

TAFT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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TAFT UPDATE - 3/8

This week at Taft:

- PreK Open House - Wednesday from 6-7 pm
- Friday - Black and Orange Day

Important Telephone Numbers

Taft Early Learning Center

Main Office - Telephone	508-278-8643- press 1
Main Office - Fax	508-278-8646
Nurse	508-278-8643- press 4
Pre K Director	508-278-8643- press 2
Daycare	508-278-8643- press 3
Student Absentee	508-278-8643- press 7

GRADE 1 MUSIC CONCERT:

The first grade Music Concert will be on Thursday, March 26th at 9:30 a.m. All first grade classes will be singing and many will be performing poems. We hope you will be able to join us and cheer on the Grade 1 students.

PREK OPEN HOUSE:

Where: Taft ELC

When: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Who should attend: All are welcome! Anyone interested in attending preschool during the 20-21 school year at Taft Early Learning Center; this can include those already selected through the lottery as well as those that have not yet submitted an application! *Come see classrooms, meet teachers and ask questions about our program!*

A NOTE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Dear UPS Families,

I just wanted to tell you that the Uxbridge Board of Health's dedicated webpage for the coronavirus has just been updated. Again, we are directing everyone in our school community to the expert voice in our town. <https://www.uxbridge-ma.gov/board-health/pages/novel-coronavirus-covid-19>

The link to this page, as well as, to the Board of Health site is on the [UPS Wellness](#) page under the Students and Families tab at the top the school district website.

Sincerely,

Frank Tiano

GROWTH MINDSET:

From: <https://www.oxfordlearning.com/growth-mindset-tips-for-parents/>

If you have a growth mindset, you believe that with work, practice, and perseverance, you can improve – whether it’s your academic performance, or any other skill. (Those with the opposite, a fixed mindset, believe that our intelligence and talents are predisposed, and either you were born with it or not.)

Thanks to the great work of Stanford’s Carol Dweck, we know that not only is the growth mindset accurate, but those who hold these beliefs actually improve more than those with a fixed mindset, which makes it so essential for our kids!

HOW YOU CAN HELP FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET AT HOME:

- 1. Pay attention and verbally praise kids for skills that don’t sound predetermined: hard work, persistence, rising to a challenge, learning from a mistake, etc., rather than being “smart”, “brilliant” or “gifted”. Recently my girls brought me a song they had recorded together, and said they had to do it 10 times to get it right. I made sure to tell them I was just as proud of their persistence as I would have been if the song had been perfect the first time.**
- 2. Be a growth mindset role model. Be honest: how often do you say “I can’t (cook/sing/balance my bank account)” or “I’m terrible at (sports/spelling/public speaking)” as if there’s no hope for you? Make sure you’re sending the right message –**

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maybe even take on something new! (Relax, it doesn't have to be cooking. Sorry, just thinking out loud.) My students and daughters all know that I expect them to finish any sentence about something they are currently unable to do with the word "yet"!

3. Encourage your child to forget taking the easy route (where little learning is done) and instead embrace challenges. A sheet full of questions he already knows the answers to won't "grow the brain" like one deeper problem to solve (even if he doesn't get the correct answer).

4. Remember growth mindset isn't just academic; it applies to many areas of life (athletic, musical, social). Having trouble getting the basketball into the net? Keep making mistakes on a guitar chord? Tried to initiate play with someone but it didn't go well? Discuss the next step for improvement.

5. Discourage envy of peers, and talk to your child about what he or she can learn from others who appear more successful. While skills may come more easily to some, most often there's a (possibly unseen) element of practice, persistence, and hard work which leads to achievement.

Embracing a growth mindset isn't always easy, but can have a huge impact on your child...

and perhaps on you, too!

STAYING HEALTHY:

1. Wash your hands.
2. Don't share food or drinks.
3. Keep your hands out of your eyes and mouth.
4. Cough into your elbow.
5. Get plenty of sleep.

Important Dates:

Wednesday, March 18th - PTO meeting @ 3:15 pm

Friday, March 20th - 1/2 day

Friday, March 20th - Report Cards

Wednesday, March 25th - School Council meeting @ 5:45 pm

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Thursday, March 26th - Grade 1 Concert @ 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 28th - Taft Art Show

My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email, jbelleville@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 Belleville

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