

**TO: TAVELLI PARENTS**  
**FROM: MS. CHRISTINE HENDRICKS, PRINCIPAL/LINDA FOREMAN, OFFICE 488-6725**  
**DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015**  
**SUBJECT: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS and DATES**

**Parents, please remember there is no school tomorrow, Friday, September 25 for K-8 Students, due to a teacher work day. Have a great long weekend!**

**Tavelli Important Dates to Remember:**

Sept. 25 No School for Elementary and Middle School Students, Teacher Work Day  
Sept. 28 Auditions for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade *Jeopardy Science Game Show*, Mr. Deck's Class  
Sept. 29 Dream Team Skate Party, Rollerland, 5:00-8:00 p.m., \$5 admission, \$2 skate rental  
Sept. 29 Dream Team Tutor Applications due  
Sept. 30-Oct. 2 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to ECO Week  
Oct. 5 Begin bringing cardboard for the Global Cardboard Challenge  
Oct. 6-7 Dream Team Tutor Training, 7:45 a.m.  
Oct. 7-13 Tavelli Global Cardboard Challenge  
Oct. 8 Dream Team begins, 7:45, Tavelli gym  
Oct. 8 Odyssey of the Mind Parent Meeting & Kid Rally, 6:00 p.m., Science Lab 🐾  
Oct. 9 Tiger Fit Walkathon 🏃  
Oct. 12 PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Tavelli Media Center 🐾  
Oct. 14 Running Club Registration Forms due back to Tavelli 🏃  
Oct. 14 Tavelli Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00 p.m.  
Oct. 15 No School for Elementary Students, parent-teacher conferences  
Oct. 16 No School for K-12 Students  
Oct. 21 First Day K-2 Running Club—3:45 Red Pod 🏃  
Oct. 22 First day 3-5 Running Club—3:45 Blue Pod 🏃  
Oct. 22 Registration Deadline, Odyssey of the Mind 🐾  
Oct. 29 Mandatory Odyssey of the Mind Team Kick-off Event, 6:00 p.m., Science Lab 🐾  
Nov. 13 No School for Elementary Students, teacher work day  
Nov. 18 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Steam Performance *Jeopardy Science Game Show*, 6:00 p.m.  
Nov. 25-27 No School for PSD Students, Thanksgiving Recess

🐾 Denotes a PTO-sponsored Event

🏃 Denote a Tavelli Wellness Event

- 1. SIGN UP NOW - RUNNING CLUB IS BACK!** Lace up those sneakers and get ready to run -- Tavelli Running Club begins the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>! A registration form with all of the details is going home with every student today. If you are interested in joining the fun, complete the entire form and return it to the office by Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. A completed form is required to participate. See the Tavelli Wellness page or email [tavelliwellness@gmail.com](mailto:tavelliwellness@gmail.com) with any questions. 🏃
- 2. 2015 Global Cardboard Challenge** – Announcing! Tavelli plans to participate in the 2015 Global Cardboard Challenge to engage one million kids in 70 countries in creative play. **Please START collecting and send in empty grocery boxes (no larger than cereal boxes), oatmeal cylinders, paper towel and toilet paper tubes, pipe cleaners, masking tape, and decorations NO EARLIER THAN October 5<sup>th</sup>.** We need your donations but have minimal space to store supplies. Students will be designing and building creations during science lab the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers Welcome! Celebrate the children's creativity displayed during parent-teacher conferences! Thank you for supporting our Tavelli community.
- 3. Odyssey of the Mind was “founded on the belief that the mind, like the body, can be trained through practice and exercise to reach its full potential.”** --Through this school-sponsored, extra-curricular program, students divide into teams of 5 to 7 members and learn creative techniques and team skills to solve problems. Look for registration forms coming home October 8<sup>th</sup>. Encourage your child to sign up and participate in this program with their friends. Mark your calendar to attend the Parent Information Meeting & Kid Rally on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Science Lab. Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 22<sup>th</sup>. MANDATORY Team Kick-Off Meeting: Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Science Lab. Questions? Contact your OM Building Coordinator: Mrs. Musante, [lmusante@psdschools.org](mailto:lmusante@psdschools.org)
- 4. Dream Team Skate Party** – The first Skate Party of the year is Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 with an additional \$2.00 charge for skate rental. Our Dream Team tutor program benefits from this evening, so stop by and skate a while and support our award-winning Dream Team Program.
- 5. Donate Your Old Bikes!** – Safe Routes to School, which has sponsored our Bike Rodeo for K-5 students this past week, will take your old bike to donate to children who don't have a bike of their own. If you have an extra bike in your garage that you would like to get rid of, please email Sandy Charles at [sandycharles@comcast.net](mailto:sandycharles@comcast.net) she will make arrangements to pick up your old bike. Thanks in advance!

**6. Parent Teacher Conferences** – Tavelli Staff will begin conferencing with parents the week of October 12<sup>th</sup>, both before and after school. Additional conference times will be scheduled Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 p.m., as well as all day on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Since many of our Tavelli parents have work schedules that are difficult to change to accommodate daytime conferencing, the district has allowed the extra evening times during the weeknights. There will be no conferences scheduled for Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, but students will still be off school that day. Notes will go home with each student next Thursday providing the date and time of your conference. Thanks for your cooperation, we hope to see everyone at conferences in October.

**7. Musical Notes for our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders** – All 5<sup>th</sup> graders should have purchased a recorder for \$6.00 from Ms. Sparks in the Music Room. If you choose, you may buy one from a local music store instead. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Steam Encore Performance is the *Jeopardy Science Game Show*. Performances for our school community will be Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:50 a.m. Tavelli parents are encouraged to attend the evening show Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**8. Educational Rights** – As a parent or legal guardian of any PSD student, educational rights must be granted in order to access student information online or to receive emergency/inclement weather notifications from PSD through email. The student data forms sent home at the beginning of the year included a check box for educational rights. If you did not check the box, you will not be able to access any information on ParentVUE. Please contact the school office in writing to grant educational rights for each of your students.

**9. Safety First!** -- For the safety of our children we ask that you enter the building at the main entrance--this applies to everyone, even if you are wearing your badge. Our sign-in system can give us an exact picture of who is in our building, so in the event of an emergency we know who is on our campus. Please stop by the office, sign in and get a visitor's badge if you don't have a permanent volunteer badge. Teachers will be checking for badges and asking you to return to the office to sign in and put on a badge. Again this is for the protection of our children so we know who is in our building. We also ask that parents drop students off in our back traffic circle to the east of our building. Additionally, in the past, we have had some vehicles make U-Turns in our back traffic circle or drop students off in the middle of Miramont Street. This is very dangerous, especially when we have buses trying to drop off or pick up students. Thank you for your cooperation and keeping all of our students safe.

**10. A Few Reminders for Parents** – a) **If your child is absent from school, please call our attendance line at 488-6726 to let us know your child will be out of school for the day. The office needs daily notification of any absence.** In case of extended absences, please let us know when your child will return. b) If your child will be changing after school dismissal plans, please be sure to send a note explaining the change. c) If you need to pick up your child early, please be sure to stop at the office to sign your child out. d) Students should not arrive at school before 8:35 a.m. The first bell rings at 8:50 a.m. Thank you.

**11. Box Tops For Education and Morning Fresh Milk Caps** – Please bring any General Mills box tops or Morning Fresh milk caps that you have collected in to the office. Tavelli collects 10 cents for every box top and 5 cents for each milk cap turned in. Please clip neatly around the box tops and make sure your milk caps are clean. Thank you for supporting our PTO programs. 🐾

**12. Volunteers at Tavelli** – All Poudre School District volunteers are required to register or update their profile at the PSD website in order to volunteer at Tavelli or any other school in the district. Any unregistered and uncleared volunteers will not be allowed in the classrooms. Please make sure to go online to [pdschools.org](http://pdschools.org) and follow the directions to register as a volunteer. Don't have access to the web? We can get you registered here at school, just stop in at the office and we can help you get this done. 🐾



Please visit the Tavelli Website <http://www.tavellielementary.org>