

Tainter Today



Dear Parents & Guardians:

I am looking outside today wondering---where is spring?---I hear the upcoming snow forecast and am cringing. I am wondering if Mother Nature plans to bypass spring and sprint straight into summer this year? Students (and teachers) are anxious for some nice weather to go outside and play in. It has been a long winter for everyone....

I recently came across an article the other day entitled *50 Questions to Ask Your Kids Instead of Asking "How Was Your Day"* (blog from <https://herviewfromhome.com>). My three children are all adults now, but I remember how much I wanted to hear about their days---and only one of the three was a 'talker' about how his day went. This is how our conversations usually went with the other two:

Me: "How was your day today?"
Child: "Fine"
Me: "Can you give me any more details than that?"
Child: "Very fine?"
Me: "Ok, well....what did you learn that was new today?"
Child: "Nothing really."

Oh my....you and I know that so much more happens in a day and that learning is continuous, but I think sometimes our kids hear our somewhat predictable questions and begin to tune us out. I think dialoguing with our children about their day is very important, but I personally try to stay focused on the positive. We already live in a world where the negative surrounds us and is trying to suck the breath out of us. When we surround ourselves with positive thoughts and positive people, we begin to exert positive energy and feel positive about ourselves and others. Here are ten of the questions from the blog that I thought had some potential to produce positive dialogue:

*What made you smile today?
Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
What inspired you today?
What is something you saw that made you think?
Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
What was something that challenged you?
How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
Tell me one thing you are looking forward to with tomorrow?
What kind of person were you today?*

Just a few other reminders as we wind down the school year:

- As you put away winter clothing for the season, please keep Tainter in mind. We can always use gently worn snow pants, coats, boots, and waterproof mittens for the days that some of our students need to borrow them. We also accept gently used underwear, tennis shoes and sweatpants/athletic pants. As you clean out play sheds and garage areas, we could likewise use soccer balls, four square balls, basketballs, jump ropes and hula-hoops that your children no longer use. With close to 500 kids at our school we are always in need of these sorts of things!
- We have a new wellness policy that started this year that is encouraging us all to be bringing healthier items to eat here at school. A part of this policy states that food brought into the school for classroom parties must be commercially prepared and have the ingredient label clearly listed on the items. We can no longer accept homemade items within the classrooms. This is to protect our students from potential cross contamination with common allergens. We have literally dozens of students with very specific food allergies that we need to protect. A huge thank you to everyone for being very understanding of this policy change.
- The Lions Club recently approached our school asking if we wouldn't mind being a drop-off site for unused eyewear. They are particularly in need of children's glasses that are no longer being used. Please consider donating your child's old glasses (or your own) to this very important community organization. We have a drop-off box here at Tainter in the school office.
- Life likes to throw us curveballs now and again. These curveballs often throw off our students. Please do not hesitate to let your child's classroom teacher know of events that may be affecting your child---an impending move, the death of a pet, a separation from a family member, etc.--it really helps us to be more proactive in helping children process lots of feelings they sometimes have cannot verbalize.

I would also like to take a moment to send a huge THANK YOU to our Tainter Parent Group. They do so much to support our school---everything from providing healthy snacks during state testing, organizing occasional treats and meals for staff, helping pay for the little 'extras' in our building that our building budget can't always accommodate (such as playground toys, playground equipment, subscriptions to supplemental educational materials, etc.). They are able to do these things due to their successful fundraising efforts. Most recently we held a Tainter Culver's Day. Have you heard what an amazing success it was? Our group broke the all-time record of earnings between 4-7pm, earning the Parent Group over \$1,000 profit for our school! Amazing! Thank you to all Parent Group members who helped organize and greet, staff members who came to greet and eat and for all our families who came to eat and support the event. It was so much FUN!

Thank you to all of our parents and staff who help making Tainter a great place to grow and learn!

With warm regards,
Jill Bennett, Principal

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Important Dates

- Ice Cream Social & Bingo Night
April 26, 2018 from 6-7:30 p.m.
with our 4th Grade Students
serving
- April 27, 2018 In-service Day:
Elementary Level Only

Hard work makes a difference

Tainter Artists Participate in Youth Art Month Show at WITC

Youth Art Month or YAM is a nationally recognized celebration of visual arts in grades K-12 that traditionally takes place each March. The Youth Art Month Program emphasizes the value of art education for all children and encourages support for quality school art programs.

This year several students from RLASD had their work chosen by their art teachers to be a part of the YAM display at WITC Rice Lake. The show was on display for two weeks in early March in the newly remodeled student center known as the Hub. Students and their families were invited for an opening reception Saturday, March 3rd to see their work, as well as work from many local districts. All students have the opportunity to have their work chosen throughout the year, but each art teacher can only select a limited number of pieces. What a difficult job! This year students from Tainter that had their work chosen to be in the show were: 1st Grade-Cruze Estreen, Konner Weiss, Danika Drost, Kyri Marincel, Alivia Schultz, Landon Brown, and Hailey Demers 2nd Grade-Parker Lammers, Rebekah Miller, and Aaron Allen 3rd Grade-Amina Magana-Mire, Kenzie Van Daalen, Raydyn Gilbertson, Naomi Walker, and Stella Kuebli 4th Grade-DeLayna Mashak, Karlee Seifert, Hayden Van Gilder, Lauren Madsen, Caden Holmberg, and Kaylee Zehm.

Great job to these talented young artists!



Hailey Demers



Karlee Seifert



Jump Rope For Heart:

Three cheers for Tainter Elementary. On February 21, students in grades K-4 raised \$8020 during our Jump Rope for Heart event. They had a lot of fun using their jumping and movement skills in an awesome obstacle course. The money raised, helps the American Heart Association fund research and educational programs. The physical education department earned a \$550.00 gift certificate from US Games as a thank you for raising money for the American Heart Association. The top fundraisers this year were Chloe Clark in Mrs. Clark's 1st grade class and Xavier Quinn in Mrs. Kasper kindergarten class.



Chloe Clark and Xavier Quinn



April is National Credit Union Youth Month!

Every child dreams about their future. Some of those dreams may require money to come true. How do you help your children achieve their dreams? One way is to help them learn how to save their money.



To help your children get into the savings habit, start by having them cut out pictures of something they'd like to have someday and post the images where they'll see them often. Encourage your child to make regular small deposits into their savings account each week. Tell them their money will earn interest while it's in their account. If they keep this routine going, they'll quickly see their savings grow.

This April, Royal is celebrating National Credit Union Youth Month, which is a program that helps teach and encourage kids to develop good financial habits. The theme this year is "The Science of Saving." Science has proven that if you start with small goals, saving your money can become a regular habit. We work to inspire children to save their money so they can attain their dreams of a happy future.

In April, each class at Tainter will have a chance to win a classroom basket filled with **fun activities** and **supplies** to share! Participating classrooms will simply need to submit their class activity sheet by Tuesday, April 24 in order to be entered in the drawing. Also, Super Savers will receive **Double Stamps** on Tuesday, April 24 to celebrate and help them earn more fun prizes!

Remember Tainter Royal Credit Union School Sense is open Tuesdays during the lunch hour to help your child develop good saving habits. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Jackie Molden at jackie.molden@rcu.org or by calling 715-234-3319 ext 6954.



A little note from your Tainter Parent Group :

THANK YOU SO MUCH to all parents/guardians who have donated their time, talents, and services to our Parent Group events throughout the school year!! We realize that life is incredibly crazy at moments and we truly appreciate the time you took to help out, attend a meeting, or purchase items for monthly treats, prepare conference meals, dances, family fun nights, etc. Without you, it wouldn't possible to provide our children and staff at Tainter Elementary any support and appreciation for all they do for us!! Our Parent Group is driven to give back to Tainter Elementary and provide support for our children and the staff who are dedicated to provide the best education!!

As you bring your children to a Tainter Parent Group sponsored event, please keep an eye out for our new lighted display board!! This display board simply shows you two things; 1) all of the things that we do and 2) the reason for doing them!! This is also a great place to find out our upcoming events as well as when the next meeting occurs.

I have heard a lot of people ask: "What is all being collected as far as food labels, etc.?" The Parent Group collects the following labels: *Box Tops*, *Milk Moola (Kwik Trip Milk/Orange Juice)*, and *Village/Country Hearth bread (Loaves for Learning)*. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents and we usually provide a fun themed sheet for them to be glued on. We still accept them even if they aren't glued to the sheet of paper!! Milk Moola can be found on Kwik Trip milk and orange juice. They are 5 cents each and can be sent in a zip-lock bag. Village/Country Hearth Loaves for Learning labels are worth 5 cents each and can also be sent in a zip-lock bag/envelope. We know that it doesn't sound like these labels matter that much, so let me share some figures with you! In the past year, we collected three checks from Box Tops: \$792 (Spring 2017), \$416.40 (Fall 2017), \$130.50 (Feb. 2018), and an additional \$5,000 from a sweepstakes through Wal-Mart we were entered in! From Milk Moola, we redeemed an amount of \$110.55. This is an easy way to earn money for our school and our children. \$6,449.45 in the last year, which is enough to make field trips **FREE!**

To find more information on each of these programs please visit the following sites:

Box Tops for Learning - <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Milk Moola - <https://www.kwiktrip.com/Milk-Moola>

Village/Country Hearth Loaves for Learning - www.loaves4learning.com

These three kinds of labels are collected continuously throughout the year, so please keep sending them in even if you don't hear about a contest/drive for them! There is a three drawer organizer for the labels that can be found under or by the lost and found table!!

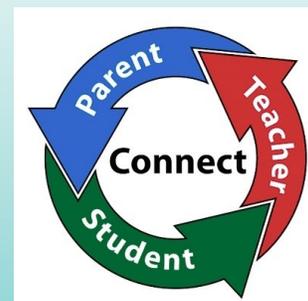
Keep an eye out for the following upcoming events:

April 26th 6-7:30 pm – Ice Cream Social with 4th grade students

May 4th – Yearbooks arrive!

Mid-May – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Early June – End of the Year Pirate Themed Track and Field Day!





From the PBIS Tier One Team:

Each month we celebrate our positive behavior by honoring students who have filled up Warrior Way cards. One student who has filled up a card is selected from each class to participate in a special reward activity. Last month, our students had the chance to sit at a special lunch table with our two principals, Mrs. Bennett and Mr. Anderson.

It's incredible how a simple lunch can have such a huge impact! All of our students were elated to be able to spend some small group time with our principals! They felt so special, and let me tell you, so did our principals! It was exciting to see just how much our students value their connections with our staff here at Tainter.



At Tainter Elementary, we have been piloting a behavioral intervention called CICO. The goal of the CICO Program is to provide students with frequent feedback on their behavior so that they can learn to monitor and adjust their behaviors to match our school-wide beliefs.

- Check-in/Check-out is a positive teaching tool intended to help a child become more aware of their progress towards following the Warrior Way. Students are typically enrolled in this program for 4-6 weeks.
- The student checks in and out daily with a "greeter," who provides positive feedback and encouragement. A daily sheet is completed to track the student's behaviors throughout the day.
- Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's day with them, but to also remain positive and not discipline for any difficulties that may have occurred. We will provide any necessary consequences for school behavior at school.

A team regularly reviews the data collected during the program to determine if the child should continue or receive additional/different supports.

CICO Data for 2017-2018

- 55 students have received CICO as an intervention
- 18 students successfully completed the intervention
- 12 students needed to re-enter the intervention

The Tier 2 team completed the last few days of training this spring. We will be piloting additional interventions in the fall. These interventions include: Mentoring, Social/Academic Instructional Groups, and Functional Behavioral Assessment/Behavior Intervention Plans.

Need a place to take your child's old eyeglasses? Lion's Club is in need of smaller glasses. The glasses that they collect are taken to Central America. You may bring eyeglasses to be recycled to the school office. Let your child know that they are helping another child to see.

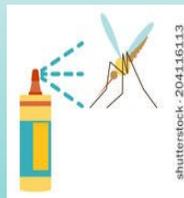
Thank you,
Paula Kodesh, RN
School Nurse



With upcoming springtime field trips, I thought I should mention that sunscreen and bug spray are considered medication and school staff cannot apply them to your child. Applying them before your child leaves for school would be the safest practice.

If your child has an emergency medication at school like an inhaler, EpiPen or seizure medication, it will be sent along on the field trip. Staff trained in the administration of emergency medication will always be along on the field trip.

Paula Kodesh, RN
School Nurse



We will continue to report symptoms of student illness to Barron County Public Health as part of a county-wide surveillance program. No names are reported. We ask that you please report the symptoms when calling your child in absent due to an illness. It is helpful to be specific such as letting us know if there is a fever, headache, stomachache, etc. If your child has the "flu", we need to know if this is a stomach flu or respiratory Influenza so specific symptoms are beneficial. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please don't hesitate to contact me.

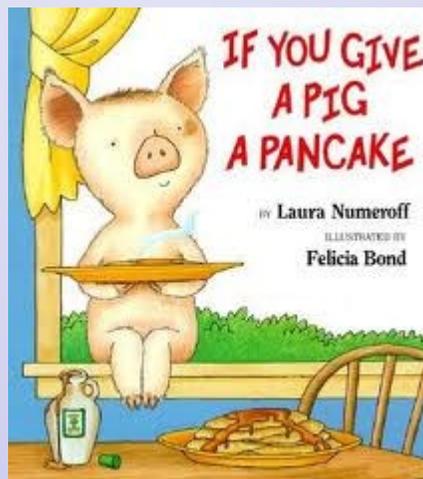
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Family Literacy Night

Pigs, Pancakes and Pajamas

Thursday, May 3rd at Tainter School
5:00-6:30



- * Wear Pajamas**
- *Pancake Dinner 5:00-6:00**
- *Fun Activities 5:00-6:30**
- *Door Prize Drawing at 6:15**
- * Free RIF books**

HEADLINE

During scheduled Library time in February, elementary students have been learning about different genres (kinds) of fiction books.

Students are learning about realistic fiction, historical fiction, mystery, science fiction and fantasy book types.

Encourage your child to try a variety of different books. How can they know if they like it, if they never try it?

Use the Bingo card to mark off types of books being checked out of the library and read at home.

When you complete a BINGO, think about what your family could do to celebrate your child's reading success?

B	I	N	G	O
Fable	Fantasy	Biography	Mystery	Poetry
Historical Fiction	Informational	Fantasy	Folktale	Autobiography
Legend	Mystery	FREE SPACE	Poetry	Science Fiction
Autobiography	Science Fiction	Fairy Tale	Historical Fiction	Realistic Fiction
Fantasy	Tall Tale	Mystery	Science Fiction	Mystery