Taylor Tornados

September 2019





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Monday 9/16: Educator Effectiveness -- NO students Tuesday 9/17: Teacher Plan Day-- NO students Thursday 9/19: Take home folders!

Friday 9/20: EARLY RELEASE 2:00 PM— PTO Simply Delicious fundraiser DUE

Thursday 9/26: Take home folders Friday 9/27: EARLY RELEASE 2:00 PM

Thursday 10/3 Take home folders! Fun PASTA fundraiser DUE!!!



Taylor Gym-NEWS-ium

Taylor students are really enjoying our new gym floor! Thank you for encouraging them to wear good PE shoes. If you haven't seen the floor, please stop in and take a look!

Each month your child will bring home a "health & wellness challenge." Please encourage your child to participate and feel free to do some of the challenges too. Our goal is to keep our students healthy, active, and unplugged from their devices! The September challenge is due back on October 2.

Students that are interested in playing sports throughout the year can sign up through the following websites:

Flag football (September 14) October 12), girls basketball (October 19-December 14), and boys' basketball (January 18-March 7) leagues: https://apm.activecommunities.com/gjparksandrec

Girls' lacrosse (September 9-October 21) and boys' lacrosse (September 11-October 23): http://www.grandvalleylax.com/

*Also, watch for special events in your Peach Jar emails. Powderhorn usually schedules 3-4 days of reasonably priced skil snowboard lessons on days that students do not have school!



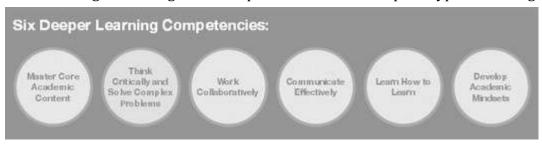




Welcome Back Taylor Families!

I want to officially welcome you all to the 2019-2020 school year. For those of you who are new to our school, I want you to know that you are coming to a wonderful place for students with caring educators. This is my 9th year as principal of Taylor and I could not be more proud of our students and staff. Our staff has decided to work on implementing PBL (problem-based learning) this year where we pose problems for students to solve that are tied to the Colorado Academic Standards and have all content areas integrated into it. We are working on making a maker-space for kids to build prototypes including

a 3-D printer. We will be fundraising throughout the year to purchase what students will need. We will also be calling upon parents and community members who might be willing to serve



as our professional panelists to give students feedback on their thinking. We hope you can help! We will have a PBL night November 14^{th} to help families and parents understand this engaging and innovative plan for Deeper Learning that is similar to what you would see at a STEAM school.

We are excited and eager to begin another year with our learners. We believe that building strong relationships between home and school is a key factor in increasing student achievement. As principal, my door is always open and I welcome your input. Thank you for sharing your children with us! Warm Regards,

Jennifer Morrell Principal, Taylor Elementary

Mrs Morrell shares the September Habits of Mind Focus: Having a positive growth mindset and utilizing the power of positive thinking!



1. Persisting

Stick to it! Persevering in task through to completion; remaining focused. Looking for ways to reach your goal when stuck. Not giving up.



2. Managing **Impulsivity**

Take your time!

Thinking before acting; remaining calm, thoughtful and deliberative.



3. Listening with understanding and empathy

Understand others!

Devoting mental energy to another person's thoughts and ideas; Make an effort to perceive another's point of view and emotions.



4. Thinking flexibly

Look at it another way!

Being able to change perspectives, generate alternatives, consider options.



5. Thinking about your thinking

(Metacognition) Know your knowing!

Being aware of your own thoughts, strategies, feelings and actions and their effects on others.



6. Striving for accuracy

Check it again!

Always doing your best. Setting high standards. Checking and finding ways to improve constantly.



7. Questioning and problem posing

How do you know? Having a questioning attitude; knowing

what data are needed & developing questioning strategies to produce those data. Finding problems to solve.



8. Applying past knowledge to new situations

Use what you learn!

Accessing prior knowledge; transferring knowledge beyond the situation in which it was learned.



9. Thinking & communicating with clarity and precision

Be clear!

Strive for accurate communication in both written and oral form; avoiding over-generalizations, distortions, deletions and exaggerations.



10. Gather data through all senses

Use your natural pathways!

Pay attention to the world around you Gather data through all the senses. taste, touch, smell, hearing and sight.



11. Creating, imagining, and innovating

Try a different way!

Generating new and novel ideas, fluency, originality



12. Responding with wonderment and awe

Have fun figuring it out!

Finding the world awesome, mysterious and being intrigued with phenomena and beauty.



13. Taking responsible risks

Venture out!

Being adventuresome; living on the edge of one's competence. Try new things constantly.



14. Finding humor

Laugh a little!

Finding the whimsical, incongruous and unexpected. Being able to laugh at one's self.



15. Thinking interdependently

Work together!

Being able to work in and learn from others in reciprocal situations. Team work.



16. Remaining open to continuous learning

Having humility and pride when admitting we don't know:

resisting complacency.



Ms. Nelson's schedule of programs for the vear!

- (Th) November 7 Grade 5
- (Fri) December 6 Palisade Olde-Fashioned Christmas Palisade UM Church and the Plaza
- (Th) December 12 Kindergarten
- (Th) December 19 Barnes & Noble Shopping Night Barnes & Noble in GJ
- (Th) March 5 Grade 3
- (Th) April 23 Grade 2
- (Th) April 30 Grade 1
- (Th) May 7 Grade 4
- (Tue) May 12 5 Grade Talent Show (gym)

Times and locations TBA (unless otherwise stated).

All information is subject to change, but I hope to keep it this way. Sincerely,

Mrs. Nelson ~ Music at Taylor

Please make sure that you have done your student verification through your ParentVue account. It is very important that you update any phone numbers, addresses, contact info, or emergency contacts within your student account. If you have not done your student verification yet, you will be receiving an email shortly as a reminder to do this! If you have any questions on how to do this or you just forgot your password— please feel free to call the office and we will do our very best to help you! 970-254-4870

SAFETY FİRSTII

<u>ALL</u> parents, visitors, and volunteers MUST stop at the office to sign in and wear a visitor or volunteer badge while on the

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Taylor Elementary campus. Anyone not wearing appropriate identification will be asked to return to the office to check in and go through the sign in procedure.

End of day changes:

We ask that you make plans with your student BEFORE they leave for the morning. However, we understand that things happen and that plans will need to be



changed occasionally. We ask that you call **BEFORE 3:30** to make changes to your child's routine. We will call back to the classroom at the end of the day with any messages to be relayed. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE Notes:

The bell rings at 8:55 AM and 9:00 AM. IF your student arrives on campus after 9:00 AM—they will need to come to the office and receive an admit slip.

Students should **not** be on campus before 8:30 AM. We have duties covered starting at 8:30 AM,. Breakfast starts at 8:30 AM.

If your student will be out of school for being ill or any other reason—please call the office by 9:15 AM.

970-254-4870

Student Teachers!

We are so lucky to have an amazing group of student teachers with us this year!

Please make them feel at home!

Reese Hoffmeister 1st Grade

Spencer Wells 4th grade
Lucas Ray 5th grade
Chris Sorensen 5th grade
Kellan Shaw 5th grade

Please welcome our newest Taylor Tornados!



Jennifer Bonger PS Lead Teacher Jeanne Bristol SSN Para
Bradin Brown PS ParaPro Kassidy Makurat SSN PAra
Lori Hammond Counselor Judy Adair SSN Para
Katie Jones 3rd grade Teacher
Ansley Dobbs OT

We are so excited to have you all in the building!