

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

On behalf of the staff at Taft “The World’s Greatest Elementary School,” I am happy to welcome you back to yet another exciting year! It is with great joy and enthusiasm that we extend our warmest greetings to you and your children. We hope this letter finds you well, rested, and ready for the wonderful journey ahead.

We understand that the past months have presented us with unique challenges, but we firmly believe that together we can overcome anything. As we embark on this new academic year, we want to assure you that the safety and well-being of our students will remain our utmost priority. We have implemented comprehensive measures to ensure a secure and nurturing environment where your child can thrive.

As many of you may know, our school building has been undergoing extensive renovations throughout the entire summer. We want to assure you that numerous companies, contractors, and our dedicated staff are working tirelessly to have our building ready for the start of the school year. This process involves many moving pieces, and while we’re doing our utmost to ensure a smooth transition, we kindly ask for your patience and understanding. Some aspects of the renovation are beyond our immediate control, but please rest assured that we are doing everything in our power to create a safe, comfortable, and inspiring learning environment for our students. We appreciate your flexibility as we navigate these final stages of construction.

Our dedicated educators have been working tirelessly to create an engaging and innovative curriculum that will foster a love for learning in your children. We embrace the diversity of our students and celebrate the uniqueness each one brings to our school community. We are committed to providing an inclusive and supportive environment that values every student’s abilities, interests, and dreams. We believe that education is a collaborative effort between home and school. Your involvement and support are invaluable in shaping your child’s educational journey. We encourage you to actively participate in school activities, engage with teachers, and join our vibrant parent community. Together, we can create a strong partnership that nurtures and empowers your child to reach their full potential.

Throughout the year, we will keep you updated on your child’s progress, achievements and upcoming events through regular communication channels. We also encourage you to reach out to us whenever you have questions, concerns, or ideas. We are here to listen, support, and work together to ensure the best possible educational experience for your child.

As we look forward to a year filled with exciting discoveries, growth, and cherished memories, let us remember that we are a family united by a common goal: to provide our children with the best education and opportunities for success.

Once again, welcome back! We are truly grateful for the trust you have placed in our school community, and we are excited to embark on this incredible journey alongside you and your children. Together, we will make this a remarkable year of growth, learning, and joy.

Please review the following information as we begin this amazing 2024-2025 School Year:

1. **Student Schedules / Classroom Placement** will be available August 23, 2024 in the Parent Portal. We will also have teachers reach out to our parents via call, dojo or email.
2. **First Day of School** -Tuesday August 27, 2024 (½ Day) from 9:10 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
3. **Second Day of School** -Wednesday August 28, 2024 (Full Day) from 9:10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
4. **Third Day of School** -Thursday August 29, 2024 (Full Day) from 9:10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
5. **NO SCHOOL**-Friday August 30, 2024
6. **NO SCHOOL**-Monday September 2, 2024
7. **School resumes**-Tuesday September 3, 2024 (Full Day) 9:10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
8. **For the first week ONLY:** Kindergarten and First Grade parents may walk their child to the classroom beginning on Monday September 9, 2024, all students must be dropped off at the front doors for grades K-1 and at the gym doors for grades 2-5. Staff will escort students to their classrooms. Parents must sign-in, obtain a visitors badge in the office and have permission to be in the building to ensure we have a safe school environment.
9. **Open House** - Tuesday September 10, 2024 from 4:30- 5:30 p.m.

PARKING LOT: Parents and Guardians, when dropping off or picking up a child from school, you **MUST** park in a parking space or continue to loop around, **THERE IS NO PARKING** in the looping area.

The staff at Taft has been working all summer to prepare for the return of our students. They have been planning engaging activities and assignments, field trips, rewards and coming up with creative ways to ensure that your child will receive the highest quality education!!!

The amazing staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

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