



Tiger Tales

Hisamatsu Tamura Elementary School

<http://htes-fvvd-ca-schoolloop.com>

April 2017

Dear Parent (s):

The staff and I are beginning our planning for the next school year and soon we will be sitting down to make up classes based upon our best estimate of the enrollment projections for next year. About this time of year we hear from some parents who want to request the “best teacher” for their child and they believe they know who that is based on what they’ve seen or heard.

As the principal I visit classrooms daily for the purpose of observing teachers teaching and students learning. I know the instructional skills of my staff better than anyone else in the school or community because I observe various aspects daily. I could not in all honesty tell you who the very best teacher on our faculty is, because there is no one teacher who is the best at everything. Also, the instructional level of teachers varies based on the make-up of the class and the individual needs of each student.

When we assemble classes we try to make them as heterogeneous as possible. We consider major factors such as: the child’s demonstrated achievement in reading, if the child is a fast learner or slow learner, the quality of their citizenship, their work and study habits, discipline history, boy-girl ratio, and leadership potential. We do not consider social factors such as the amount of friends, etc.

Children are adaptable and will make friends wherever they are placed. We do know that parents sometimes have preferences for teachers; however, we cannot place children in classes only on the basis of the parent’s preferences or the teacher’s reputation in the community.

We group children for instructional purposes and placing them in a class based on any other factors would defeat this purpose. In the past some parents have made a request for a certain teacher and their child was placed in the room. The parent concluded it was only because of the request, but it was because the staff also felt it was a good placement based upon our criteria. Provide us with the kind of classroom environment you want for your child if you feel you need to, and then trust us to do the best grouping we can. The key ingredient in this process is trust. Please trust the staff to make the best placement possible with all the information at our disposal. If you feel you must fill out a request for a particular classroom environment please pick up a form from the office beginning Monday, May 1. All forms are due back to the office by Friday, May 19. We appreciate your trust and support.

Dress Code Reminders

Enclosed shoes must be worn at all times. For safety, soles should not exceed one inch in height with heels no higher than 1-1/2 inches. **Flip flops or slippers are not permitted.** All footwear must be appropriate and safe for school activities.

The following are considered inappropriate school attire :

Bare midriffs, brief garments such as jogging shorts, exercise tights, halter tops, tube tops, net tops, tank tops with shoulder straps less than 3” wide, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines (front and back), cut-up clothing, strapless and see-through garments.



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Special points of interest:

- Open House—May 4th
- PTO Meeting May 16th
@ 6:30pm
- SBAC Testing—May 15th-
June 19th/ Grades 3-5
- CST Science Testing 5th
Grade June 12th-14th
- Teacher Appreciation Week
May 1st-5th



Reminder to Parents

Is Your Child NOT Returning to Tamura School for the 2017-18 School Year?

In order to prepare for next year's placement, please let us know if there is a chance your child (ren) will NOT be attending Tamura School for the 2017-18 school year.

Also, if you have a 5th grade student, please let us know if your child will NOT be attending Fulton Middle School for the 2017-18 school year.

OFFICE HOURS
7:30-3:30

Office Manager - Cheryl Hall
Office Assistant - Helen Moreno

Be sure to call in absences to the school office by 9:00 a.m. 714-375-6227 or send an email to tamuraoffice@fvsd.us

White Tigers Award Recipients for January

Mackenzie James-Wong	Ryah Jones	Dylan Surjana	Tatum Dao	Holly Ivemeyer
Ryan Pollitt	Paige Urinsco	Samantha Lam	Sofia Nguyen	Kenneth Ho
Reagan Kendig	Shelby Jones	Skyler Tran	Tai Roque	Keira Say
Kerollos Nasralla	Julia Prevost	Olivia Heydorn	Liam Chang	Mikaila Terich
Logan Palmer	Skye Taylor-Tuinei	Sophia Arrighi	Izabelle Castillo	Kaitlyn Miller
Maegan Liu	Razan Hattar	Genevieve Penn	Logan English	Nathan Pinney
Shauna Patcheak	Noah Schuld	Livvy Nguyen	Milany Pablo	Hayley Blake
Jack Sinno	Sophia Le	Kalista Bathan		

White Tigers Award Recipients for February

Abigail Tran	Zainedeen Alayyan	Xollyere Thantroung	Bryan Hernandez	Mason Doan
Jenna French	Isabella Rios	Jolyne Mai	Joelynn Vo	Stephany Dominguez
Ryan Huynh	Vianna Tran	Mackenzie Pham	Russell Jacobs	Brooke Urinsco
Faith Belding	Sawyer Hall	Kainoa Katoni	Trina Nguyen	Suri Le
Minna Nguyen	Mazy Ascasio	Paige Dinh	Dylan Nguyen	Kelsey Golding
Bryant Le	Isabella Le	Reese Ruzgerian	Peyton Lampano	Jasmine Nguyen
Ethan Surjani	Donald Ton	Michelle Huang	Leilah Prevost	Alex Nguyen
Bennett Heydorn				

LOST and FOUND

Just a reminder, if your child is missing jackets, sweatshirts, backpacks, lunch boxes, sweaters, etc. we may have them. Please ask your child to check and see if their missing articles are in the Lost and Found. If you happen to be on campus you may also want to check. **Please label all of your children's belongings.**

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Mrs. Moore for being Tamura's Teacher of the Year. Jennifer's commitment, dedication and service to Tamura, her advocacy for children and her professionalism sets a model for all of us. She is admired, respected and quite frankly loved by parents, students and staff. She has taken on just about everything you can think of. Jennifer's been a Cotsen Fellow, BTSa mentor, Master teacher and more.