



November 1, 2024

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

- **We Need You**

- As many of you know, we still do not have a crossing guard hired to support students crossing from Burgundy, across Warren Road, to the school. We have been doing our best to support in the absence of a regular staff member but it is very challenging with limited support staff and this intersection, above all others, needs consistency.

If you are at all interested in supporting in this role, please view the link below and type "crossing guard" in the *Job Search* bar. I've also attached a .pdf job description under separate cover.

[Jobs at P-CCS](#)

- **Safety on and Around School Campus**

- As you know, safety is our number one priority at Tonda Elementary School. To support that shared objective, we all - students, staff, and the broader community - need to make intentional decisions to support safety on and around our school grounds.

We have many protocols during arrival and dismissal, when picking up students mid-day, etc to provide a safe environment. We have, however, had increasing concerns shared with us regarding how fast families are driving on and near school grounds. We even recently had an accident where a staff member was hit by a moving vehicle.

While we have asked for increased police presence to help support a safe environment for everyone, it is important to remember that if we all show a little patience, slow down a little, look out for others rather than look for opportunities to save a few seconds, and keep our cellular devices off and out of the way while driving, we can all have a very safe, efficient, and positive experience.

- **Lost and Found**

- Our lost and found is overflowing right now so, if you are missing items at home, please have your student check the Lost and Found. Items will be brought to the front of the building during conferences for families to check as well. After conferences, however, any items remaining in the Lost and Found will be donated to a local charity.

- **Family Academy Learning Opportunity**

- Join Plymouth-Canton Community Schools on Thursday, Nov. 7th, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, at Liberty Middle School (46250 Cherry Hill Rd, Canton, MI 48187) for "My Grown-Up and Me." This is a series in which you will be able to bring your student (grades K-5) and interact your way through activities designed to strengthen language development and foster higher-order thinking skills. Children walk away with a fun and entertaining experience, and grown-ups walk away with tools and ideas to use at home. This Family Academy is specifically designed to give parents and guardians the tools needed to interact in ways that develop strong, happy thinkers. [Register Here for Language and Higher Order Thinking](#)

- **Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage**

- On November 5, 2024, voters in Wayne County will decide on the renewal of the Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage. This renewal is essential to continuing the support and progress achieved by Wayne County schools since the millage originally passed in 2016.

The millage provides critical funding for career technical education, special education, reducing class sizes, and improving school safety in Wayne County. It ensures that 100% of the funds are distributed equitably among all 33 school districts and over 90 public school academies.

If approved, the millage renewal will generate approximately \$360 per student for every district and eligible public school academy in Wayne County, including P-CCS. For a homeowner with a property valued at \$100,000, this millage will continue to cost around \$8 per month. ***This is a renewal, not a new tax, so Wayne County residents can continue supporting their schools without any tax increase.***

Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. If you are in line by 8:00 PM, you have the right to vote. For more information, please click on [Wayne County Regional Millage Renewal](#).

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

- November 1 Diwali
- November 1 - 30 Indigenous People (Native American) Heritage Month
- November 2 Birth of the Báb
- November 3 Birth of Baha'u'llah
- November 4 Trekkers
TEAM (2nd and 5th Grade)
- November 5 Teacher Professional Development Day (No Students)
- November 11 -15 School Psychologist Week
Tonda Book Fair
- November 12 Skatin' Station (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
- November 13 ½ Day - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 14 ½ Day - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 15 Crazy Hat Day
- 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 - Ruckus Taco (All Day - 10%)
- November 27 - 29 No School
- December 2 National Special Education Day
- December 3 Holiday Shop
- December 4 Holiday Shop
- December 5 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

- Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Dec 25 - Jan 2 Hanukkah (Chanukah)
- Dec 26 - Jan 1 Kwanzaa
- January 1 New Years Day
- January 1 - 2 Kalahari
- January 6 School Resumes
Feast of the Epiphany

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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