

TAFT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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TAFT UPDATE - 10/24

This week at Taft:

- Monday, October 25th - Wear Teal and Yellow to honor World Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Day
- Monday, October 25th - Crazy Hair Day
- Wednesday, October 27th - Mix Match Day
- Friday, October 29th - Fun Run Day
- Saturday, October 30th - Trunk or Treat

Preschool NEWS:

Dear Present and Future Uxbridge Preschool Families,
We want to hear from you!

If you could take a couple minutes of your time to complete the following survey, we would greatly appreciate it.

This is an assessment of family and community needs in the area of Early Childhood Preschool programming within the Uxbridge Public Schools.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSff5Zrb_VA6eFq5apN5v3iXAr4cNYc_XGqLXEN9do10jPK46Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Understanding the wants and needs of the Uxbridge community from families like yours, is very important to us! The results of this survey will ensure that we are planning and developing programs that support our youngest present and future students and their families.

Note: We kindly ask that you complete this survey no later than **Friday, November 5th, 2021.**

TAFT PTO:

Fun Run:

As of Friday the school has reached \$15,040 in funds raised! Our goal \$25,000

62% of the students in our school are registered and we have received donations from

24 different states and 2 different countries - USA, Canada

This Weekend's Challenge: Weekend Challenge! Any student who gets \$2 per lap, or \$60 flat, in NEW donations over the weekend will earn a BONUS PRIZE!

Students have already earned **Crazy Hair Day** on **Monday 10/25** and **Mixed Match Day 10/27** on **Wednesday!**

Fun Run Schedule Friday 10/29

- 9-9:45 First Grade

- 10-10:45 Kindergarten & PreK (AM)

- 11-11:30 Break

- 11:35-12:15 Third Grade

- 12:30-1:15 Second Grade

- 1:15-1:45 PreK (PM)

- 2-2:30 All School Assembly (CLOSED TO SPECTATORS)

- *Spectators are welcome (as long as the weather doesn't move us inside). Please try to limit spectators to 2 per student.*
- *Masks and distancing are encouraged due to cheering!*
- *Spectators will not be permitted on the field.*
- *Children can not be dismissed from the field - they must return to class and will be dismissed as usual.*
- *Please park at McCloskey or on the street.*

Trunk or Treat:

This event is from 12-2 in the Taft Parking Lot. Please park at McCloskey. There will be a registration table on the walk-way between the two schools to grab a bag. Groups of 25 at a time will be admitted through to help with distancing. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

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Bus Reminder:

Just a reminder as we get into cooler weather that windows on buses are open, so please have students dress in layers and accordingly. Thank you!

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>

All About Bullying Prevention

Parents/Guardians, Hello!

We wanted to share with you that we are doing a few social emotional lessons focusing on Bullying Prevention. We are covering what it is, how it makes us and others feel and how we can stand up for ourselves and peers, and how to be a good friend. We will be focusing on this again later in the SEL lessons as well.

Learning happens best when it is done both at school and at home. Below are various ways that you can help your child continue to learn about the theme of bullying prevention, through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it!

Mrs. Buel & Mrs. Waterhouse

Read About It!

Here are some books to help you learn more about the subject of bullying.

- [The Recess Queen](#)- by Alexis O'Neill
- [One](#)-by Catherine Otashi
- [Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon](#)-by Patty Lovell

Practice It!

- Together with your child, come up with 5-10 things they can do to stand up for themselves or others.
- Act out or role play what this would look like.

Talk About It!

Here are some discussion points to help you talk about the topic of bullying with your child:

- What do you think the word bullying means?
- Why is it important to stand up to bullying?
- Have you ever been bullied? If so, tell me about it.
- Would you feel comfortable telling me if someone was bullying you? Why or why not?
- How can I help you stand up for yourself and others?
- Have you ever had to stand up for yourself or others? Tell me how it went.

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

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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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