



Cheetah News  
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## Teacher of the Week!



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*TSMS would like to thank Ms. DeCordova for all of her hard work!*

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TSMS Family STEM Night!!

**TALLAHASSEE SCHOOL of MATH  
and SCIENCE PRESENTS**

**FAMILY  
STEM  
NIGHT**

*Tuesday*

**October 10, 2017**

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM at TSMS Cafeteria

**Please RSVP below for free Pizza**

**YES! SIGN US UP FOR FAMILY STEM NIGHT**

STUDENT NAME: .....

NUMBER OF ADULTS: .....

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: .....

AGES OF CHILDREN: .....

**WALK-INS ARE WELCOME**

Due to ordering **ONLY** those who RSVP will receive pizza.

PosterMyWall.com



The poster features a central title 'FAMILY STEM NIGHT' in large, bold, black letters with a white outline. Above it, the text 'TALLAHASSEE SCHOOL of MATH and SCIENCE PRESENTS' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Below the title, the word 'Tuesday' is written in a large, black, cursive font. The date 'October 10, 2017' is prominently displayed in a bold, pink, sans-serif font. Below the date, the time and location '5:30 PM - 7:00 PM at TSMS Cafeteria' are listed in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. A call to action 'Please RSVP below for free Pizza' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The bottom section contains a registration form with fields for 'STUDENT NAME', 'NUMBER OF ADULTS', 'NUMBER OF CHILDREN', and 'AGES OF CHILDREN'. A note in bold purple text states 'WALK-INS ARE WELCOME', followed by a disclaimer: 'Due to ordering ONLY those who RSVP will receive pizza.' The poster is decorated with several illustrations: a girl with a microscope and a beaker, a boy with a smartphone and a leaf, a girl in a lab coat holding a test tube and a beaker, and a blue beaker with white bubbles. The background is a light beige color with a pattern of blue bubbles on the right side.

# TSMS Staff Appreciation Breakfast









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*TSMS would like to thank our gracious PVO members for the Great Breakfast!*

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## 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.**

## Student of the Week Exemplifying RESPECT



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*I would like to nominate **Camari C.** for Cheetah Student of the Week. Camari is a very solid, well-rounded student. He is **respectful to adults**. He always says good morning to me when I speak to him. He also has the highest amount of Dojo Points in his classroom, which speaks a lot on his character. **He is respectful to other Cheetah students**. He is a friend to everyone, and is well liked by his classmates. **He is also respectful to the school**. I have watched him pick things up off of the ground without being asked to. He is a great example of what a Cheetah should exemplify*

*--Ms. McClanahan*

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## 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.](#)

# October Dress Down Days!

## October Dress Down Days at TSMS

\*Dress down guidelines on the back

**Monday 10/2** students may dress down in BLUE to participate Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention™ An initiative of STOMP Out Bullying™, to help raise awareness of bullying prevention.



**Wednesday 10/4** 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.



**Tuesday 10/24** 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. *"Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free."*



**Tuesday 10/31** 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. FALL FESTIVAL cost \$1 for students to attend. We would love to have parent volunteers. Please see our Sign-Up Genius on our website.



# Hispanic Heritage Night!

*Celebrating Diversity at TSMS*



**THURSDAY OCTOBER 19TH**  
**5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**  
Please leave food in the cafeteria by 5:30pm

*Calling all TSMS Families*



You can help us make this event successful by contributing things like Hispanic food, crafts, posters, artifacts, performing folkloric dances, or you can simply dress in traditional Hispanic clothing!

**HISPANIC HERITAGE NIGHT is a potluck dinner that celebrates the diversity of cultures we have here at TSMS. Please bring a dish or dessert to share that will serve 10 people. Each family will bring a cultural dish or a Hispanic recipe.**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Kids \_\_\_\_\_ #Under 6 years \_\_\_\_\_

We are bringing MAIN DISH \_\_\_\_\_ SIDE DISH \_\_\_\_\_ DESSERT \_\_\_\_\_

Can you help us set tables? 5:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Can you help serve food? 6:30pm \_\_\_\_\_ Can you help clean up? 8:30pm \_\_\_\_\_

*Celebrando Diversidad en ISMS*



**JUEVES 19 DE OCTUBRE**

**5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

Pueden dejar los platos de comida en la cafetería a las 5:30pm

*Llamando a todas las familias de ISMS*



Pueden ayudarnos a que este evento sea un éxito contribuyendo con cosas como comida hispana, artesanías, posters, artefactos, realizando bailes típicos, o pueden vestirse simplemente en trajes típicos.



**HISPANIC HERITAGE NIGHT ES UNA CENA  
COMPARTIDA**

**QUE CELEBRA LA DIVERSIDAD DE LAS CULTURAS.**

**POR FAVOR, TRAIGAN UN PLATO O UN POSTRE**

**QUE COMPARTIRA CON 10 PERSONAS.**

**Cada familia traerá un plato de su cultura, o una receta hispana.**

Nombre de familia: \_\_\_\_\_ # de adultos \_\_\_\_\_ # de niños \_\_\_\_\_ # menos que 6 años \_\_\_\_\_

Trajemos un PLATO \_\_\_\_\_ POSTRE \_\_\_\_\_

¿Nos puede poner las mesas? 5:30pm \_\_\_\_\_ ¿Nos puede ayudar en servir la comida? \_\_\_\_\_ ¿Nos puede ayudar en limpiar? \_\_\_\_\_

Relief for Puerto Rico

TALLHASSEE SCHOOL OF MATH & SCIENCE

**Relief  
for  
Puerto  
Rico**



PLEASE BRING \$1 AND ONE CAN GOOD TO DRESS DOWN THURSDAY 10/12  
(FEEL FREE TO DONATE MORE OF EACH!)

TALLAHASSEE SCHOOL OF MATH & SCIENCE

**Relief  
for  
Puerto  
Rico**



*"Relevo por Puerto Rico"*  
FAVOR DE TRAER \$1 Y UNA LATA DE COMIDA PARA VESTIMENTA CASUAL EL  
JUEVES, 12 DE OCTUBRE  
(PUEDE DONAR MAS LATAS DE COMIDA SI LO DESEA!)

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PVO 10/17/17



# 10/17/2017 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>

Blue Shirt Day 2017 World Day of Bullying Prevention™ at TSMS!

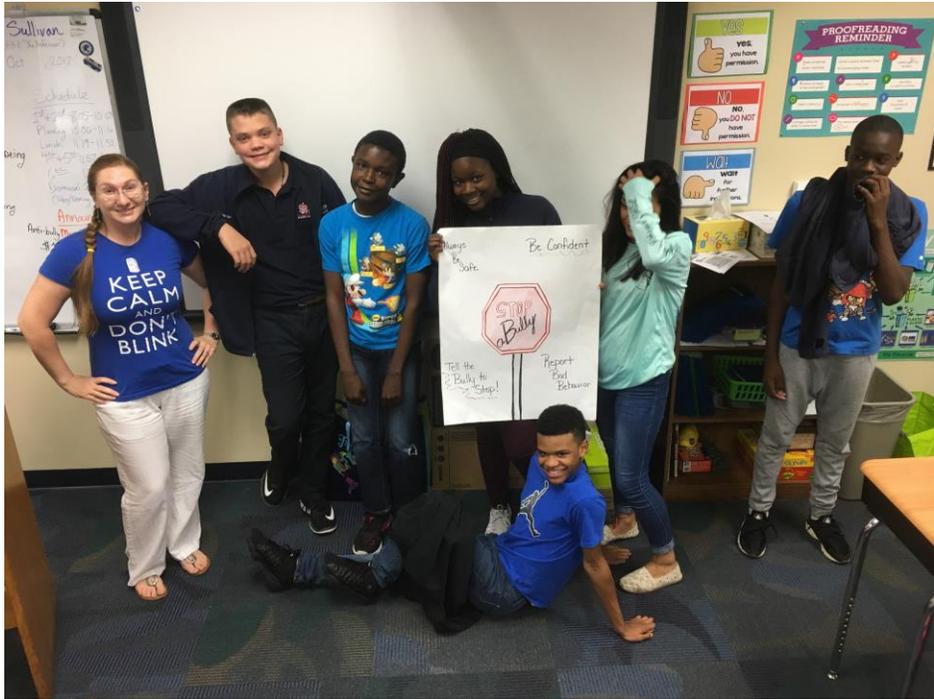
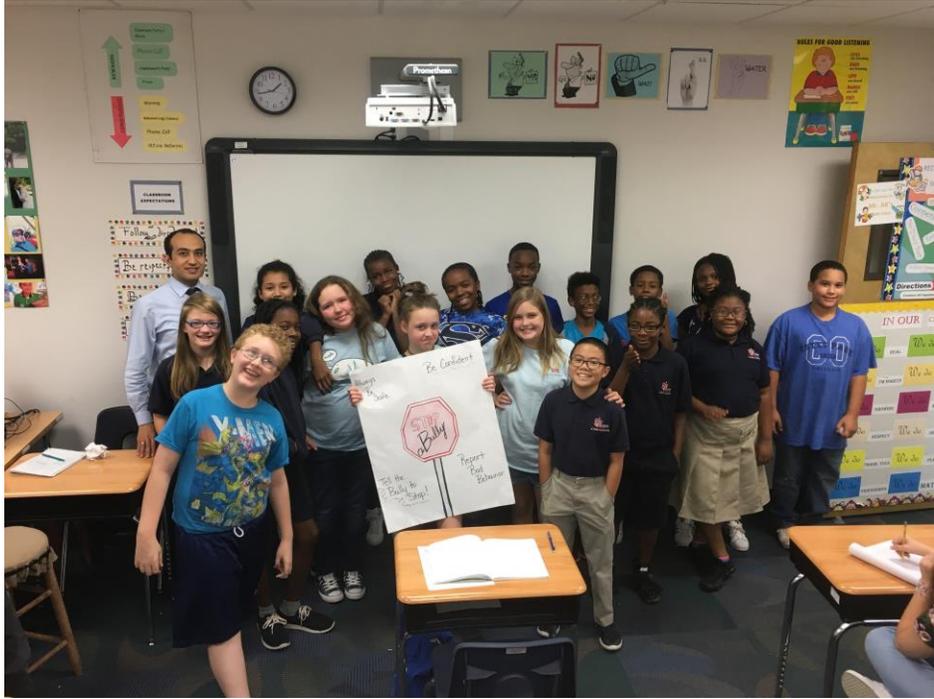














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*TSMS welcomed Sherrif Deputy Crump to our campus to give an Anti-Bullying Presentation! Leon County Sheriff's Office*

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## WEAR PINK FOR ACS - Breast Cancer Fundraiser



























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*TSMS raised \$247 to be donated to the American Cancer Society in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month!!*

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TSMS Garden Fall Panting





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*TSMS would like to send a big thank you to the Damayan Garden Project, UF/IFAS Leon County Extension, and SOAR Interns from FSU for leading our 4th, 5th and 7th Graders during a fall vegetable planting session in the TSMS garden and a scavenger hunt in the Butterfly Garden! [UF/IFAS Leon County Extension](#)*

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3rd Grade Joe Budd Conservation Center Field Trip!









































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*Our third Grade students had a great time today at the Joe Budd Conservation Center! The students enjoyed learning about plant and animal life in the pond. They used microscopes, droppers, and petri-dishes to examine the plants and micro-organisms. The students were able to bait their own hooks with live worms. They also practiced casting and reeling. Students learned about the catch and release method, which preserves the fish and wildlife population. [Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area](#)*

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## Staff Spotlight



Ms. Sullivan grew up in Plant City, FL, home of the Strawberry Festival! She attended New College of Florida, in Sarasota, for her Bachelor's degree, and earned her Master's from Florida State University. Her 2 very fluffy cats now have a new (furless) sibling named Seneca. He was born in April 2017, and has the cutest giggle imaginable. Travel is a huge part of Ms. Sullivan's life, and she even spent a summer studying abroad in Paris. Last year she wrangled tickets to see the new National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., and saw America's founding documents, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, in person! You may see Ms. Sullivan jogging the streets around town, and in costume, if she can. She's signed up for the 25th anniversary of the Disney Marathon in January 2018, so wish her luck for those grueling 26.2 miles!

## Winter Concert



**We are off to a great start in music this year! We will begin to work on our winter concert music in the next few weeks. Concerts are scheduled for the beginning of December. More information is scheduled to go home at a later date.**

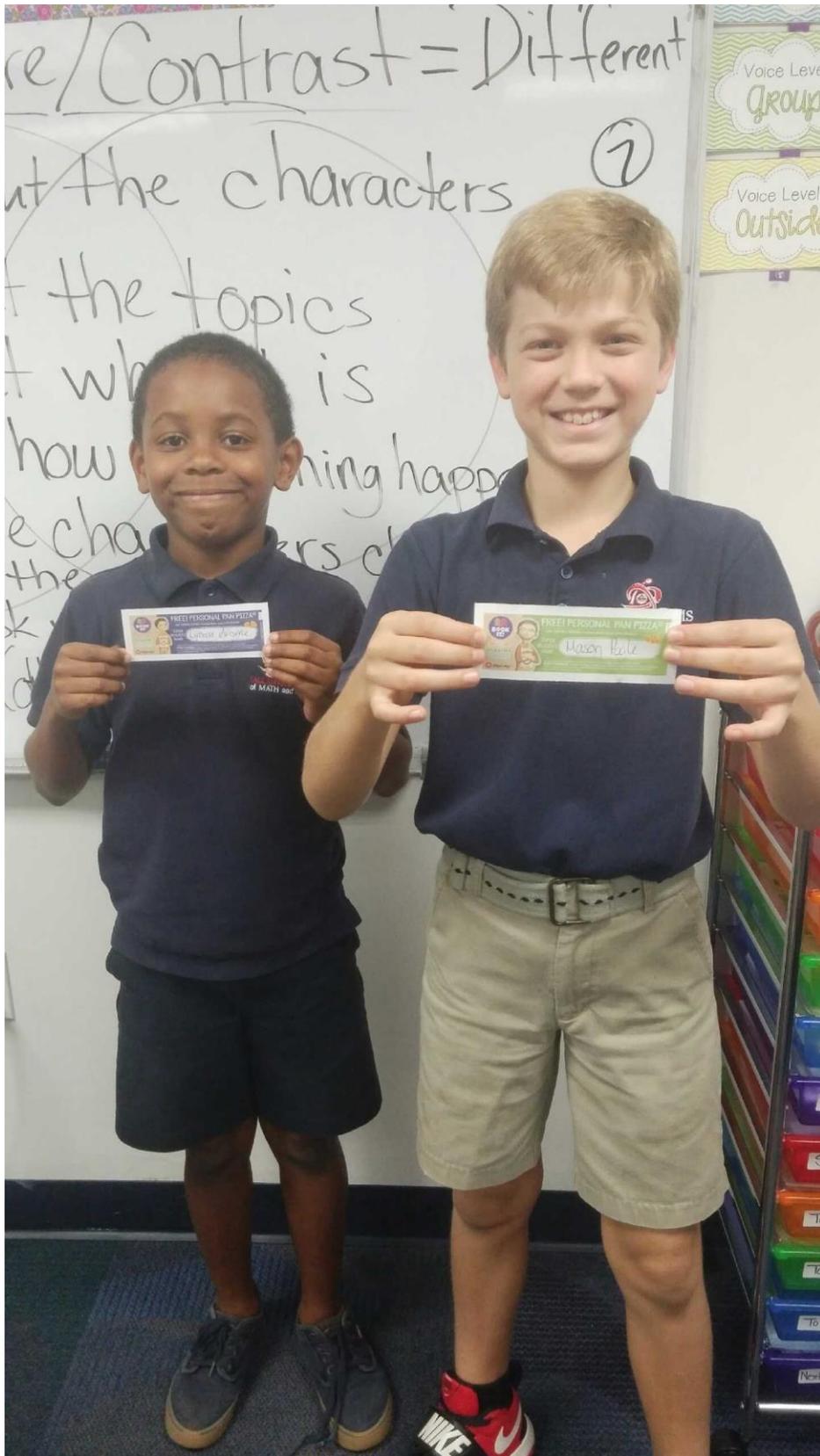
**I am seeking donations for our music program. This will continue to build a quality music education here at TSMS! Please visit my classroom's Amazon Wish List and see how you are able to contribute to the music program!**

[Amazon Wish List](#)

## Readin' Cheetahs







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FREE PERSONAL PAN PIZZA  
Cameron Johnson

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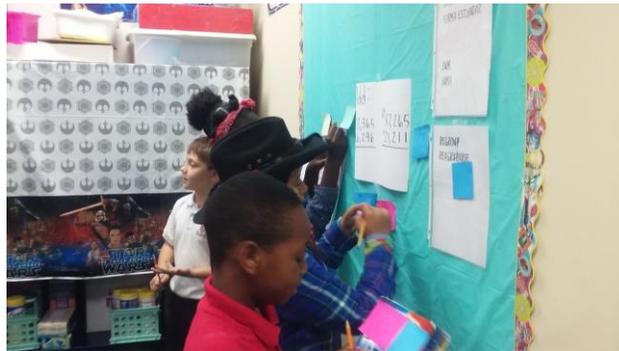
In fourth grade this week, we are celebrating our students that have met their AR goals for the 1st marking period. They earned a certificate for a FREE personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. How awesome is that!? We want to continue encouraging our students to read daily and record the times that they read into their reading logs. The more you read, the more you know. Parents please make sure that you are signing their reading logs as it is a grade. **The deadline to meet their AR goal is Friday, Oct. 13th!** Fourth grade students have their first Book Report coming up that is due on Monday, Oct. 9th. Our classes are competing now to see who will read the most books weekly! Which class will win?

Also, please be sure to check your child's agenda daily as they should be recording their homework, classwork and project assignments. Any important dates should be kept up in their agendas, so let's make sure that we keep up with them.

Please don't forget the 4th grade field trip to Wakulla Springs! All money is due no later than, MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017!!! Don't miss out! In addition, fourth grade students will also be learning about the country of the Dominican Republic for Hispanic Heritage Month. More information will be coming soon. Join us for Hispanic Heritage Night!

#GoCheetahs!

## Greetings from Ms. Straubinger's Class!



It seems like September just flew by, doesn't it? We have been busy learning about plants and animals in science, and we have also been learning how to multiply multi-digit numbers! This is an exciting time of year because there are so many fun events. Here are a couple of reminders for parents:

- Many students still do not have headphones to use in computer class. Students do receive a grade for computers and not having headphones to help them with their work will affect their grade!
- Fourth grade's Wakulla Springs field trip is on October 26th. Please remember to send \$4.50 and the signed permission slip so your child can participate in this fun and educational adventure!

Did you know? 12% of people dream entirely in black and white! Before color television was introduced, only 15% of people dreamt in color, which may explain why older people dream in black and white for frequently than young people. Regardless of whether your child dreams in black and white or color, he/she needs at least 9 hours each night!

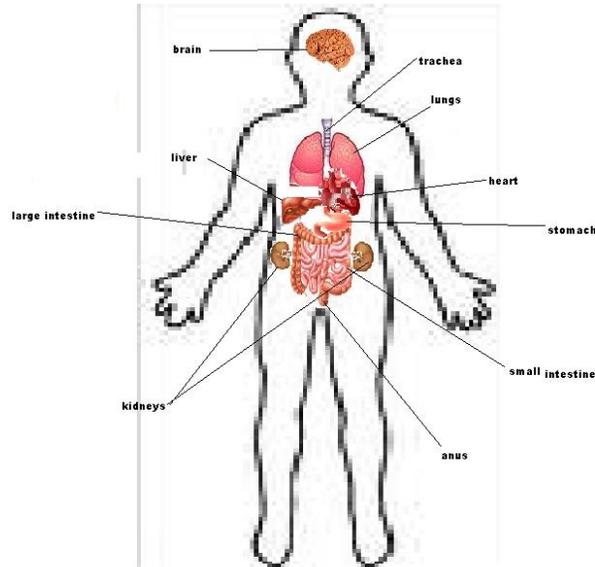
Nature Boosts Brain Power!





Ms. Sullivan's class spends some quality time soaking in the sunshine after lunch each day. It's a great way to reenergize partway through your daily schedule, and it's even proven to increase your creativity and problem-solving skills. That's right! Taking a brief walk among the trees can give your brain the chance to reconnect to nature and boost your health and brain power! Read more about it here: <http://www.businessinsider.com/scientific-benefits-of-nature-outdoors-2016-4/#1-improved-short-term-memory-1>

## Ms. Wrinkle's 2nd-Grade



This week in the 2nd-grade we are learning about our bodies. The major organs. We are learning about our lungs, heart, stomach, and brains. We are going to throw in the kidneys if all goes well! In math, we are trying to figure out just how many strategies we can use to solve a problem. Reading is focusing on what happens when families work together. Our Social Studies class will focus on history and time. This means time lines. Putting everything where it belongs.

Keep working on your Study Island at home and we will plug away with it at school. Just today I watched the kids in amazement as they plowed through five assignments that I already taught. They all made 100's on each one. That means we are all doing our jobs well. Pat yourself on the back!

## TSMS Winter Wear



**It will soon be getting colder, students will want to bundle up when coming to school. Parents make sure to stop at All Uniform Wear to pick up the TSMS winter wear. These items are Uniform appropriate and may be worn throughout the school day.**

As a reminder the dress code policy is as follows:

- Sweatshirts must be navy blue and the **school logo is required**. The sweatshirt is an economical alternative when students need to have additional warmth. When wearing a sweatshirt, the student must still be wearing another TSMS shirt underneath the sweatshirt – the sweatshirt cannot be worn alone. Sweatshirt may not be worn (tied) around the waist.
- Long sleeve thermals layered under short sleeve Uniform tops are not permitted.
- Boots, Uggs, and high-heeled shoes are not permitted
- Socks, stockings, tights or hose may only be in solid school colors. Clear or skin-colored hose are also acceptable. Fishnet or other patterned stockings or hose are not permitted. Stockings, tights, or hose must cover the full length of the student's legs and feet – leg warmers are not permitted.

- All outside coats and jackets or hooded apparel may not be worn inside the school building

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

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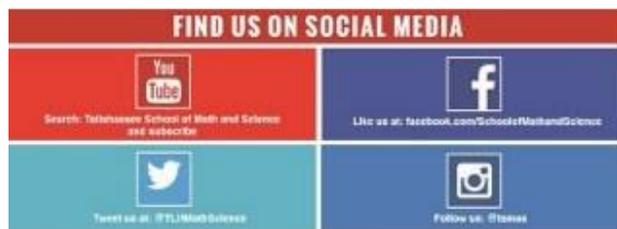
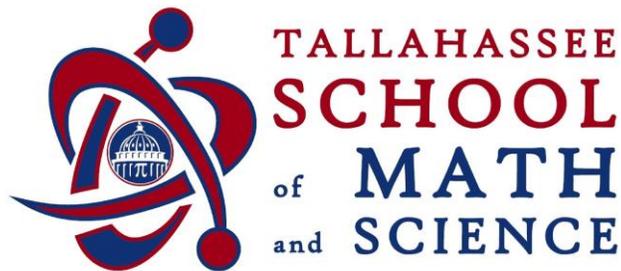
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