

Tainter Today

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the 2018-19 school year winds down, I can only reflect on the fact that each school year seems to pass by faster and faster the older I get. For those of you who still have young ones at home---hold onto these memories, hug them frequently and tell them how much they mean to you---in no time at all they become teenagers and in the next blink of an eye they are adults. Time is so precious....

For those of you who don't know this yet, Mr. Chris Anderson (Tainter Associate Principal) will be retiring at the end of this school year. Mr. Anderson has been a half-time Associate Principal here at Tainter and half-time Talented and Gifted Coordinator for the district the past few years. He has displayed great gentleness and compassion when working with our school children. He has worked collaboratively with many of our school families and teachers on behalf of their students. Please take a moment to thank him and wish him well before June 7th if you have the opportunity! We are definitely going to miss him greatly but wish him well on this new stage of life.

We will not have a half-time Associate Principal next year---instead, we have hired a full-time Dean of Students. This position will be largely responsible for assisting students with playground and interpersonal issues they may have as well as help coordinate and train those who work directly with students on the playground and be actively involved in our PBIS program. Please welcome Matt Ohfs to our staff. Mr. Ohfs is currently a kindergarten teacher at Hilltop and has been a teacher in our district for ten years. He is really excited to begin this new role with us next year here at Tainter Elementary! He will officially begin this new role this summer.

I wish you all a wonderfully relaxing and safe summer. We will look forward to seeing you again soon!

With warm regards,
Jill Bennett, Principal



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*An Incredible Educator is hard to find, difficult to part with, and impossible to forget. You both will be missed more than words can say. Thank you for everything you have done for our students, families, and us.
Best wishes in the next adventure in your lives.*



Mr. Anderson has worked in the Rice Lake School District for the past four years as Tainter Elementary Associate Principal and Gifted/Talented Coordinator. Prior to Rice Lake, he taught fourth, fifth, and sixth grade for one year in the Merrill Area Public Schools. He then went on to teach second grade, fifth grade English, K-4 physical education and worked seven years as a K-4 principal in the Spooner Area School District. He has also coached for over 30 years in the Spooner School District. His coaching career consisted of 17 years as a head football coach; 2 years as head basketball coach and 12 years as track assistant coach. Chris enjoys all sports, as well as boating, hunting, fishing, biking, and going for walks with his wife. He also enjoys working with his hands, building, and working with construction. Following his retirement, Chris and Jodie will do some traveling, and they hope to end up in Arizona in about five years. For now, he plans to relax and enjoy life at a much slower pace.

Ms. Mack has been teaching for 17 years for the 4-K program. Prior to that she worked for 10 years as a Nutrition Consultant for a federally funded food program for day cares in northwest Wisconsin. She raised 3 children in the country with nature as a teacher, creating the best ever environmental classroom. I love spending time in the nature, hiking or kayaking and she loves to explore new places. Travel is included in some of my daydreams and future pleasures, starting with Germany and Switzerland in the Fall. But, first, she plans to sleep until I feel like waking up, followed by drinking coffee in bed while reading a good book and then go play outdoors. After that, who knows? There is no limit to the imagination.

To Our Tainter Students and Families.....

Dear Tainter Families,

I wanted to write an article for the Tainter June newsletter to thank everyone that I have come in contact during my 3 years as Tainter's Associate Principal. After 33 outstanding and rewarding years in public education, I have decided to retire. The past 3 years have truly been great for my wife, Jodie and me, as we moved our family to Rice Lake and are honored to call the Rice Lake community our home. Jodie is a teacher at Haugen and will continue to teach 2nd grade there, while my youngest son, Caden, will be a sophomore next year, so we are not leaving the area anytime soon. I look forward to remaining an active member of the Rice Lake community and to continue supporting the wonderful educational system of our community.

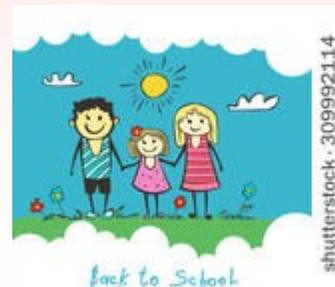
Thank you all so much for allowing me to serve your families and children the past 3 years. It was truly an honor to work at Tainter and to support the tremendous families that make up the Tainter community. I sincerely cherish the memories of Tainter and the relationships I was fortunate enough to create in my short time here. The administration, teachers, and staff at Tainter are strong professionals that truly care about each individual student and I am very impressed with this fact. I tried to make each child at Tainter feel cherished and needed during my time at Tainter and I will miss the students greatly! I sincerely thank all the students for welcoming me at Tainter and working with me in making our school a fun and safe environment.

So, again, THANK YOU to all that have made my experience a very positive one, and I know I will see you again in the near future!

Sincerely,
Mr. Anderson

Important End of the Year Reminders

The 2018-19 Elementary Open House will be held on Tuesday, September 4 from 10:00 am. – 6:00 p.m. Information will be mailed to families to schedule a time to visit with their child's teacher. This process will be done through Skyward Family Access the same way you scheduled parent teacher conferences last March. Photographers will be here from Lifetouch to take student pictures during Open House. Please watch for this mailing sometime in late July.



If your child has a health plan at school, you will be mailed a copy over the summer. You should review the health plan, make any needed changes, sign and return it to school. It is helpful if this is returned before the start of school. A return envelope will be provided. If prescription medication will be needed at school next fall, then a new doctor's order will be needed for next school year. This applies for daily or as needed prescription medication. If the medication is over-the-counter medication, then only a new parent signature is required.

Thank you,

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From the PBIS Tier One Team:

Dear Tainter Families,

As we wind down the 2017-2018 school year, it's so much fun to look back on our year and the exciting things that happened throughout the building. We threw Cheetos at staff members, made fun videos, dressed up like pirates, and earned lots of Warrior Way punches. All of these highlights stick out in our minds (for obvious reasons), but I'd like to call your attention to a few other milestones our school hit this year.

- ◆ We have filled the "W" twice this year! That means students turned in over 1,400 cards to the office to earn a reward for the entire school!
- ◆ 73% of our students have had 0-1 office referrals this entire school year.
- ◆ The number of office referrals on the playground has reduced by 100 from last year to this year.

We are so excited to see what milestones we hit next year! Have a fantastic summer, Tainter Families!

Sincerely,
Miss Lindsey Rick
PBIS Tier 1 Coach

