



TLJA TIMES

A newsletter for Timothy L. Johnson Academy parents and families.
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December 2023-Newsletter

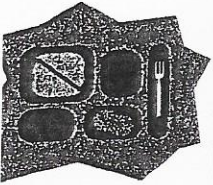
Dear TLJA Family,

I hope everyone had a restful Thanksgiving break. Now that students have returned to school, we will begin preparing for our middle of year assessments. It is an important time to see if your student has made the growth that they need to have from the beginning of the year.

Our partnership with you is so crucial to your student's growth as well as for the school's success. Please encourage your child to complete their homework, read 20 minutes a day, get a good nights sleep, and always come to school ready to learn. We then can provide them the strong academic support that they need. This is even more crucial as we are testing. We appreciate all you do!! Thank you for your partnership with us!!
Dawn Starks, TLJA Superintendent /School Leader



We are here to serve you and your family! If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 441-8727.



Breakfast & Lunch

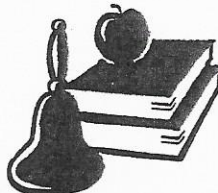
All students attending TLJA will receive free school meals. Timothy L. Johnson Academy has been approved to implement the Community Eligibility Provision for breakfast and lunch. This means that parents will not need to fill out the long meal application.

School will be closed for the holiday break from December 23 thru January 8th.

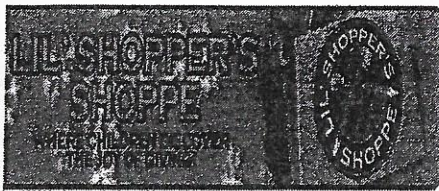
Don't forget to save box tops!!

A great way to raise funds for our school!!

There are 3 school days until our students start taking our middle of year assessments. We will be reviewing skills and test taking strategies.



Please be sure to read with your child at least 20 minutes every night!!



SANTA SHOPPE COMING SOON

The Holidays are near and, as a special service for our students; we will be having our very own Santa Shop. Students will have the opportunity to pick out inexpensive gifts for family and friends. Gifts will be priced with a child's budget in mind, ranging from \$3.00 to \$12.00, with most being priced from \$3.00 to \$8.00. There will be gifts available for all members of the family. The Santa Shop will be open for students to purchase Christmas presents beginning on December 8th through December 21st. The Santa Shop, run by school staff, will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. during the day, and an adult staff member will be available to help students as they shop. Watch for a flyer and a Shopping Budget Envelope to be sent home with your student. This will allow you and your child the opportunity to decide together how much can be spent on each person.

EMBASSY THEATRE FIELD TRIP PLANNED FOR GRADES 1-5

On January 30th, students in grades 1-5 will travel to the Embassy Theatre to see a ballet and pantomime performance of *Catapult*.

Catapult features incredible dancers who work behind a screen to create magical shadow silhouettes of shapes from the world around us. Students will be amazed as they watch bodies transform into a mountain, an elephant, a dragon, even a helicopter!

IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 12/4 MOY testing begins
- 12/6 Vision/Hearing tests for Grades 1/3/5/7 9:30 a.m.
- 12/8 SANTA SHOPPE OPENS 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 12/12 Evening of Giving 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. TLJ Cafeteria
- 12/19 2-Hour Delay Professional Development For Teachers and Staff
- 12/21 SANTA SHOPPE ENDS 12:00 NOON
- 12/25 Holiday Break SCHOOL CLOSED

JANUARY

- 1/8 Staff returns Professional Day for Teachers and staff
- 1/9 Students first day back Buses will run normal schedules
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL
- 1/16 WIDA testing begins today
- 1/30 Embassy Field Trip for Grades 1-5 to see *Catapult*.

AFTER THE HOLIDAY BREAK, SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH. BUSES WILL RUN NORMAL SCHEDULES.

The staff of Timothy L. Johnson Academies wish for all students and families a very happy Holiday Break.

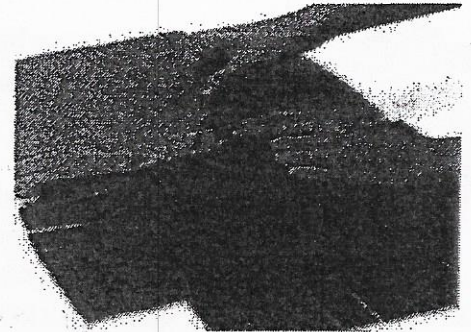
As you join with family and friends to celebrate the season, please be safe and have a wonderful break.

As students return, we will be anxious to welcome them back and to again help them continue their success and learning during their 2023-2024 school year.

DRESS FOR WINTER WEATHER

With the winter season upon us, please have your students dress in warm clothing as classes will be going out to recess, even for a short period of time, weather permitting.

If your student does not have a warm coat or mittens, please have them stop in and see Mrs. Linnemeier, Assistant Principal for assistance.



JOIN US FOR A HEARTWARMING EVENING OF GIVING

Third-grade teachers, Mrs. Brown and Dr. Williams, and their assistants, Brandon Knox and Sophia Mossburg, have worked very hard to plan an evening of fun and giving. Students and parents are invited to attend an Evening of Giving on Tuesday, December 12th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the TLJ cafeteria to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and to help craft scarves and blankets for those in our community. who are in need.

Come together to craft warm, comforting items that will be donated to those in need. It will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with other families, share in the joy of crafting scarves and blankets, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, and make a positive impact on our local community.

Please do join us on Tuesday, December 12th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the TLJA cafeteria.