





Good afternoon,

While this week may have begun on a dreary note, it sure did turn around to be a beautiful sunny day today! Many of our classes took advantage of the unseasonably warm weather to get outside for an extra mask break. Our fifth grade friends spent some time reading around *The Big Tree*. And, speaking of *The Big Tree*, we completed **four rows** of our Principal's 100 Club (earning Tiger Strips for demonstrating our ABC's)! Today's prize for those students was an ice pop and some extra fresh air (see picture above).

It continues to be rewarding to visit each classroom every day to watch our teachers teaching and to see our students learning. One of my favorite visits is when the entire class is so enthralled with their books that one could hear a pin drop. The love of reading is so important and we are so very lucky to have an incredible reading support team of educators, as well as our library team (Mrs. Crews and Mrs. Snyder) who, in concert with our teachers, continue to model a passion for reading so that our boys and girls continue to expand their knowledge and grow. Ask your child(ren) about their current favorite book. (The Book Fair is coming in Nov.!)

Enjoy the weekend!

NOTES FOR FAMILIES

1. Check out this local event: [Trunk or Treat!](#)
2. Thanks to everyone who has already participated in our CAPRI fundraiser! Don't forget that every Monday in October and November to pick up lunch and/or dinner from Capri in Plumsteadville. 20% of the order comes back to support our students through the PTA. **Mention Tinicum Elementary when you place your order!**
3. Due to COVID mitigation efforts, should you choose to send in a birthday treat with your student(s), please only send in either (a) a nonedible item to share, such as a pencil or eraser or (b) an individually-wrapped store bought treat.
4. Please consider supplying your student(s) with an extra mask to have in their backpack in the case that they need to replace the one they are wearing at any point throughout the school day.
5. As a reminder, if you are not an everyday car rider and need to pick up your child(ren) at the end of the day, please send an email to tinicumpickup@palisadessd.org **no later than 3 PM**. Please include the name of the student(s) (first and last), as well as the

name of the person picking him/her up (first and last). Our staff will ask for a photo ID to verify. Thank you!

6. As a reminder, if you are requesting approval for a family vacation / educational trip, please email Mrs. Doerr **at least two weeks** before your anticipated travel.
7. In accordance with our Health and Safety Plan, the communications process for reported positive COVID 19 cases will be as follows for the 21-22 school year:
 - We are notifying the families of those students who share class(es), participate in an extracurricular activity or ride a school bus with a student who tests positive for COVID 19.
 - Close contacts, if any, will be notified by the school nurse or administrator.

A PEEK INTO NEXT WEEK

Monday, October 18	Day 2	
Tuesday, October 19	Day 3	
Wednesday, October 20	Day 4	
Thursday, October 21	Day 5	
Friday, October 22	Day 6	Tinicum Spirit Day! Dress with your favorite Tinicum spiritwear! Pretzel Day! (Thanks to our PTA!)

Specials Rotation at Tinicum:

Days 1 and 2 - Art or Music

Days 3 and 4 - Library or Spanish

Days 5 and 6 - Health or Physical Education

SAVE THE DATE(S)!

October 29	Fall Field Day and Parade (more info tba)
November 1	PTA Meeting at 4:30 PM
November 2	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
November 5	School Store

My best,

Dr. Michael W. Donnelly