

We will challenge all students to excel in a nurturing environment of high expectations in order to help maximize their academic, social, and moral growth.

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## Principal's Message

January 2023

On behalf of the entire Tenniswood staff, I'd like to welcome everyone back to school for the 2023 portion of the school year!!! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break and that you were able to spend this time resting, relaxing and enjoying the holidays with friends and family!

We are off and roaring with our work at the school! After the first day back, I was pleased to see that our students haven't missed a step in picking up where they left off in terms of their academic progress and effort! This has been great to see, as we have a very busy remainder of the school year ahead of us! To begin the New Year, our students will again be taking their Winter NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments starting right away this month. This process will give our teachers a good

indication of how much our students have grown academically, as well as the areas each individual student is ready to work on at the midway point in the school year. Each student's performance on these assessments will drive his/her learning path in Exact Path, so it is important that all students do their very best on their NWEA assessments. Building our students' independence with tests that are challenging also supports students' perseverance when it comes time to take the State of Michigan assessment, the M-STEP, which is taken in grades 3-5. Parents, please show your support by encouraging your student(s) to do their very best on every test they take, ***even if the test becomes challenging.*** NWEA is designed to become more difficult as students get more and more answers correct, which leads to us getting

an accurate assessment of what skills each student is ready to take on next.

Our staff and students are not only spending time refocusing on academics this month, but also revisiting classroom and schoolwide expectations for positive behavior. I am asking for the support and assistance of all parents to join our staff in consistently pushing the message of positive and successful behavior to our students. We are working on scheduling activities here at the school that will reinforce this message, as we know that by working together, 2023 will undoubtedly be a great year at Tenniswood. Happy New Year everyone!

Dr. Tony Sedick



## Dressing for the Weather



Parents, please be reminded that our students **will go out** to recess during the winter months as fresh air and exercise are so important for children. Please make sure that your student is sent to school dressed appropriately for the weather. If the temperature falls below 10 degrees Fahrenheit, we will keep students indoors. Following the guide above when preparing students for school during the winter months is suggested. Thanks!

## Just a few of the wellness benefits of outdoor play:

- Kids who spend more time outdoors are more physically active, and there is no shortage of research that physical activity drives positive health outcomes.
- Doctors also know daily doses of **fresh air and sunlight** increase circulation, vitamin D, boost immune systems, and promote overall wellness. We parents know it too when we look at happy kids who sleep soundly and just look healthier.
- Time spent in natural settings also contributes to **healthy sleep patterns** in babies, toddlers and kids. And proper sleep drives all kinds of beneficial health outcomes.
- Kids who spend time outdoors get sick less often. The perception that you'll catch a cold outside is just plain wrong. Stagnant, indoor environments are breeding and sharing grounds for all kinds of germs, and some studies show that being cold may even trigger the immune system.
- Nature and play bring joy: Learning to find and experience that joy is another way to give children enriching, positive emotional experiences that they can carry forward into the world.
- Play in the cold gives kids grit. Winter gives kids the opportunity to learn that they can manage when life gets a little challenging. They get the message that they have the resources to persist and make the best of what life hands them.



## Tenniswood PTC News

The PTC is Tenniswood's parent group, and we need YOU!

The PTC helps our school fundraise so that we are able to hold many fun-filled events for the students and their families throughout the school year. As a member of the PTC, you can help be a part of the decision-making process to plan events and determine what fundraisers to hold. This committee offers a great way to meet other parents and be a part of your child's school experience.

For more information about the Tenniswood PTC, including upcoming meeting and activities details, check out the PTC Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/>

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**TUESDAY, JAN. 10TH**

**6:00 PM**

**MEDIA CENTER**

## Science Olympiad

Calling all **3rd-5th grade students!**

Join our Tenniswood Science Olympiad Team!

The Macomb Science Olympiad program is dedicated to **inspiring the next generation of scientists, engineers and doctors**, through an extra-curricular education program that emphasizes a hands-on approach and develops problem-solving and teamwork skills.

Meetings are held every  
Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 PM

Competitions at both the district  
and county level are held in the  
spring!

For additional information,  
please call the school office or  
come to our next meeting!



## Tardy Students

Please note that students who arrive **after 8:51 AM are considered tardy**. Teachers take attendance at that time and will mark your student absent. If a student arrives later and is NOT SIGNED IN they

could be marked with an absence. To avoid this happening, parents/guardians are **REQUIRED** to walk their student into the building and sign them in on the clipboard outside of the office. This allows us to see the student has arrived and change their absence to a tardy. Please **DO NOT** just drop your student off without walking them in and signing them in. We understand that there are occasions when your student may be late, however, please keep in mind that chronic tardiness will cause your student to miss valuable instructional time as well as disruptions to the learning environment.



## TIGERS of the Month

Every month the teachers will chose one student from their classroom to be our **TIGER of the Month**. These students are recognized each month for following our behavior plan to Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Michael B.  
Jack C.  
Mia C.  
Madelyn L.  
Celeste M.  
Chase R.  
Zoe R.

Zoey S.  
Eliana S.  
Miranda S.  
Mason S.  
Savannah T.  
Julius T.  
Demi W.





## Community Gives Back Programs

You can help us to raise additional funds for our students by registering at these *Community gives back* programs. Use the links below to register now. Just select Tenniswood as your charity of choice.

KROGER:

[Kroger Rewards](#)

COCA-COLA:

[Coca-Cola Gives](#)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:

[Get the App - Box Tops for Education \(boxtops4education.com\)](#)



## Featured Holiday



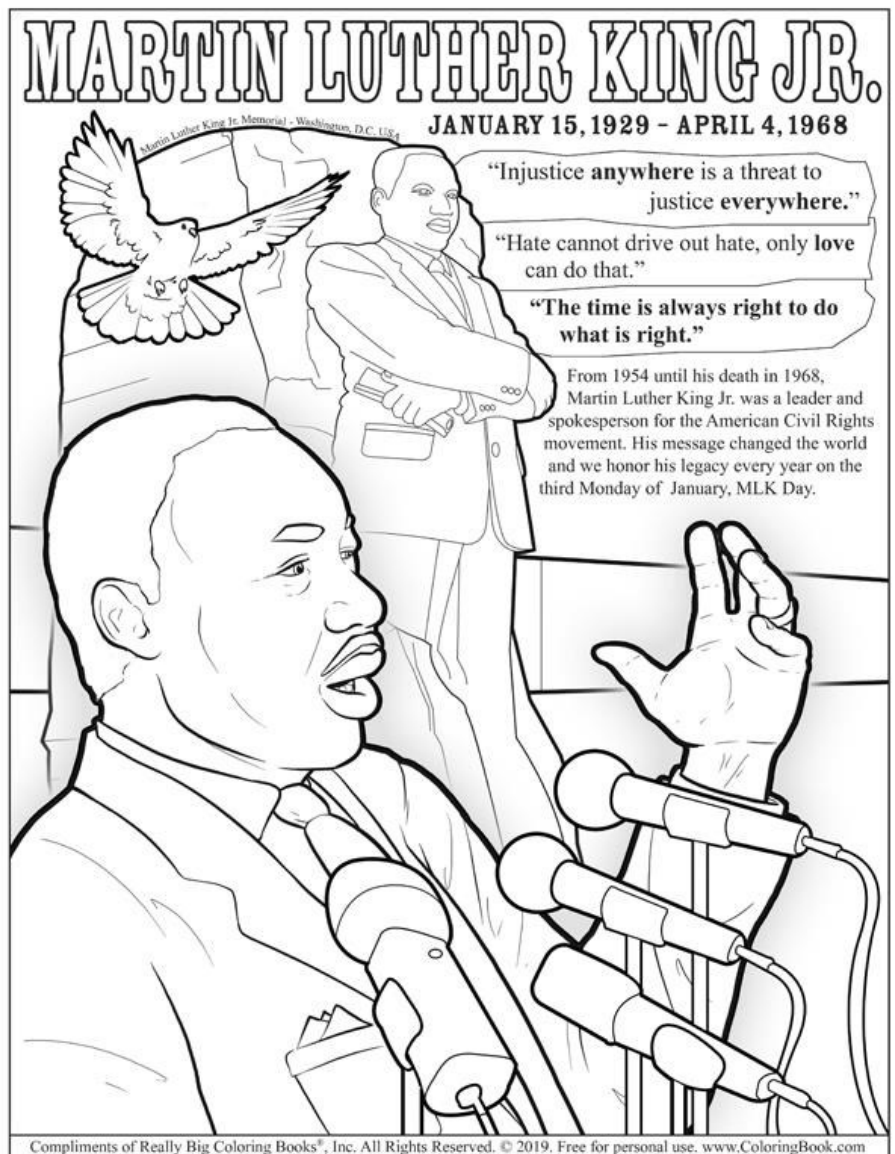
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday is on **Monday January 16th**. This month we will read books and do activities to teach our students of the importance of Dr. King's impact on our country and our world!

You can find more activities for your student(s) in the links below:

[Crayola coloring pages](#)

[Activities and Videos](#)

[Downloadable Activity Book](#)



# January 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 School Resumes	4 Hearing Screening 6:00—8:00 Science Olympiad Practice	5	6	7
8	9 Mobile Dentist	10 6:00 PTC Meeting	11 6:00—8:00 Science Olympiad Practice	12	13 5th Grade Re-productive Health Class	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17	18 6:00—8:00 Science Olympiad Practice	19 6:30-8:00 PM Bingo Night	20 5th Grade Re-productive Health Class	21
22	23	24 Schoolstore.com Fundraiser Kickoff	25 6:00—8:00 Science Olympiad Practice	26	27	28
29	30	31 5th Grade visit to JAPAC (Band Concert)	26 6:00—8:00 Science Olympiad Practice	27 Half Day— 12:10 p.m. Dismissal	28	29
30	31					

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Go Tigers!