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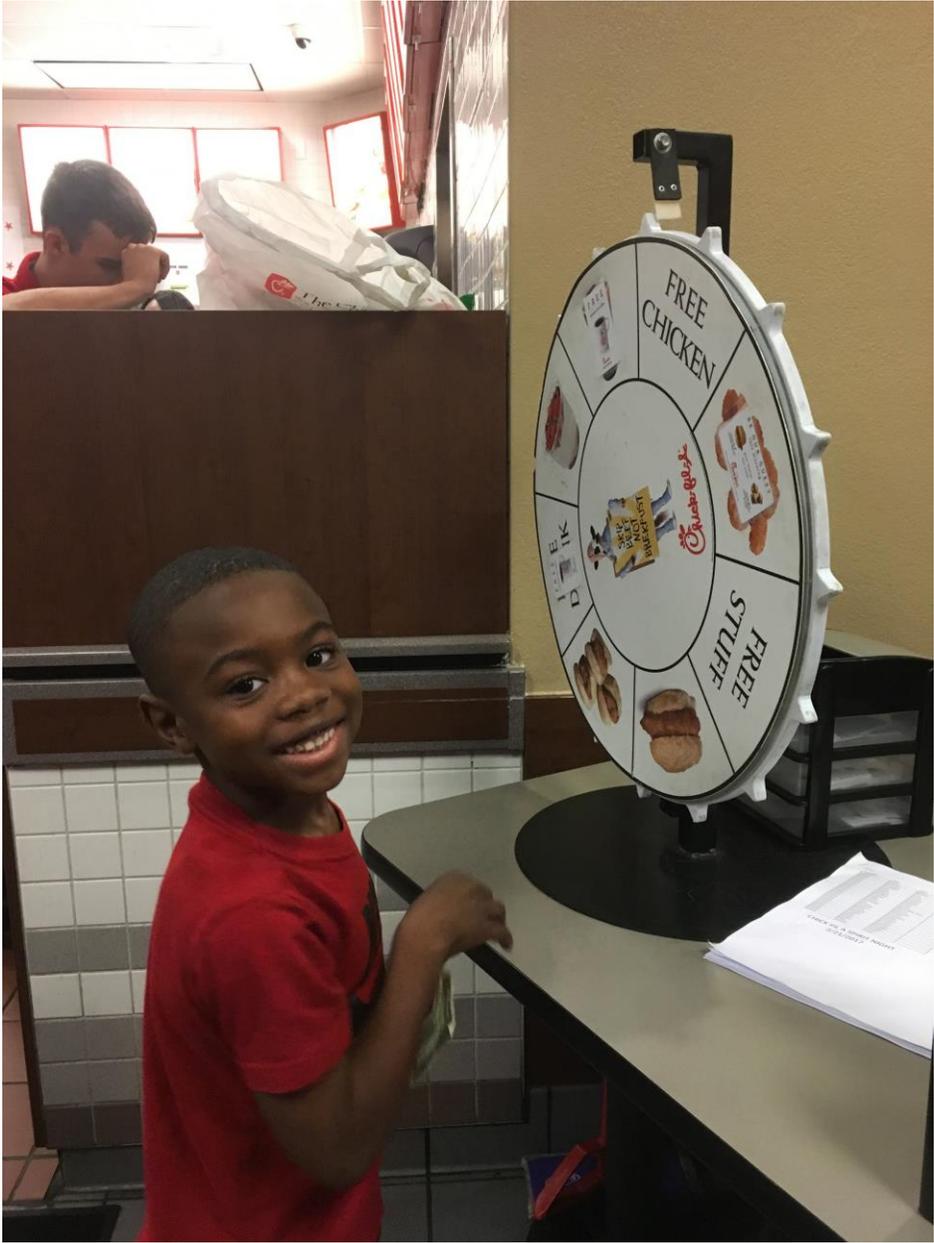
*Week 28*

*February 19th-25th*

*Tallahassee School of Math and Science*

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Chick-Fil-A Family Night Event

































We had such a great turnout for the Chik-fil-a fundraiser! Thank you to all the families who came out to support TSMS!

## TSMS "Black History in Tallahassee" Speaker Series



1 - Photo courtesy of [floridamemory.com](http://floridamemory.com)



TSMS would like to thank Althemese Barnes, Miaisha Mitchell, Annie Harris, and Darryl Gilliam Scott for coming to our campus to speak on Black History in Tallahassee. We would also like to thank everyone who joined us for the event.

## TSMS Staff Appreciation Breakfast - 3/3/17 - MARCH



Hi Parents! Please help us celebrate our teachers with our monthly teacher appreciation breakfast on Friday, March 3rd, 2017!

If you can participate in bringing in one of the following items (or any of your choosing), this would sure help us to make it a successful event.

Breakfast starts at 7:30am, please have all items brought to the front office by 7:15am on the 2nd or you can drop them off the day before (just put a note on them for Friday's breakfast please).

We currently have 35 staff members at TSMS.

**Date:**

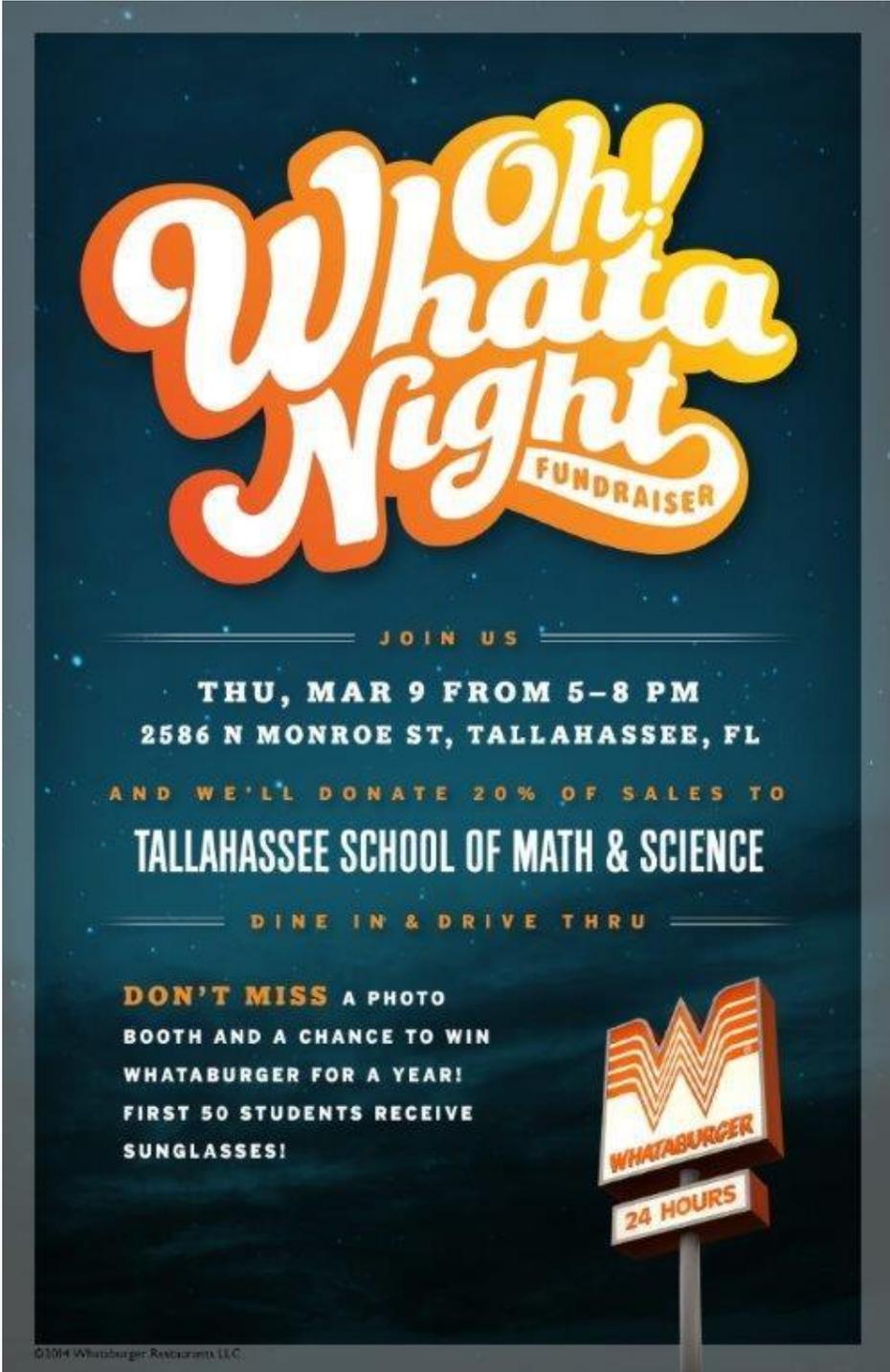
03/03/2017 (Fri.)

**Time:**

7:30am - 9:00am EST

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844aaa722aafd0-tsms4>

Oh! Whata Night Fundraiser!



The poster features a dark blue background with a starry night sky. At the top, the words "Oh! Whata Night" are written in a large, bubbly, white font with an orange outline. The word "Oh!" is smaller and positioned above "Whata". Below "Whata" is the word "Night" in the same style. A small banner with the word "FUNDRAISER" in white capital letters is attached to the bottom right of the "Night" word. Below the main title, the text "JOIN US" is centered in a small, white, sans-serif font. Underneath, the date and time "THU, MAR 9 FROM 5-8 PM" and the address "2586 N MONROE ST, TALLAHASSEE, FL" are listed in white, sans-serif font. A line of text reads "AND WE'LL DONATE 20% OF SALES TO" in a small, orange, sans-serif font. Below this, "TALLAHASSEE SCHOOL OF MATH & SCIENCE" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Another line of text reads "DINE IN & DRIVE THRU" in a small, orange, sans-serif font. In the bottom left, a promotional message is written in white, sans-serif font: "DON'T MISS A PHOTO BOOTH AND A CHANCE TO WIN WHATABURGER FOR A YEAR! FIRST 50 STUDENTS RECEIVE SUNGLASSES!". In the bottom right, there is a 3D rendering of a Whataburger signpost. The top part is a large, illuminated "W" logo with orange and white stripes, and the word "WHATABURGER" in white on an orange background. Below it is a smaller sign that says "24 HOURS" in white on an orange background.

**Oh!**  
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WHATABURGER  
24 HOURS

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## SLEEP – THE KEY TO, WELL, EVERYTHING



You're getting sleepy...very sleeeeeeepy... zzzzzzzzz That wouldn't be so bad except that it's 8:30am on Tuesday! Your brain needs to be in Go-Mode for that class you're missing! Sleep is one of the most important activities we can do for our brains and bodies. Without it, we are literally zoned out. There are zones in our brain that absolutely cannot function properly without enough sleep.

One of the key roadblocks in today's technological world is the wonderful world of electronics. Besides just sheer overuse, our phone and tablet screens emit a blue light that blocks the brain's production of Melatonin, which is critical for good sleep. But never fear, there's an app for that! If your device doesn't have a nighttime amber function built in, you can download apps like Twilight and others for free to get your body on schedule and your brain working well.

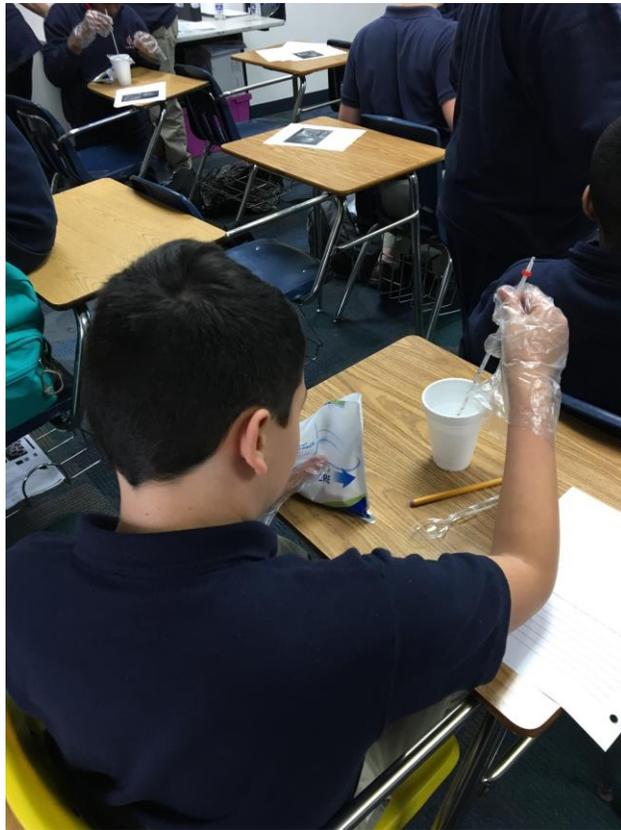
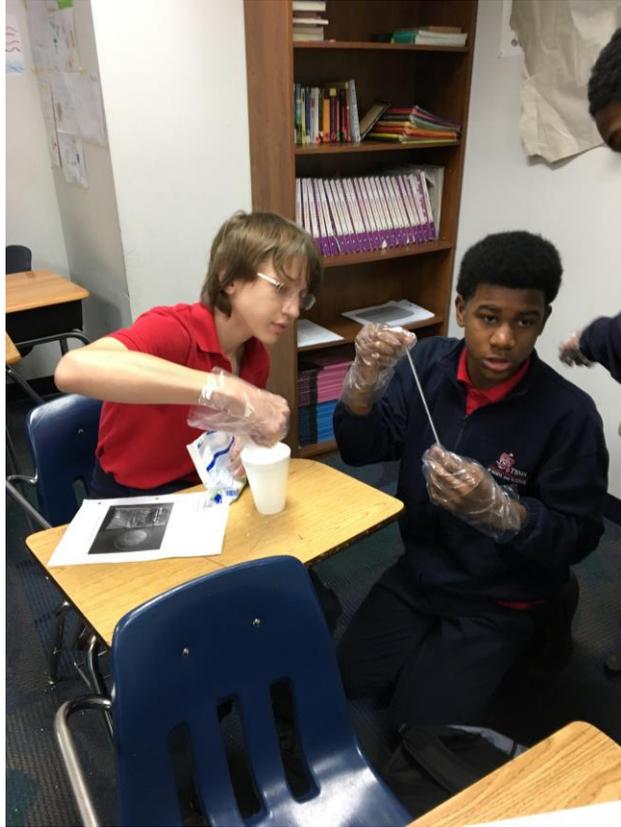
Parents, take this opportunity to make sure your children are getting enough sleep, and if you want to learn more, check out this article from Scientific Learning on [healthy adolescent sleep habits](#).

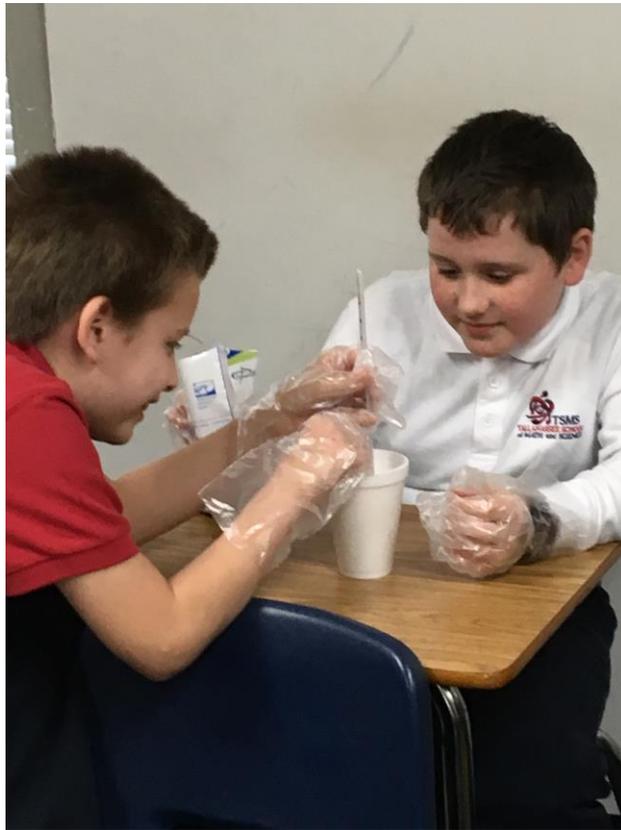
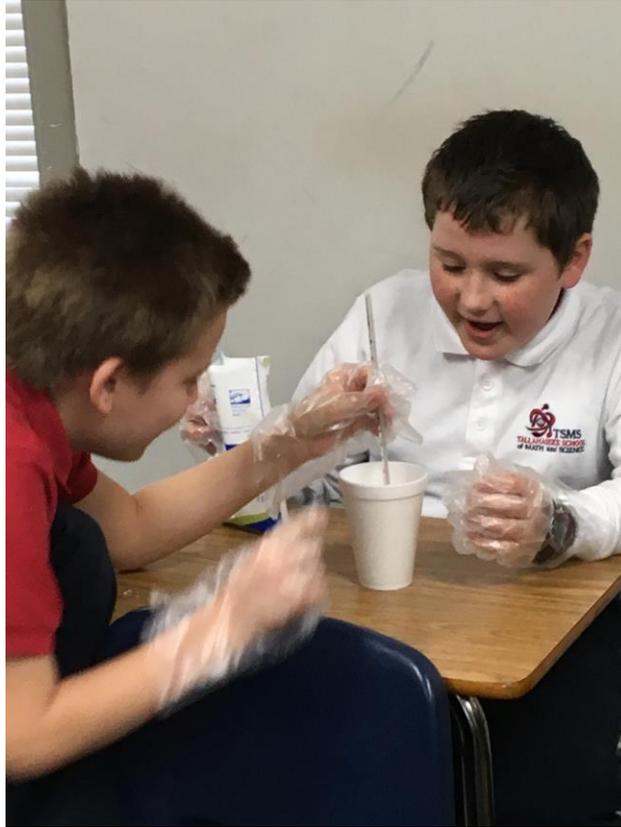
Here's to happy and healthy ZZZZZZZZZZ's!

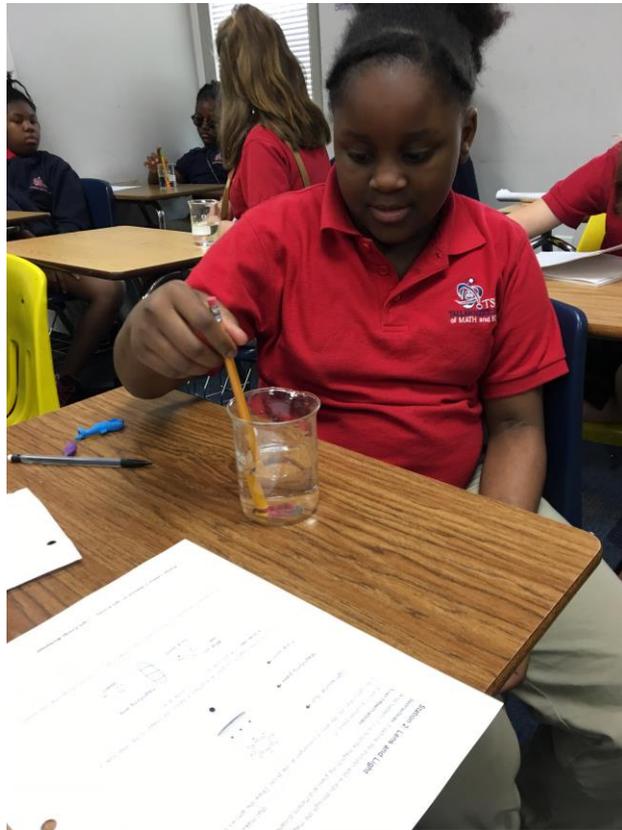
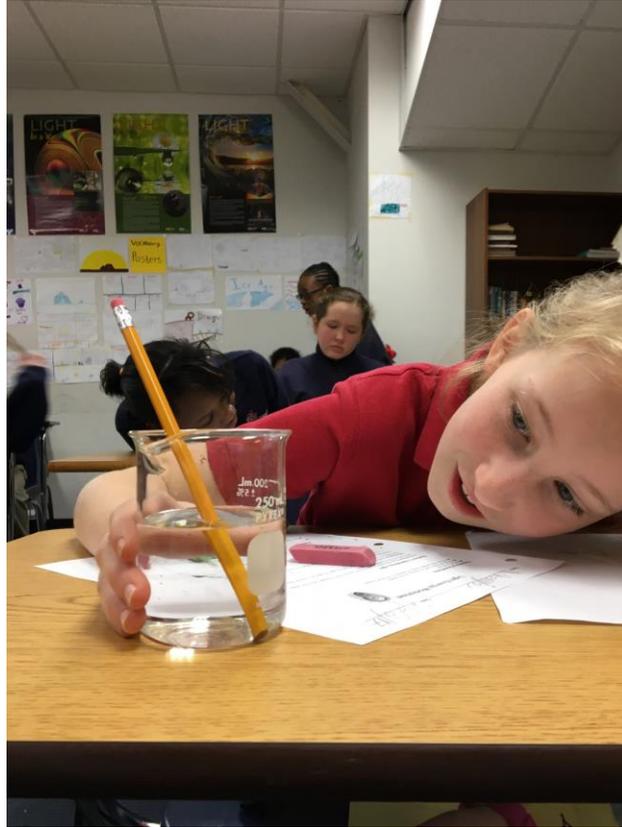
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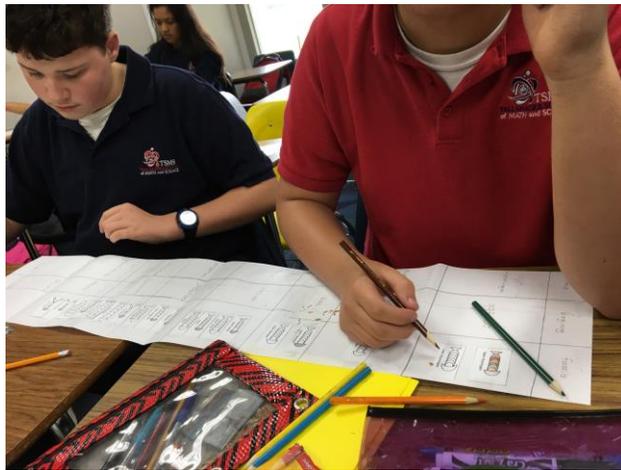
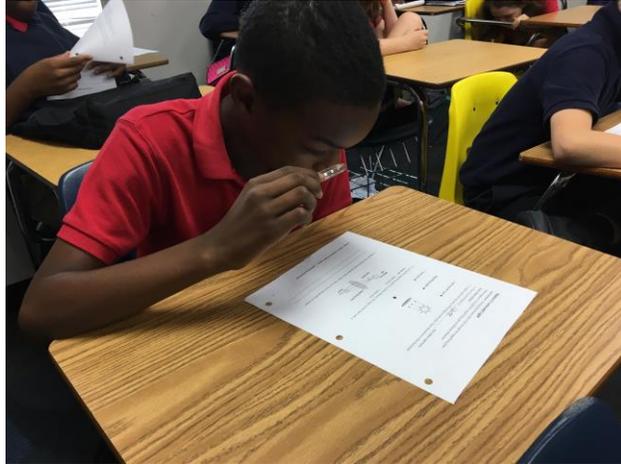












This week, we got a lot of science done! For the 6th grade, we learned about thermal energy this week. To do this, we cut open instant ice packs and used the chemicals inside to make a reaction! Of course, we all used gloves for safety.

The chemical is called ammonium nitrate, and it gets very cold when mixed with water. We measured the change in temperature over time and with different amounts of the chemical.

In 5th grade science, we are studying light and its properties. To demonstrate refraction, or light bending, we used beakers with water. The pencil looked bigger in the water than it did in the air! We also used lenses in magnifying glasses to study light refraction, and talked about how you can also see this property in bubbles and rainbows.

In 8th grade biology, our current unit is on taxonomy and classification. We made posters of fossils being sorted into groups based on age and appearance. I love having student work like this to hang up in my room!

## Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety unit in PE classes



Beginning next week, we will be starting our Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety unit in PE classes! K-2 students will learn safe ways to cross the street in different traffic situations and parking lots and 3-8th graders will be learning all about safety while riding a bike, how to fit a helmet properly, arm signals while riding, and more! Leon County will be dropping off the trailer of bikes for the month of March and we are in talks with TPD to get a bicycle rodeo event at school at the end of the unit. Stay tuned for pictures of our students riding bicycles and safely crossing the street!

Please make sure and send your student to school in athletic shoes on days that their class has PE. This is for safety reasons!

Thank you!

Coach Vance

## 3rd Grade FSA Prep



Students have been working hard preparing for the upcoming FSA. Our Coach books have been very beneficial as we review topics we have learned throughout third grade. We have also started working on previous comprehension passages in order to review main idea, key details, sequence of events, cause and effect, and point of view.

Third-grade will be participating in Dr. Seuss Week activities next week. Your child may dress-down each day according to the list below.

2/27 Monday- The Foot Book ♦ Fox in Socks:

\*\*Wear silly or mismatched socks

2/28 Tuesday- Oh The Places You'll Go!:

\*\*Dress for your future career

3/1 Wednesday- Wacky Wednesday:

\*\*Wear backwards, inside out, or mismatched clothing

3/2 Thursday- (Dr. Seuss's Birthday) Cat in the Hat:

\*\*Wear a crazy hat

3/3 Friday- Green Eggs and Ham ♦ The Sleep Book:

\*\*Wear your pajamas

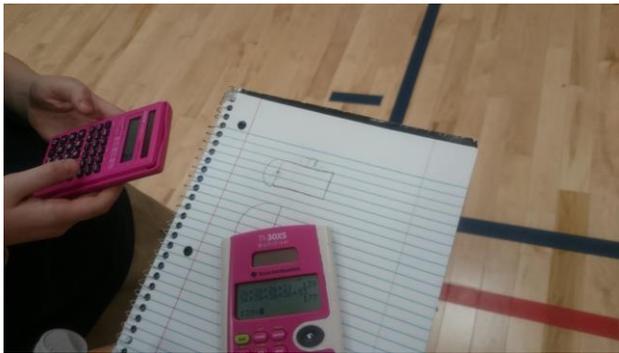
**Upcoming Dates:**

- FSA Parent Night is Wednesday, March 1st.
- Whataburger Night- March 9th
- Spring Break- March 13th-March 20th
- FSA Reading- March 27th-28th
- FSA Math- April 17th-18th

Composite Figures











The TSMS Talent Show Auditions will be next Friday, March 3rd, from 3-4pm in Mrs. Carlson's room. Please prepare a 30-60 second audition.

Here are some ideas:

Dancing, Singing, Magic, Comedy.....Anything that is school appropriate is welcome!

If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Carlson in the music room.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

Friday, March 3rd – **Talent Show Auditions (Every Grade Welcome)**

Thursday, April 13th – **Talent Show (Chosen Finalists)**

Saturday, April 22nd – **Honors Chorus (Chosen 5th Grade Students)**

-----8:30-9:00 - Students check-in at Chiles H.S. Auditorium

-----9:00-11:30 - Clinic / Rehearsal

-----11:30-12:00 - lunch

-----12:00-1:30 - Rehearsal

-----1:30 - Dismissal (go home, rest, get primped up!)

-----6:30 - Students report to Chiles H.S. choral room for pre-concert instructions

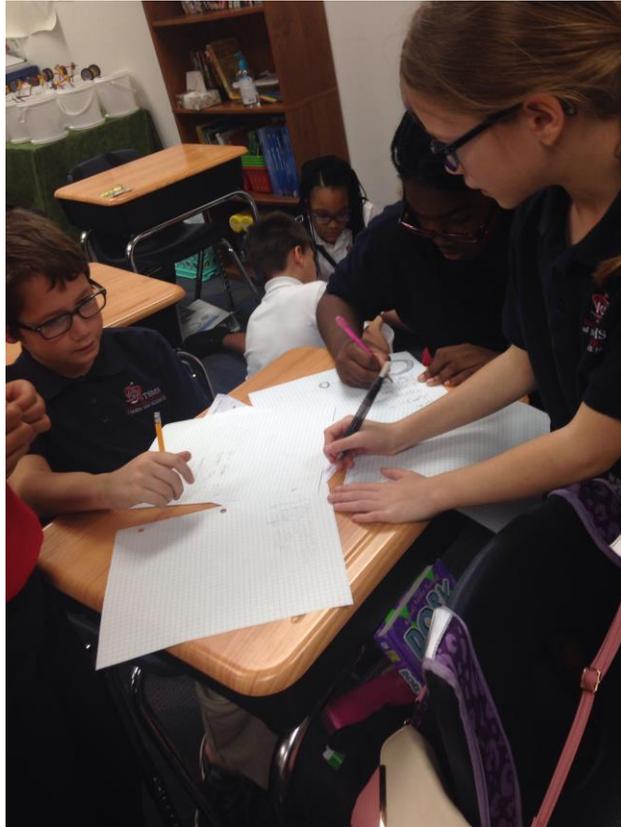
Thursday, May 4th – **Spring Concert (K-4th Grade)**

Monday, May 8th – **Opera Outreach (Elementary Students)**

Thursday, May 18th – **Spring Concert (5th-7th Grade)**

Tuesday, May 23rd and Wednesday, May 24th – **Link Up Concert (4th Grade Students Only)**

## CAR BUILDING UPDATE!



CAR BUILDING UPDATE! 4th graders have completed building a car based on a given design. Now, they are working together to create their own designs. They need to make a list of materials needed, draw the design, and create a list of steps to put it together! Stay tuned to see what their prototypes look like!

## FSA Testing



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.

# 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 a pair of shoes. A central logo for "ALL UNIFORM WEAR" features a globe. To the right, a black shirt with "TSMS" embroidery is shown. 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

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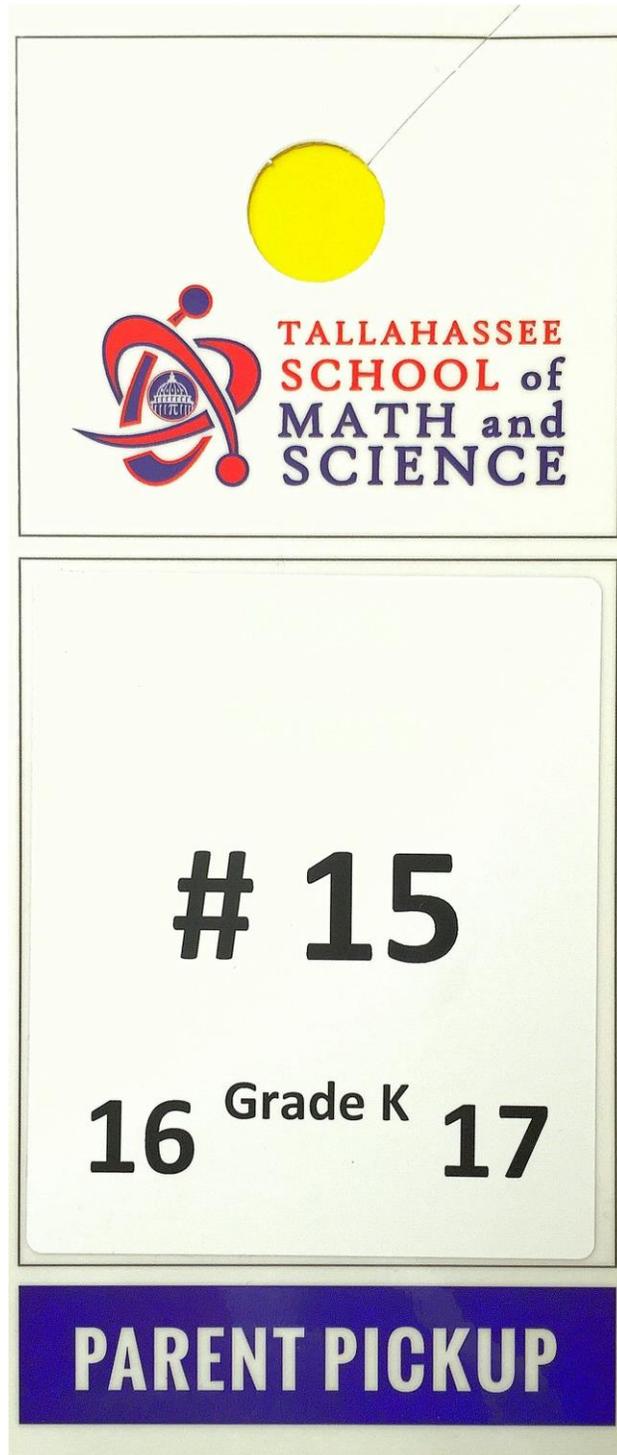
850-629-4144

[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

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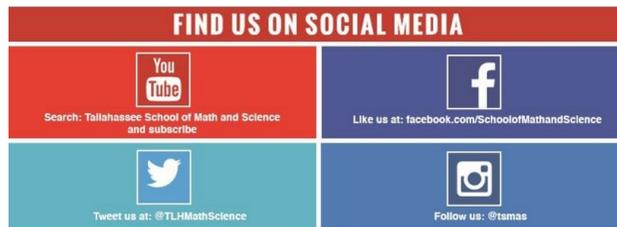
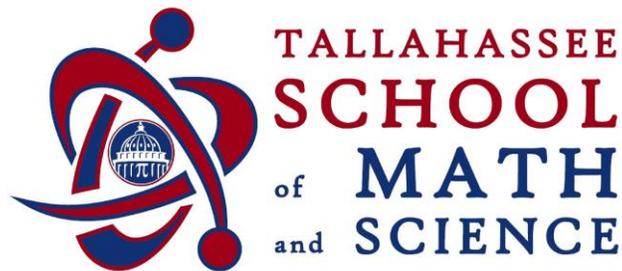
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