

February
Issue

The Taylor Times

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Taylor College Door Decorating Contest

On Friday February 3rd Taylor Vikings did a college door decorating contest. Each class used their college as a theme and decorated their door to be inspirational. We caught up with one of the judges Mrs. Jacobo in the office. She said, they judged the door on college theme and if it was a whole class collaboration. She said every door was so great it was hard to choose.

The winner of the door decorating contest was Mrs. Bruns' class. Their door (see picture below) was Dr. Seuss themed. She said they were using the book Oh The Places You'll Go during mindfulness time and her class decided to use it for their theme. One thing we noticed about their door was they used a lot of different colleges and options for the future. They were so creative and it turned out so beautiful.

In second place was Ms. Larsen's TK class. They did a honey bee theme and said they will BEE ready for UOP. In third place was Ms. Salenga's 5th grade class. They wanted a fun theme and picked the board game chutes and ladders. She said she wanted them to feel it was her students climbing to their future. The door decorating contest was so fun and motivating. Great job to all the classes who participated. It is so fun to be a Taylor Student!

APTT Number Two Schedule

Our second whole class APTT meeting is coming up in March! **SAVE THE DATE and MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** These are very important meetings!

TK/Kindergarten- March 15th-2:30pm

1st Grade- March 9th-4:00pm

2nd Grade-March 16th-4:00pm

3rd Grade-March 6th - 2:30pm

4th Grade-March 8th-4:00pm

5th Grade- March 15th-2:30pm

6th Grade-March 15th-4:00pm

7th Grade-March 13th-4:00pm

8th Grade-March 13th-4:00pm

Can't wait to see you there!

Character Trait

The character trait for February is **empathy**. Empathy is the feeling that you understand or share another person's experiences and emotions. Caring for someone's feelings so that they feel understood. Try and be empathic to others everyday!

AVID Corner

Thank you to those who attended the AVID parent academy in December. Alasia Gorman was the lucky winner of a brand new Tablet! Friendly AVID reminder to look for your child's agenda planner every single night! Please make sure you read what is written for the day and sign it! We want to stay organized as a school and the agenda planners help us do so!





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Taylor Leadership Academy AVID Showcase-Organization

On January 27, 2017 Taylor Leadership Academy students held their monthly AVID showcase. This month the focus on was organization. Each classroom set up a booth to display all the ways they practice organization in the classroom. Some of the things that were showcased were: note-taking, goal setting, and time management techniques.

The Taylor Times staff saw that a lot of classes are using two and three column notes. We also noticed that students are utilizing their AVID agenda planners. We saw a few examples where parents had signed and they were filled out every single day. We asked a 4th grade student what their favorite part about the show case was. They told us "I like seeing how everyone uses organization in similar ways and then getting new ideas to bring back to the classroom. Our teacher told us to write down one thing that we could try so it was fun". The next AVID showcase will be focused on reading strategies. We can't wait to cover that for the March newspaper.

Come Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday

On Thursday March 2nd Taylor teachers are hosting a celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. The celebration will be from 2:45pm to 4:00pm in the cafeteria. Each teacher will create a Dr. Seuss themed booth with a fun activity. Students and their families will have the chance to walk around and go to each booth. Some of the activities will be: rhyming bingo, synonym search, and even a cursive writing station. All the teachers of Taylor are working very hard on this event so it would be great to have a lot of students and their families attend! Every student who attends will receive a book! Hope to see you there for the fun!

Attendance is important

Every month Taylor is going to be having a celebration for students who come to school 95% or more that month. The celebrations are so fun and exciting. It is so important to come to school every single day so that you can learn and get your education! Hope to see every single Viking, every single day!

AVID Question of the Month: What do you do when you don't understand something you are reading?

We caught up with Taylor students in the hallways and at recess to asking about reading strategies. Here are some of the answers!

"If I have a problem when I am reading I try and use context clues to figure out what something means"-Dorsey, Age 8

"I will write in the margins to remind myself of the parts I didn't understand and then use tools like the dictionary to find my answers"-Mariela, Age 9