

TAFT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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TAFT UPDATE - 1/17

This week at Taft:

- No School - Monday, January 17th
- PTO Meeting - Thursday at 7 pm.
- Friday - Black and Orange Day

A Message from Dr. Dillon:

Dear Uxbridge Families and Staff:

I am writing to you today, to make you aware that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has extended the mask mandate until at least February 28, 2022.

The following link will provide you with additional information from DESE concerning the extension of mask wearing and the policy on vaccination rate threshold.

[Extension of DESE Mask Requirement, Updated January 10, 2022 \(mass.edu\)](#)

The pandemic continues to challenge us in many ways and the health and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. Safety measures such as masking will help ensure that we educate our children in person and without interruption. We will continue to keep you updated on any changes that may occur in regards to masking and other COVID related information. Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Donations for the Nurse's Office:

Nurse Becky is looking for:

boys & girls sizes 6-10 gently used or new sweatpants and leggings

Good Article:

Please see the article about the impact of reading with your child. It really makes a difference!

<https://www.wcpo.com/brand-spotlight/how-reading-20-minutes-a-day-impacts-your-child-amazon-kindle>

Valentines:

Once again this year, grade levels and teachers will be doing special things with their classes around Valentines. We do, however, ask that you do not send Valentines in from home. Thank you!

PTO:

Thursday, January 20th at 7 pm, virtual. Link will be sent out that morning.

Data:

As we return from Winter break, we will be entering our next round of assessment data. Students will be given the STAR Math and ELA tests as well as Benchmark Assessments. Mrs. Manz and Mrs. Kling will be hosting a data night on Thursday, February 3rd to explain STAR assessment. Assessment letters will be sent home on Friday, February 4th with your child's STAR results.

Preschool for the 2022-2023 school year:

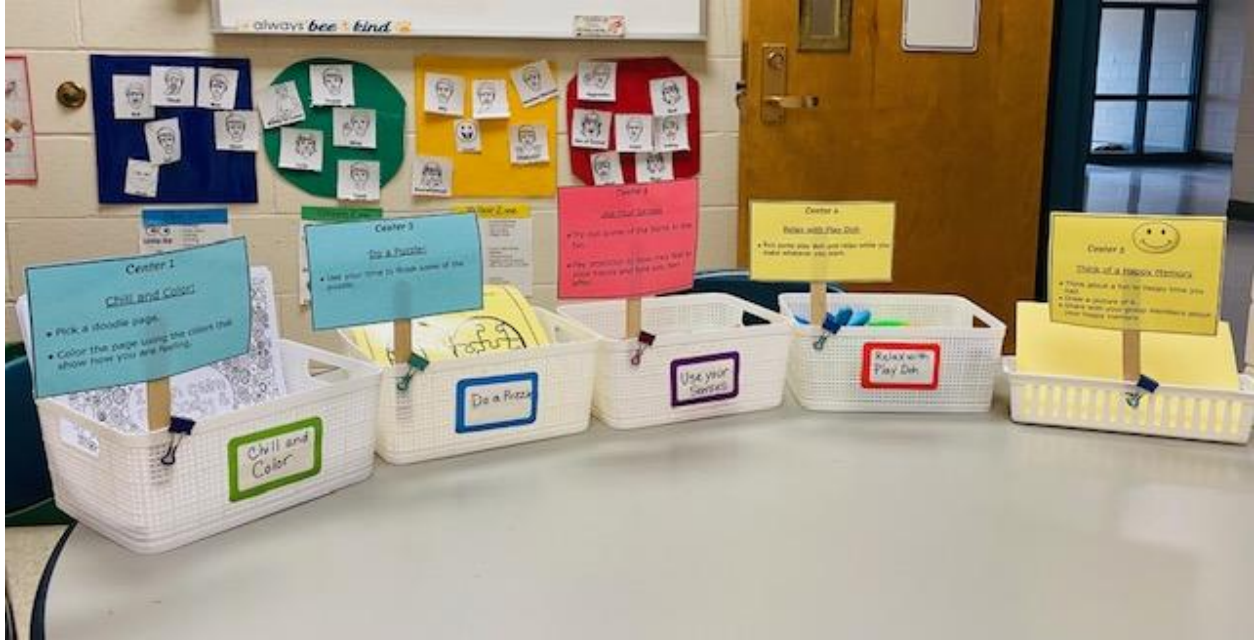
Preschool lottery applications are out! You will find the application attached or in this [link](#). Applications will be due on March 2nd. The preschool lottery will be held on March 4th.

Message from our Counselors (Mrs. Buel and Mrs. Waterhouse):

Check out Mrs. Buel and Mrs. Waterhouse website -

<https://sites.google.com/uxbridge.k12.ma.us/waterhouseclassroom/home>

This past week, we had Self-Regulation Centers for the students to rotate through and experience during their SEL classes. They loved trying out and practicing some of the calming strategies that we have been learning about!



Beginning Bridges:

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 - Perfection is Not Required to Be a Great Parent- with Jill Vetstein - Parent Education Workshop Registration Form. Virtual ZOOM Meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 pm - <https://forms.gle/7M4P1idhvmwxRaUz6>

Great Opportunity from the Millbury Public Schools:

The Millbury Public Schools has extended an invitation to the Uxbridge families and staff to join them for an event they are hosting on February 14th.

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YOU'RE INVITED!

Parent & Community Night

WHAT: Scarlett Lewis, founder of the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement, will discuss the organization she created as part of the solution to the issues we're seeing in schools that translate into society. Through her story, with a focus on what she's learned, participants will discover about the essential life skills taught through the NO COST, next generation Character and Social Emotional Development Curriculum for the lifespan, that teaches educators and their students how to Choose Love in any circumstance. People become connected, resilient, and empowered when they Choose Love.

Scarlett Lewis founded the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement after her 6-year-old son, Jesse, was murdered in his first grade classroom at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Over the past 9 years, she has tirelessly spread the Choose Love message around the world.

For more information, please visit: www.chooselovemovement.org

WHEN: Monday, February 14, 2022
6:00 - 8:00 pm

WHERE: MHS Auditorium
MASKS ARE REQUIRED
(Event may shift to Zoom)

PLEASE REGISTER HERE:
<https://forms.gle/IBbQDF1y5TZbunACA>



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My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email, jbelle@uxbridge.k12.ma.us, to discuss any concerns throughout the year or stop by to say hello. I am looking forward to working with you as a team to help each student at Taft Early Learning Center meet their goals and have a successful school year!

Have a great week!
Principal Belle

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