

TAFT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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TAFT UPDATE - 10/11

This week at Taft:

- Wednesday, October 13th - PTO Meeting at 6 pm - Zoom
- Wednesday and Thursday, October 13th and 14th - Picture Days
- Friday, October 15th - Black and Orange Day

Picture Day Schedule:

Wednesday, October 13th	Thursday, October 14th
Churchill/Russell (am/pm)	Ryan/Lannigan
Cormier/Buckley (K)	Carter / Riker
Detore/Frabotta	Yordi / Sherman
Osterhoudt /Devlin	Scagnelli/Mannka
Michalewski/Labonte	Buckley (3)
Silbor/Church	Michelson/Martin
	Mastroianni/Roche
	Auciello/Brochu
	Dubois/Carpentier

TAFT PTO:

Thank you for all the candy donations! Please keep them coming! Also, if you plan to register a car for the trunk or treat, the deadline is this Friday 10/15.

Also, here are some details about the Fun Run...

We're only 2 weeks away from kicking off our Taft Early Learning Center Fun Run on 10/20, with the Big Event being on 10/29. Our goal is to raise

\$25,000 for community building events, field trips, and other educational experiences.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OFFICIALLY OPEN!

We want all families to help our school by registering on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com) today and enter your family's details.

If your family feels it's not in the position to financially support the school, that's okay. Families can support our school by just SHARING about our fundraiser with friends and family online. Sharing IS supporting. When you register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com), there are easy share features available that you can use as a great tool to help!

We are working hard to make this fundraiser safe, fun, and successful for everyone!

The Taft Spirit Wear Store is OPEN until October 14, 2021! New this year are tie dye shirts, an Uxbridge "U" logo, and toddler sizing options. Orders will be available in December.

<https://taft2021.itemorder.com/>

*Please be advised that, due to worldwide supply chain issues, some items may become unavailable. Similar items will be substituted for items that are out of stock when possible. Unfortunately, there is a possibility that an item will be back ordered and delayed.

STEAM Monthly Newsletter from Miss Gallerani:

Please check out Miss Gallerani's monthly STEAM newsletter - <https://www.smores.com/kzme0>

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

- Remember the three R's

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Understanding dysregulation: How to Support a Highly Emotional Child



Dysregulation occurs when the brain responds to sensory input in a manner that triggers the alarm state.



When a child is dysregulated, it is harder to listen, comprehend, and cope.

Remember the Three "R"s

Regulate

focus on soothing your child. Make them feel calm, safe, and loved.



Relate

Validate their feelings with your words and tone of voice. "I know you're upset right now." "This is very hard". Focus on connecting with your child.

Reason

Once your child is calm, now it is time to talk about alternatives to behaviors while reinforcing limits you set before. You can reassure them you love them but that the behavior they're exhibiting is not ok.



Until a child is regulated, they are unlikely to relate to you (feel connected & comfortable). And until a child is related, they are unlikely to have the mental capacity to reason with you.

Message from the PTO - FUN RUN:

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We are excited to kick off our Taft Early Learning Center Fun Run on 10/20. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for community building events, field trips, and other educational experiences and to strengthen our school community.

Our school has always relied on fundraising to provide exceptional opportunities to enhance student learning. And this year, we have more needs than we've ever had before, which means we need your support more than ever.

We completely understand if your family is not in a position to financially support the school right now. You can still be involved by simply SHARING about our fundraiser with friends and extended family online at mybooster.com. Sharing IS supporting!

Just as we worked to safely begin school this year, we are also safely hosting this essential fundraiser based on our school's current guidelines. We'll send more details, as we get closer to our kick off.

We are grateful for our Taft family! Thank you for your support this year. We all need it!

Important Message from Administration:

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Extended Uxbridge Community:

We live in a world where social media and technology play a significant role in our world, where we have influences on everything at our fingertips. Phones, laptops, tablets, and SmartTV's have changed the way information comes into our homes, our workplaces, and even our everyday moments. We strive to ensure that our students become good digital citizens, using these tools and resources in a safe and responsible manner, though we recognize that some of the tools, apps, and devices exist far beyond the influence of educators in the Uxbridge Public Schools.

In recent weeks, our school administration has dealt with a number of escalating issues connected to social media "challenges," specifically something called the "Devious Licks" Tiktok challenge that encouraged students to vandalize or steal objects from schools. Even at Taft restroom soap and paper towel dispensers were abused, bathrooms needed to be cleaned on several occasions and significant staff time and resources were devoted to cleaning and repairing following vandalism, primarily in restrooms. This behavior pattern persisted over much of our few weeks since returning to school, and the impact has been in both damage and hours of work in addressing and investigating these situations.

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Even more concerning, the next “challenge” for October, according to posts on social media, is to “slap a staff member.” We are asking our parents and guardians to please have conversations with your students (and encourage students to have conversations with their peers) about the disruptive nature of these challenges and the disciplinary consequences and potential criminal charges that could result.

We have the good fortune to have many upstanding students who will never engage in this behavior and who understand the grave consequences of these acts. However, we also understand the domineering influence of social media can sometimes push young people to make rash, reckless, and regrettable decisions, and thus push our school administrators to hold students accountable with consequences. We hope that you will partner with us - please talk to your students and peers about respecting school staff, fellow students, and school property. We do know that TikTok has vowed to remove videos and related hashtags associated with these “challenges,” and we likewise hope that the trend will be extinguished so that our schools can refocus on the academic, social, and emotional well-being of all our students.

Thank you for your help and support in this matter.

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 Bellville

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