

# PTA Newsletter

OCTOBER, 2024



## Fun Run Raises \$13,467 for our school!

A little (or a lot) of rain couldn't stop these Black Bears from running their hearts out and having so much fun at our Fun Run! Some grade levels moved into the gym to stay dry, but most students were able to run around the outdoor track. Students also posed for an all-school photo in their new Black Bear spirit shirts.

Thank you to all of the family and friends who came to cheer on your students and thank you to all of our amazing parent volunteers. It was a fantastic event!

We surpassed our goal of raising \$10,000 and raised \$13,467 for our school! We are also collecting additional money from company matching programs - up to \$1,000! Thank you to all of our families and friends for your generous donations, we are so thankful for your support. These funds help us pay for field trips, technology, art lit, school supplies, new library books, special family events and more.

### Upcoming Events

**Oct 23 - 5-9pm**

Restaurant Night - Killer Burger

**Oct 26 - 8-10am**

Garden Work Party

**Oct 30 - 5-7pm**

Trunk or Treat

**Nov 12 - 7pm**

Virtual PTA Meeting

**Dec 6**

Winter Family Night





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## Dillon T. Pickle from the Portland Pickles Baseball Team is our Mystery Runner!

Thank you to our incredible Mystery Runner, Dillon T. Pickle from the Portland Pickles Baseball Team!



Dillon joined Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hinkle, Mr. Hill and Avery the Black Bear for our highly anticipated staff race which kicked off the Fun Run. After a tight race, Dillon took home the win!

After his race, Dillon visited several classrooms to meet students and teachers. It was so much fun to see the how excited the kids were when he entered the room. Thank you Dillon for spreading so much fun and joy to our school, we hope to see you back at Tualatin Elementary again sometime soon!





# TRUNK or TREAT

October 30th, 5-7pm

Tualatin Elementary School



Join us for a **SPOOKTACULAR** evening of family fun  
at our **FREE** Trunk or Treat event!

The school's rear parking lot will transform into a **FRIGHTFULLY** cute "neighborhood" where everyone can visit each of the decorated vehicle trunks for candy and other goodies! Costumes are encouraged!

The El Mas Chignon Food Truck will be onsite serving up delicious Mexican food available for purchase. This is an outdoor event and will happen rain or shine.

Interested in decorating your vehicle and handing out candy or other goodies?  
There are a limited number of spots available so sign up now to reserve your spot.

We hope to see you there for a **GHOULISH** good time!

**SIGN UP**



## Meet Our PTA Board Members Jen Mann & Melissa Hinkle, Teacher Liaisons



**Jen Mann (left) and Melissa Hinkle (right)**

### **Jen Mann, 2nd Grade Teacher & PTA Teacher Liaison**

Hello families! My name is Jen Mann and this is my second year on the PTA Board as a Teacher Liaison.

I have been a teacher at Tualatin Elementary School for eleven years, nine teaching Kindergarten and this is my second year teaching 2nd grade.

I have two students who go to school here, Kenley is in 4th grade and Lincoln who is in 2nd grade. I love being a part of the PTA! It is a great way to keep teachers, staff, and families connected, help planning fun events throughout the year, and a wonderful way to be involved not only with my own children, but the entire school.



### **Melissa Hinkle, Music Specialist & PTA Teacher Liaison**

My name is Melissa Hinkle and this is my first year as a parent at Tualatin Elementary but my 15th year as a teacher here. As your Music Specialist, I take pride in the fact that I teach every student at TuES. I care deeply for each student and want them to have the best experience in school. I am super glad to join the PTA because of my commitment to this community and my dedication to students. I look forward to becoming more involved and appreciate all the support of the PTA as both a parent and teacher.





## Monthly Character Traits



We are pleased to share that Tualatin Elementary students will be celebrated every month for demonstrating different character traits at school.

Each month, teachers we will be asking students to focus on one specific character trait. They will be learning about what the trait means in their classrooms and then staff will be on the lookout to see how students are demonstrating these traits throughout the school day. At the end of each month, students who consistently show the character trait will be celebrated!

Below is the monthly schedule of character traits. We encourage parents and caregivers to have conversations at home with their students and help develop and recognize these traits outside of school. We can't wait to see how our Black Bears will learn and demonstrate these important traits every month!

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>October</b>  | <b>Respect</b>                 |
| <b>November</b> | <b>Gratitude</b>               |
| <b>December</b> | <b>Integrity</b>               |
| <b>January</b>  | <b>Self-Control</b>            |
| <b>February</b> | <b>Empathy</b>                 |
| <b>March</b>    | <b>Flexibility</b>             |
| <b>April</b>    | <b>Cooperation</b>             |
| <b>May</b>      | <b>Perseverance</b>            |
| <b>June</b>     | <b>Safe, Kind, Responsible</b> |



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## GREAT BURGERS GREAT CAUSE

Enjoy your favorite burgers,  
support your community.

20% OF IN-STORE PROCEEDS TO:

**TUALATIN  
ELEMENTARY PTA**

WHEN:

**OCTOBER 23 FROM  
5 - 9 PM**

COME INTO THIS KILLER BURGER LOCATION:

**KILLER BURGER  
SHERWOOD**

SHOW OR MENTION THIS FLYER

IN STORE ORDERS ONLY (Dine in or To-Go). Does not include online orders or third party delivery.



## October Restaurant Night

Our October Restaurant night is coming up on **Wednesday, October 23rd from 5-9pm at Killer Burger in Sherwood**. Killer Burger will be donating 20% of their in-store proceeds back to the Tualatin Elementary PTA. Keep an eye out for flyers coming home with your student soon. Be sure to mention the Tualatin PTA fundraiser, show your flyer, or social media post to receive the donation.

Thank you to our Tualatin Elementary families and Killer Burger for supporting our school!



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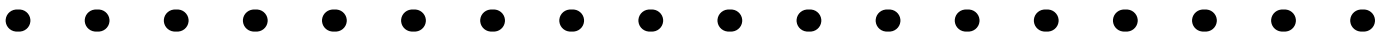
## Save The Date for Winter Family Night

Mark your calendars for **Friday, December 6th** for our **Winter Family Night** at Tualatin Elementary. All students and their families are invited to spend a cozy evening at school celebrating the winter season. We are in the process of finalizing the details including times, food options and activities, so stay tuned for more to come.



## BottleDrop Fundraiser

Did you know that your recyclable cans and bottles can help raise money for our school? That's right! We have partnered with BottleDrop to easily collect your cans and bottles to raise money for the Tualatin Elementary PTA. Stop by the front office to pick up your Blue Bag and once it's full, simply drop it off at any area bottle return. If you take your blue bag to Fred Meyer bottle return, there is no processing fee! Stay tuned for details coming soon on our November bottle drive!



## Get Involved in the PTA!

Being a member of the PTA is a great way to get involved in your school and connect with fellow families. Plus, it's important for your student to see their parent or caregiver invested in their school and education. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available throughout the year, no matter how much time you have to commit. Annual PTA membership only \$14 and is valid for one year.

We hope you'll consider joining us! Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

**JOIN NOW!**

## Follow Us on Social Media!



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