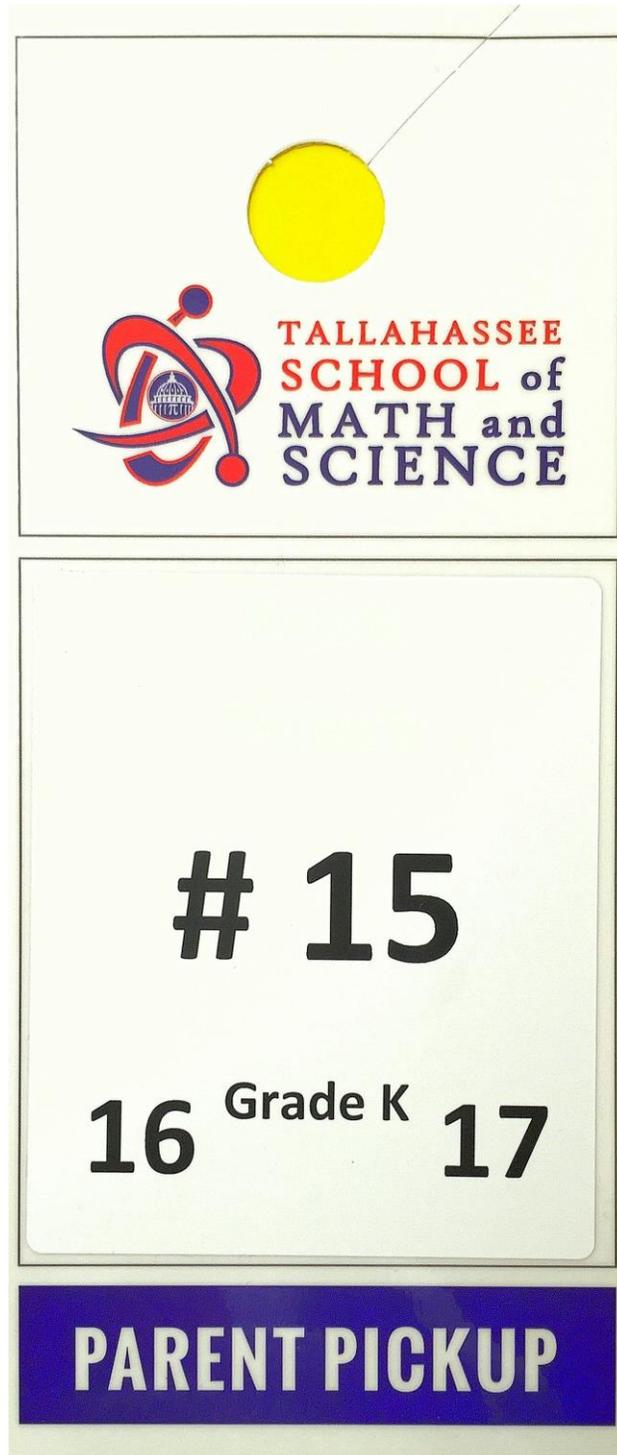
850-629-4144

www.alluniformwear.com

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

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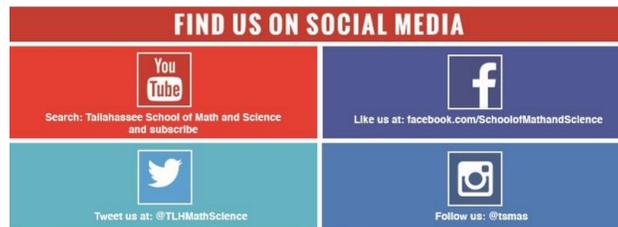
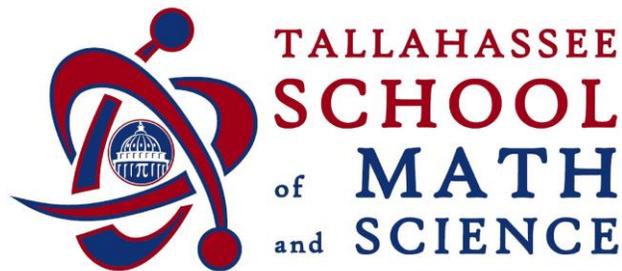
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