



September 20, 2024

Good afternoon, Tonda families. Please take a moment to review the week's updates!

- **Media Center Volunteer Opportunities**

- If you are interested in supporting our Media Center staff as a parent volunteer this year, please use [this link](#) to sign up.

- **Tonda Trekkers - Volunteers Needed**

- One of the most student-requested programs at Tonda, is back!!! Tonda Trekkers is a seasonal, running program for students K-5. Trekkers runs twice monthly, DURING lunch recess and is entirely optional. Trekkers helps students foster a positive view on maintaining a healthy lifestyle so they can adapt these skills as they learn and grow. This program runs in the Fall and Spring. Rainy or wet days are usually canceled because the asphalt is slippery and the students do not run in snow.

How does it work? Well, it can only work with help from you! This program has been on hiatus for the past few years due to the pandemic restrictions and lack of volunteers. However, once a week, during lunch recess, students will have the opportunity to run around the volunteer-supervised perimeter of the school. Volunteers tally their laps to help the students achieve their goals. This is a great opportunity for students and volunteers to see different views of the school and to feel more connected with Tonda and the Timberwolf Community. Students can choose if they want to participate and how often. This program is just for fun.

What if you can't make it during the day to volunteer but you still want to help? No worries, we have jobs for you that can be completed at home! Ongoing data entry for each student's laps will need to be recorded and each student has a safety pin that will have every mile marked with a bead that needs to be threaded on that safety pin. We have several jobs that are available.

What if you still have younger children at home but you still want to help with the water station, perimeter supervision, or the tallying of laps? As long as your younger children are able to stay in a stroller or by your side, they are welcomed to come and join as our "cheering committee." Please note: Younger children are not allowed to be left unattended, wander, or play on the playground during school hours.

What if your students have grandparents that would love to volunteer? This is a great opportunity for those super involved, grandparents that would love to help out at the school during school hours.

If you are interested in volunteering please use [this link](#) to sign up.

*\*All onsite volunteers must have a Chaperone & Volunteer Background (iCHAT)  
Request form filled out and filed in advance of the volunteer opportunity.*

- **Updates from the PTO**

- We had a great meeting this past week and we saw several new families express interest in supporting the PTO. If you can, please connect with our team to explore opportunities to support events and our broader school community.

- **Vacant Board Seat**

- The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is seeking district residents to fill a vacant board seat. Applicants must be at least 18, U.S. citizens, registered voters in the district, and have lived in Michigan for at least 30 days. Letters of intent and/or resumes should be submitted by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, either via email to Diane Robertson or hand-delivered to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center. Interviews will take place at a public Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6:00 PM. For more information visit: <https://www.pccsk12.com/Home/Components/News/News/27647/19>

- **Parent Council**

- The first P-CCS Parent Council meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024. Meetings are held quarterly and all families of P-CCS students are welcome to attend to learn about current events and programs. The meetings are from 9:30 - 11:30 AM in the E. J. McClendon Educational Building located at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

- **Important Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars**

- September 27 Popcorn Friday  
Skatin' Station (5:00 - 7:00 PM)
- October 2 School Custodial Workers Recognition Day
- October 5 World Teachers Day
- October 6 Flag Football Tailgate (11:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
- October 9 Teacher Professional Development Day (No Students)
- October 10 Trekkers
- October 16 Picture Day
- October 17 Community Financial Credit Union Day
- October 18 Fun Run - (Details from PTO Forthcoming)
- October 23 PTO Meeting (7:00 - 8:00 PM)
- October 24 Trekkers
- October 25 Popcorn Friday  
UM / MSU Spirit Day - **Go GREEN!!!**
- October 31 ½ Day (12:10 Dismissal)
- November 4 Trekkers
- November 5 Teacher Professional Development Day (No Students)
- November 11 -15 School Psychologist Week
- November 12 Skatin' Station (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
- November 13 ½ Day - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 14 ½ Day - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 18 Trekkers
- November 20 PTO Meeting (7:00 - 8:00 PM)
- November 21 Picture Retake Day
- November 22 Substitute Educators Day  
Popcorn Friday  
Community Financial Credit Union Day  
1st Trimester Ends
- November 25 2nd Marking Period Begins
- November 26 Restaurant Share Night - TBD
- November 27 - 29 No School

- December 2                    Holiday Shop  
National Special Education Day
- December 3                    Holiday Shop
- December 4                    Holiday Shop
- December 5                    Holiday Shop
- December 6                    Holiday Shop
- December 9-13                Student Gov't Canned Food Drive
- December 11                  Families Can Access Report Cards on MiStar
- December 12                  Community Financial Credit Union Day
- December 13                  Popcorn Friday
- Dec 23 - Jan 5                Winter Break
- January 1                      New Years Day
- January 1 - 2                 Kalahari
- January 6                      School Resumes

Just a quick reminder that, if you have a concern, your child's teacher should always be the first point of contact, not social media or other families. If the concern is not satisfactorily resolved with the teacher, Mrs. Titus and I are always available to support. Let's model the behaviors we want to see from our children and conduct ourselves in a manner that demonstrates the character we value as a school community. 😊

Stay *SAFE* and be *KIND*!

Sincerely,

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