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# NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL AMY METZLER

We are excited to provide you with our inaugural family newsletter. We will start sharing a monthly newsletter to help keep you informed of important school news and information. The first couple months we will send home a paper copy, but, beginning in April, we will only post them on Peachjar. We will send home a parentlink to inform you when it is posted.

In the month of January, we finished all mid-year testing. Teachers are using data from these assessments to provide your child with targeted instruction to support their continued growth from now until May.



## LEADER IN ME

### Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then Be Understood

This habit encourages our students to develop strong communication skills by prioritizing active listening and empathy. By teaching them to understand others' perspectives before expressing their own, we empower our children to build healthier relationships and collaborate effectively. As parents, you play a crucial role in reinforcing this habit at home. Encourage open conversations, practice active listening, and model empathetic communication. Together, we can instill valuable life skills that will benefit our children in their academic journey and beyond.

1. **\*\*Active Listening:\*\*** Model attentive listening and encourage your child to express themselves fully. Avoid interruptions and seek to understand before responding.

2. **\*\*Empathy in Action:\*\*** Teach empathy by acknowledging others' perspectives and feelings. Use phrases like "I understand" or "Tell me more" to foster understanding.

3. **\*\*Family Meetings:\*\*** Establish regular family meetings for open communication. Provide a safe space for everyone to share thoughts and concerns, promoting understanding and collaboration.

## important

### Upcoming Events

February 2nd Awards Assembly  
February 7th STEM Fair  
February 12th-15th Spirit Week  
February 15th Tampa Museum of Art (grades 3-5)  
February 16th Non Student Day  
February 19th -March 2nd House Service Learning Project (Quarterly House Challenge)  
February 20th PTA Meeting (3:30-400)  
Family Curriculum Night and Kindergarten Round-up (4:00-5:30)  
February 23rd PBIS Event  
February 26th Color Fun Run  
February 29 th Living History Museum (time TBA)

## COMPASSION SPIRIT WEEK

FEBRUARY 12 - 16, 2024

MONDAY

### CRAZY IN SILLY LOVE

ROCK YOUR CRAZY HEART  
HAIR AND SILLY VALENTINES' SOCKS.

TUESDAY

### SHOW YOUR HEART

WEAR HEARTS OR WORDS OF COMPASSION ON YOUR CLOTHING

WEDNESDAY

### QUEEN & KING OF HEARTS

DRESS IN COLORS OF LOVE (RED, PINK, PURPLE, AND WHITE). SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR OUR FACULTY, STAFF, AND YOUR FRIENDS BY CREATING HEART MESSAGES IN CLASS. TAG YOUR MESSAGES ON OUR FACULTY AND STAFF DOORS.

THURSDAY

### TRAPPED IN TIME

DRESS IN YOUR FAVORITE DECADE.

FRIDAY

### DOUBLE THE LOVE

TWIN WITH YOUR FAVORITE FRIEND.

*Hello Grams*

Proceeds benefit  
the Tiffany Messingham fund

**February 5th-  
February 9th**



# GUIDANCE

# MAGNET

Mark your calendars for a community fair at Tampa Heights Elementary Magnet School on April 6th! Stay tuned for more details coming your way soon.

We are thrilled to share the exciting news that Tampa Heights Students are actively engaged in the **Goals Project**, a collaborative initiative that transcends borders and connects students from around the world. Our students have the incredible opportunity to work with classes globally, fostering cross-cultural understanding and collaboration. **The Goals Project** not only enhances their academic learning but also encourages the development of vital skills such as teamwork, communication, and cultural awareness. This enriching experience allows our students to broaden their perspectives, share their unique insights, and contribute to a global community of learners. We are immensely proud of their active participation and look forward to witnessing the valuable connections and knowledge they gain through this international collaboration. Stay tuned for updates on their inspiring journey!

## HOUSE NEWS

**T.H.E.M. House Community quarterly service learning project launch will begin with a Spirit Week: A Week of Compassion. The house members will collect toiletries for the unhoused. These items will be donated to the Trinity Cafe. Throughout the month of February, house members will be learning about the meaning of compassion and filling the needs in our community. Please join in as we accomplish our goal.**



**Ta' Liyah, President**



**Zaeim**



**Kiana & Natalie, President  
Nathan, Vice President**



**UKUMELA**



**Aleron, President  
Lilia, Vice President**



**Diversidad**



**Zuri, President  
Moises, Vice President**



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