Taft-Galloway Elementary School

"The World's Greatest Elementary School"

November Newsletter

Principal: Brandon C. Cox

Principal's Message: Embracing the Season, Family & Effort

Dear Taft-Galloway Families,

As autumn settles in, the vibrant leaves begin to fall, the air grows crisp, and the clocks roll back, November reminds us that time moves quickly. With the changing season comes a wonderful opportunity to slow down, pause, and focus on what matters most: family, gratitude, and spending quality time together.

The Importance of Family & Quality Time

Our children thrive when they feel supported, connected, and loved at home. Taking time out of our busy schedules to share a meal, talk about the school day, or go for a walk together builds a strong foundation for learning. These quiet, intentional moments help ground our students and give them the confidence they need to grow.

Putting Forth Our Best Effort

At Taft-Galloway, we firmly believe that excellence comes from consistent effort. Success is not about getting everything right on the first try—it is about putting forth our best effort every single day. When students take pride in trying their hardest, they develop resilience, responsibility, and strong work habits. We ask our families to partner with us by encouraging and praising effort, perseverance, and dedication at home.

Daily Reading at Home: The Key to Academic Success

If there is one daily habit that will transform your child's academic growth, it is practicing reading at home every single day.

- **Why It Matters:** Reading just 15 to 20 minutes a day dramatically expands vocabulary, improves reading comprehension, and boosts critical thinking across all subjects—including math, science, and social studies.
- **How You Can Support at Home:**
    - Create a quiet, cozy reading space without screen distractions.
    - Take turns reading aloud together or let your child read to you.

- Ask simple, engaging questions about what they read (e.g., "What was the main problem in the story?" or "What do you think will happen next?").

Important Dates to Remember (November 2026)

Please mark your calendars with the following important dates for this month:

Date	Event / Observance	Details
Tuesday, November 3	No School	Voting Day & Staff Professional Development
Friday, November 20	Early Dismissal	Half Day for Elementary Students
Tuesday, November 24	School Activities	Turkey Trot & Taft Gives Thanks Celebration
Wednesday, Nov 25 – Friday, Nov 27	No School	Thanksgiving Recess

Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and partnership in making Taft-Galloway “The World's Greatest Elementary School!”

Warmly,

Brandon C. Cox
Principal, Taft-Galloway Elementary School