





Good afternoon,

We have officially completed our first full week of October! Interestingly, it's hard to tell that we are in autumn with the warm weather we have been experiencing! Hopefully everyone is finding time to get outside and enjoy it. Our teachers continue to make use of our beautiful grounds to provide outdoor time for various learning activities throughout the week. I took some time this morning to join our kindergarten friends on the playground for extra recess. And, speaking of extra recess, our first group of *Principal's 100 Club* winners earned some extra recess this afternoon!

As part of our School Wide Positive Behavior Supports, we teach mini-lessons on expected behaviors throughout all aspects of the school day, including hallways and buses. Many of our students have lengthy bus rides because our beautiful Tinicum community is so vast in space. It would be helpful if you would take some time over the weekend to ask your child(ren) about the ABC's of behavior for the school bus. They can give you examples about how they act responsibly, how they can be respectful, and how they choose to be safe.

Thank you for your continued partnership!

## NOTES FOR FAMILIES

1. 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!**
2. 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.
3. Each year, as a Title I school, we must share a letter with you regarding professional qualifications of faculty and staff. A copy of that annual notification can be found [here](#).
4. In last week's **Friday Folder**, you would have received an order form for our new line of Tinicum spiritwear! (Order forms were sent via the youngest child.) Here is [a sizing guide](#) to support that form. As orders are collected, we will notify Caldwell's and they will pick them up from school and then deliver the orders to school when they are ready. [Here is a sample](#) of some of the items we have on display here at Tinicum.
5. Check out [this](#) art class reminder from Mrs. McNichol.

6. We do use cones to help the flow of traffic in the morning for parent drop-off, so please stay in line until the car in front of you departs. This is for our students' safety. With your help, our dismissal has been great and so if you are departing before the car in front of you, please exit with caution. 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](mailto: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!
7. 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.
8. 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 11	Day 3	
Tuesday, October 12	Day 4	
Wednesday, October 13	Day 5	
Thursday, October 14	Day 6	Title I Parent Night at 5:30 PM
Friday, October 15	Day 1	

### 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 14	Title I Parent Night at 5:30 PM
October 29	Fall Field Day and Parade (more info tba)

My best,

*Dr. Michael W. Donnelly*