

OUR MISSION

We, as Trinity Elementary Trailblazers, will provide a safe, positive, and collaborative learning environment in which all students will be challenged through research based curriculum and instruction to reach their highest potential.

Children will be provided with innovative educational experiences that will enable them to become active citizens and seekers of new ideas and knowledge in our changing world.



THE TRINITY TRIBUNE

2016-2017

December 2016



The Gantt Grapevine

Dear Families,

As we wrap up our first semester of school, it is a time for us to analyze our students' midyear data and administer quarter 2 checks. We will use this data along with classroom performance to develop a plan to make sure that students master standards by the end of the school year. Your child's teacher will contact you early next semester if there are concerns about your child's progress. As we look at our school wide data, we have much to celebrate! Our students are working hard and making great gains. We truly appreciate all you do at home to support your child's education.

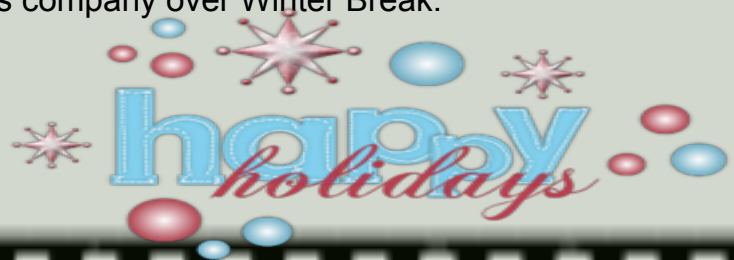
I want to invite all parents to our School Advisory Council Meeting on Friday, December 9th at 8:30 a.m. in our media center. Our guest speaker will be Ray Gadd, Deputy Superintendent of Pasco County Schools. Mr. Gadd will be discussing **School Funding**. The presentation will last 30-45 minutes.

I hope to see all our Trailblazer families on Thursday, December 15th at our Holiday Under the Lights event from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be fun family activities, Santa, and our **5th grade class and Trailblazer Vocal Ensemble will be performing at 7:00 pm.** This will be a wonderful family night!

I would like to wish every family a happy holiday season. Our students and staff have worked very hard this semester! I hope your family has the opportunity to spend quality time together relaxing and enjoying each other's company over Winter Break.

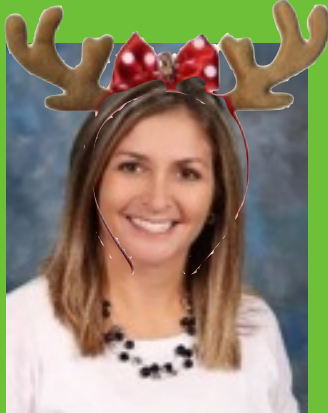
Sincerely,

Mrs. Gantt





RACING TO OUR FUTURE



Mrs. Gantt

This year we will prepare all students for college, career and life success!



Mrs. Middleton

This year we will make sure that every student is successful!

The Middleton Memo



Dear Families,

December is here! As we celebrate the holiday season and head towards 2017, I would like to once again express how thankful I am to you for your support of our great school!

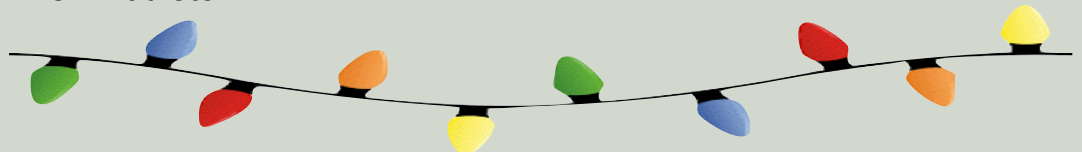
Please remember that the upcoming weeks can become quite overwhelming as families prepare for family gatherings, special travels, and perhaps some shopping outings in preparation for special traditions. As much as we'd all like to feel that we are organized and well-prepared for the upcoming weeks, each family deals with the stress of the holidays in different ways. Oftentimes, children fall victim to later bedtimes, hectic trips to the store for that last item, and sometimes the financial stress that comes during this time of the year. Routines often fall to the wayside along with daily reading practices, consistent homework support, and even family meals. Please remember to slow down, maintain your family's routines and enjoy your family time together.

Finally, remember that the holiday season is a great opportunity for families to give back to their communities while spending important quality time with each other. By helping others we teach our children that they are part of a bigger community and the role they play in it. Take moment to investigate the numerous ways to spend important time together as a family while experiencing the true spirit of the holidays.

I want to thank everyone for a truly great year. We have a great staff of professionals, wonderful community support and great families. While my family and I look forward to celebrating Christmas this month, I hope your family and friends have the opportunity to enjoy your own customs and traditions, whatever they may be. As we ring in the promise of a new year, may you find joy in your homes and in your community.

Enjoy your holiday break, have fun, be safe...see you next year!

Mrs. Middleton



INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW



SAG Meeting

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live without human contact for more than a day.

- Head lice can spread if two heads are close together.
- Research shows most children who get head lice do not get them in school.
- Lice seems to be more prevalent in schools after a break when children have more close personal contact with each other.

For more information go to:

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/library/student_services/brochures/headlice_brochure.pdf

Art News

Hello TES Art Families,
We have been working hard in art. Don't forget, you can keep up with everything your student is doing by logging into their Artsonia digital portfolio. Students upload every one of their artworks that they create. Intermediate students are also required to include artist statements, which gets them writing about art. Feedback about their artwork is also given through the app. I hope you take the time to login and see your child's art. If you don't have your child's login information, please email me and I will send the information to you immediately.

Also, thank you to all the families that supported our Square 1 Art fundraiser. We earned almost as much as previous years. Your contributions and support are what allows our art program to function! Thank you, thank you! Have a happy holiday season!

Mrs. Fenton

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Even Nice Elves Get Lice

It is that time of year. Please make sure to check your child's head nightly for lice.

A few facts about lice:

- Lice cannot live without human contact for more than a day.
- Lice cannot stay alive in schools or school buses over weekends because they cannot

School Pay Update

School Pay, our online payment system, has increased the fees charged for transactions. Due to this increase, we will no longer have School Pay as a payment option. We will continue to accept cash and checks with student number and telephone number written on the check. Thank you.

Yearbook News

You have 2 ways to purchase yearbooks.

1. Order online using Walsworth's website <https://yearbookforever.com/#>. Enter Trinity Elementary School. This options allows you to purchase a name stamp for the cover of your child's yearbook. This option is \$6.00 and is **only available until January 28th**.
2. Pay with Cash or Check by filling out the order form on the back of this flyer and sending it in to school. Make checks payable to TES. Your child's student number and your phone number **MUST** be on the check.

We will no longer be accepting orders through SchoolPay.



INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW



Names Please

Many items look alike. PLEASE put your student names in their coats, lunch boxes and any other items that they bring to school. With a name we can find the owner of lost items quickly.

PTO News

The PTO elves are working overtime to make this a fun month for your families.

The *Holiday Boutique* and *Holidays Under the Lights* are two events that we will be having again this year. The *Holiday Boutique*



is an opportunity for your child to pick out and purchase items that they would like to give as gifts. Items are priced from .50 to \$15.00 and gift-wrap is provided free of charge. The *Holiday Boutique* will be open December 12th – 16th during the school day and in the evening during *Holidays Under the Lights*.

Holidays Under the Lights is a great opportunity for you to share the spirit of the season with your family at our school. This event will be held on Thursday, December 15th 6:00- 8:00pm. We will have hot cocoa and snacks for purchase as well as *Holiday Stories* told by guest readers, snowy crafts and reindeer games. Pictures with Santa will also be offered. Flyers will be going home with more information. If you are interested in helping out with either of these events please contact Lisa Lutz lml79_16@yahoo.com. We will need many volunteers to make these activities fun and memorable for our children.

Our traditional Staff Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21st. This is a great way to say 'Thank You' to all of our TES staff with your donations of food, drinks or a grocery gift card for their lunch. A flyer with more information will go home with your student(s).

On behalf of the entire PTO Board, we'd like to wish you and your family, a happy and healthy New Year!

Music News

Happy Holidays from the Music Department. Intermediate students are hard at work learning how to play the recorder. Primary students are playing and learning how to sing and read rhythmic patterns. The fifth grade and Vocal Ensemble performance will be Thursday, December 15 at 7:00. Vocal Ensemble will open the show with their songs followed by a short intermission. The fifth grade students will begin their performance at about 7:30.

Fifth grade performers should gather in the music room no later than 6:30 pm in costumes the night of the show. Vocal Ensemble will meet in the media center at 6:00 to warm up and get ready for their part in the show. I hope to see parents and friends of performers, as the students have been working very hard to put on a great show for your Holiday Season.



Recycling News

Parents may drop off paper items that can be recycled on Monday mornings **in our carline ONLY**. Acceptable items are: newspapers, phonebooks, office paper, cardboard, cereal boxes, magazines, brown paper bags and construction paper. Please pull all the way up to the blue recycle bins to drop you items off. You can also drop recycle items during the school day between 10:00 and 3:00. The Recycle containers are located at the back of the visitor parking lot.

WINTER



BREAK

December 23rd - January 8th

School Counselor News

Happy Holidays! This time of the year can be very exciting, but also very stressful. With all of the holiday activities and changes in routines, children may express more strong emotions or behaviors than typical. Continuing to have consistent routines and bedtimes will help in coping with this stress.

Counseling news - in classroom lessons for December, all students are continuing the Safer Smarter Kids Curriculum and learning about safety tools, respect, and body boundaries. Small groups are continuing and will continue after Winter Break.

Please let me know if you need my support or have questions and/or concerns.

Thank You!
Whitney Batista
TES School Counselor
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IMPORTANT DATES



December 9
SAC Meeting 8:30am

December 12 - 16
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

December 15
HOLIDAY UNDER THE LIGHTS

December 15
5th GRADE & VOCAL
ENSEMBLE
CHORUS EVENT

December 23- January 8
WINTER BREAK

NEED MORE?
Check the parent calendar on our
website for more upcoming dates:
tes.pasco.k12.fl.us
& like us on...



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