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Our Mission: Together, provide the tools and experiences every student needs to create an individual, viable and valued path to lifelong personal success.

School website: <https://shadowlake.tahomasd.us/>

January 8, 2024

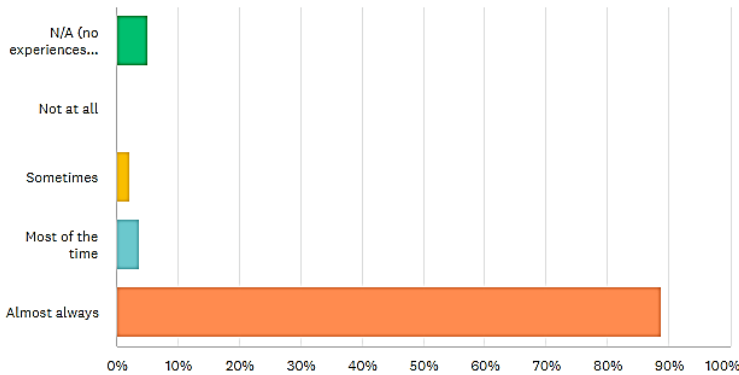
Tiger Families and Community,

Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed a wonderful, healthy, and restful winter break. In December, it was wonderful learning about all the holidays and traditions that your families celebrate with your children. Our staff welcomed back students last week and it has been good getting back in routines and revisiting our Tiger Way expectations around the campus.

Thank you so much to those of you that participated in our climate and culture survey this fall. We appreciate and act upon your feedback. We received a summary of the questions and copies of all the individual comments. Our points of strength included families and students feeling welcomed at our school, students feeling safe at school, that our staff cares about your children, and that over you have high satisfaction with our school. We strive to live up to our motto – “World’s Greatest Elementary School” – every day.

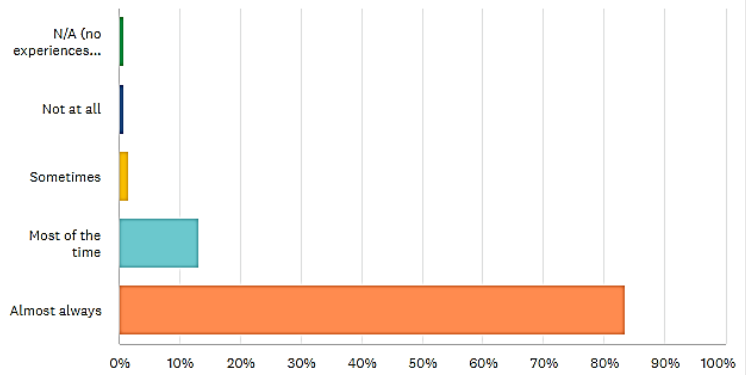
Welcome when you enter our school.

Answered: 135 Skipped: 0



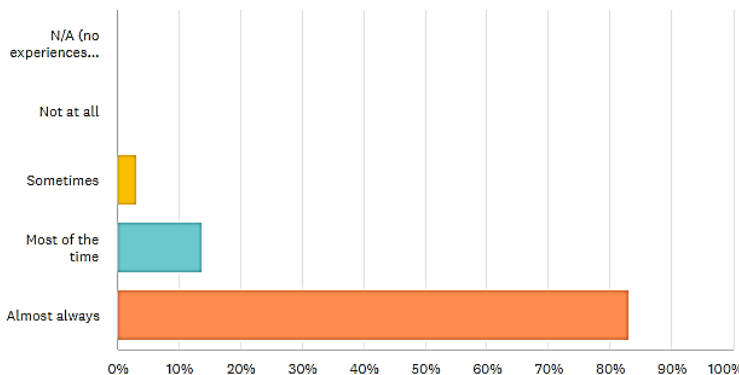
Overall, I am satisfied with the experiences my child is having so far at...

Answered: 121 Skipped: 14



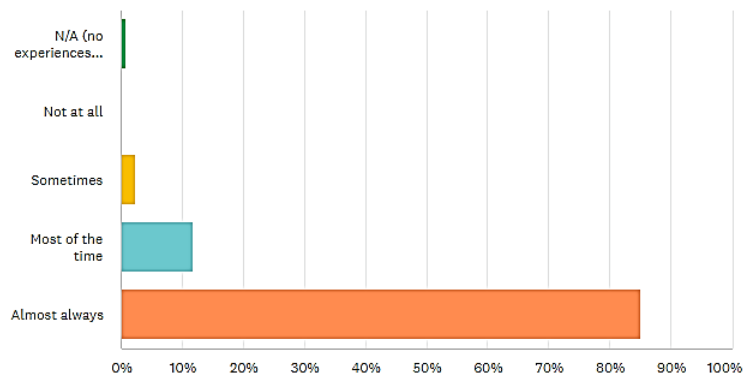
My child feels safe at this school.

Answered: 124 Skipped: 11



School staff care about my child.

Answered: 128 Skipped: 7



The areas that we need to work on include: Your voices being valued at our school and that the staff effectively address incidents with students. We will be reaching out to families in the new year to solicit more specific feedback in these areas so that we can improve.

With Tiger Pride,

Kellie Christiansen

Principal, Shadow Lake Elementary



JANUARY	
All Month	School Board Appreciation Month
1st Week of every month	PAWS Reading Logs Due; details here
TUE 1/9	Spirit Day: Toons Tuesday!
TUE 1/9	7:30- 8:30 am Zero Hour Tiger Chorus; program details here
WED 1/10	WOW- Workout Wednesday during lunch recess; program details here
THU 1/11	PTA Seattle Thunderbirds tickets pre-ordering due; details here
THU 1/11	12:45- 1:15 Green Team meeting, Room 206
THU 1/11	PTA Red Robin Fundraiser; details here
FRI 1/12	Taproot Theater "Friendship" Assemblies 8:50- 9:40 Kindergarten, First & Second Grades 9:50- 10:30 Third, Fourth & Fifth Grades
FRI 1/12	Spirit Day: Tiger Pride / Blue Friday!
FRI 1/12	Early release; students dismissed at 1:20 pm
MON 1/15	NO SCHOOL / Martin Luther King Jr. Day
TUE 1/16	Spirit Day: Toons Tuesday!
TUE 1/16	7:30- 8:30 am Zero Hour Tiger Chorus; program details here
TUE 1/16	PTA Playground Pals (must sign up ten days in advance) program information & details here
TUE 1/16	7:00 pm TSD PTA Reflections Contest Celebration, MVMS
WED 1/17	WOW- Workout Wednesday during lunch recess; program details here
THU 1/18	PTA Playground Pals (must sign up ten days in advance) program information & details here
THU 1/18	12:45- 1:15 Green Team meeting, Room 206
THU 1/18	7:00- 8:00 pm PTA Meeting, SLES Library; Nominating Committee notes & more here
FRI 1/19	Spirit Day: Tiger Pride / Blue Friday!
FRI 1/19	PTA Popcorn Friday during lunch recess; details here
FRI 1/19	Early release; students dismissed at 1:20 pm
SAT 1/20	12:30- 2:00 pm PTA Code Ninjas Coding & Stem Workshop; details here
TUE 1/23	Spirit Day: Toons Tuesday!
TUE 1/23	7:30- 8:30 am Zero Hour Tiger Chorus; program details here
TUE 1/23	PTA Playground Pals (must sign up ten days in advance) program information & details here



TUE 1/23	6:30- 7:00 pm Annual School Board Appreciation, TSD CSC
WED 1/24	WOW- Workout Wednesday during lunch recess; program details here
TUE 1/16	PTA Playground Pals (must sign up ten days in advance) program information & details here
THU 1/25	12:45- 1:15 Green Team meeting, Room 206
THU 1/25	6:30- 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm) Tiger Chorus Winter Concert, SLES Commons & Gym
FRI 1/26	NO SCHOOL / Semester Break Day
SAT 1/27	12:30- 2:00 pm PTA Code Ninjas Coding & Stem Workshop; details here
MON 1/29	9:00- 11:50 am Fourth & Fifth Grade Classes Frozen Field Trip to THS
MON 1/29	Report Cards email to families
MON 1/29	12:20 pm Early Dismissal for Conferences
TUE 1/30	Spirit Day: Toons Tuesday!
TUE 1/29	7:30- 8:30 am Zero Hour Tiger Chorus; program details here
TUE 1/29	PTA Playground Pals (must sign up ten days in advance) program information & details here
TUE 1/30	12:20 pm Early Dismissal for Conferences
WED 1/30	WOW- Workout Wednesday during lunch recess; program details here
WED 1/31	12:20 pm Early Dismissal for Conferences
FEBRUARY	
<i>All Month</i>	<i>Black History Month</i>
1st Week of every month	PAWS Reading Logs Due; details here
THU 2/1	PTA Playground Pals (must sign up ten days in advance) program information & details here
THU 2/1	12:20 pm Early Dismissal for Conferences
FRI 2/2	Spirit Day: Tiger Pride / Blue Friday!
FRI 2/2	PTA Popcorn Friday during lunch recess; details here
FRI 2/2	Early Release Friday: students dismissed at 1:20 PM
FRI 2/2	6:30- 8:00 pm PTA Family Movie Night; more details soon!
SAT 2/3	6:00- 9:00 pm PTA Family Night at Seattle Thunderbirds; details here
Week of 2/5-9	School Counselor Appreciation Week
MON 2/5	PTA Candy Gram sales during lunch; details here
TUE 2/6	Spirit Day: Toons Tuesday!
TUE 2/6	7:30- 8:30 am Zero Hour Tiger Chorus; program details here
UE 2/6	PTA Playground Pals (must sign up ten days in advance) program information & details here
WED 2/7	PTA Candy Gram sales during lunch; details here
WED 2/7	WOW- Workout Wednesday during lunch recess; program details here



THU 2/8	PTA Playground Pals (must sign up ten days in advance) program information & details here
THU 2/8	6:30- 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm) 4th Grade "Recorder Monsters" Concert, SLES Commons & Gym
FRI 2/9	Spirit Day: Tiger Pride / Blue Friday!
FRI 2/9	PTA Candy Gram sales during lunch; details here
FRI 2/9	Early Release Friday: students dismissed at 1:20 PM
TUE 2/13	Spirit Day: Toons Tuesday!
TUE 2/13	7:30- 8:30 am Zero Hour Tiger Chorus; program details here
TUE 2/13	PTA Playground Pals (must sign up ten days in advance) program information & details here
WED 2/14	Valentine's Day / Friendship Day / Candy Grams distributed; details here
WED 2/14	WOW- Workout Wednesday during lunch recess; program details here
THU 2/15	PTA Playground Pals (must sign up ten days in advance) program information & details here
FRI 2/16	Spirit Day: Tiger Pride / Blue Friday!
FRI 2/16	PTA Popcorn Friday during lunch recess; details here
FRI 2/16	Early Release Friday: students dismissed at 1:20 PM
MON 2/19 – FRI 2/23	NO SCHOOL / President's Day (2/19) & Mid-Winter Break
TUE 2/27	Spirit Day: Toons Tuesday!
TUE 2/27	7:30- 8:30 am Zero Hour Tiger Chorus; program details here
TUE 2/27	PTA Playground Pals (must sign up ten days in advance) program information & details here
WED 2/28	WOW- Workout Wednesday during lunch recess; program details here
THU 2/29	10:00 am - 1:15 pm Tiger Chorus Field Trip to THS PAC
THU 2/29	PTA Playground Pals (must sign up ten days in advance) program information & details here
THU 2/29	6:00- 7:00 pm Tiger Chorus performs at the District Choir Festival, THS TAC
MARCH	
1st Week of every month	PAWS Reading Logs Due; details here
FRI 3/1	Celebrate Nat 'l Education Association's Read Across America Day; Stay tuned for details!
FRI 3/1	Spirit Day: Tiger Pride / Blue Friday!
FRI 3/1	PTA Popcorn Friday during lunch recess; details here





Please read our January Newsletter, [here!](#)

We have a lot of great events happening, opportunities, information, and more!

Website: <https://shadowlakepta.memberplanet.com/>

[Events list here](#)

[Volunteer opportunities list here](#)

Join our private FB group [here!](#)

Questions? Email: tigerfamilypta@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS & VISITORS

As always, sign in the office, however, please note we have a new visitor and volunteer badge process (no stickers, unless it is a large event like a field trip).



CONFERENCES

Sign up information has been sent home. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Dates: Jan. 29, 30, 31, and Feb. 1

Early release: Students are dismissed at 12:20 pm



[Benefits of strong school attendance letter and resources here](#)

We understand there will be tardies and absences for these illness and other things, but we cannot stress how important it is for students to at school and on time and every day.

Attendance ABC's:

- Kids can be dropped off at school starting at 8:25 am
- Kids must be in their seats by 8:40 am when the bell rings.
- Students arriving after 8:40 am must be accompanied by a parent when checking in at the front office (**no dropping off**).
- For all attendance notes/ end of day changes, call 425-413-6100 or e-mail sloffice@tahomasd.us.
- Attendance letters are sent out for those with chronic tardies and high absence numbers.

We also want to recommend not planning any vacations outside of the district scheduled times as they truly disrupt the learning process.

As always, if you have any questions regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to call. Thanks!

Susan Kelder ~ Registrar
Shadow Lake Elementary School

ART / STEM SPECIALIST NEWS- from Liz White

Art News



Our art semester concludes at the end of this month, but we are engaging the art elements- lines, shapes, color, texture, space, and value exploration until parent-teacher conferences when a portfolio of your son or daughter's art will come to you!

Enjoy a sampling of our latest artist creations: 2nd grade Hundertwasser Abstract Selfies and 5th grade Foil Gesture Figures demonstrating form on display in our library!



TERRACYCLE STRONG!

Thank you for continuing to send in used: tooth-brushes, floss containers, empty toothpaste tubes of any brand for the [Colgate](#) brigade, as well as [Kroger or Fred Meyer Simple Truth](#) soft plastic packaging and we have added [Entenmann's Little Bites](#) pouches. We send these waste items to [TerraCycle](#) and earn a bit of money for our school while TerraCycle makes new products! Look for a tub outside the SLES front office to make your drop!

Thank you for collecting!

Liz White, SLES Art/STEM Specialist ~ Email: ewhite@tahomasd.us ~ Website [here](#)

FUTURE READY SPECIALIST NEWS

Information for caregivers about TSD FRS (Future Ready Skills) [HERE](#).

January 2024



Our **January** Future Ready Skill is **Effective Communicators**. Students will use the Habits of Mind for Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision.

Kindergarten • *I can listen carefully to others and respond appropriately.*

1st Grade* • *I can identify a clear purpose for communicating.*

2nd Grade* • *I can choose the best way to communicate my ideas.*

3rd Grade* • *I can consider my audience.*

4th Grade* • *I can pay attention to my audience and change my communication as necessary.*

5th Grade* • *I can use appropriate media and technologies to support my message.*



Mrs. Spencer

espencer@tahomasd.us

(*Building on skills. For example, 1st grade includes kindergarten indicators + 1st grade indicator.)

P.E. SPECIALIST NEWS- from Matt Rene and Sarena Nau



SLES Bowling:


Bowling was AMAZING in December!! We and the kids had so much fun learning together and working on our skills. We saw a huge improvement in skills during the unit as well as a ton of excitement. SO MANY STRIKES AND SPARES!! Great job TIGERS!


Upcoming Units: Basketball, Fun Games and Floor Hockey

We're starting off the first week of January with some games all the students know as to focus on gym and game expectations. We will then transition into our 2-3 week basketball unit. Students will not only learn dribbling, shooting, and passing skills, but will also learn a few shooting/dribbling games. During conferences we have a shortened class time so we will be doing an array of fun activities. In February we will be starting our floor hockey unit which is always a fan favorite. We're really looking forward to the next couple months!



GENERAL P.E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

 **Photos Needed:** We have received more photos but please send in a photo of your child doing a favorite physical activity if you have not already. It does not have to be a sport- anything your student likes to do to stay active works great; it is for our Active Tigers board! Photos can be brought in to school with your student, or emailed to Mr. Rene at mrene@tahomasd.us or Mrs. Nau at snau@tahomasd.us

 **What to Bring/Wear to P.E.:** It is getting cold! Please remind your student to dress appropriately for P.E. as much as possible on P.E. days. Coats should be brought to the gym every day. Even though it is cold, on those nice sunny days we still like to get outside. Shoes that are comfortable for running/activity will help keep your student safe and able to do all P.E. activities. They are also welcome to bring a water bottle to P.E.

♥ Thank you! ~ Mr. Rene and Mrs. Nau , P.E. Specialist Teachers

MUSIC NEWS



 [Shadow Lake Elementary Music Website here](#)

Beth Anne Mohr ~ *Music Specialist/Tiger Chorus Director*

2023-24 Performance/Important Dates

Thurs Jan. 25, 6:30PM, SLES Commons: Tiger Chorus Winter Concert

Thurs Feb. 8, 6:30PM, SLES Commons: "Recorder Monsters" 4th Grade Concert

Thurs Feb. 29, 6PM, THS Performing Arts Center: Tiger Chorus at District Choral Festival; **Daytime Tiger Chorus Field Trip 10AM-1:30PM-
updated date and time!**

Thurs Mar. 28, 6:30PM, SLES Commons: "Lights, Camera, Action! 3rd Grade Concert

Thurs Apr. 18, 6:30PM, SLES Commons: "Silly Songs with Second Graders" 2nd Grade Concert

Thurs May 9, 6:30PM, SLES Commons: "Pajama Party" 1st Grade Concert

Thurs May 23, 6:30PM, SLES Commons: "Three Piggy Opera" Kinder Concert

Thurs May 30, 6:30PM, SLES Commons: Tiger Chorus Spring Cookie Concert



Shadow Lake Green Team



Great news, Shadow Lake has officially begun composting food waste. Our next steps will be to reinforce proper composting practices with students. Here's to keeping food waste out of the landfills. [How to Compost-King County](#)



Our live performance of the King County's Quest Assembly was unexpectedly canceled in November. We are working to reschedule as soon as possible. Keep your fingers crossed!

Shadow Lake Green Team



We will have our first Green Team meeting beginning in January after break. Green Team is open for students in 4th-5th grade. Meetings will be held in room 206 from 12:45-1:15 every Wednesday.

Please drop in to learn more about composting, our environment, and ways we can help our school stay GREEN!

LOST & FOUND

The lost and found closet is overflowing! Please check for your child's belongings while you are on campus during conference week!

All items will be donated Feb. 2





SCHOOL HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:40 AM – 3:20 PM
Early Release Friday 8:40 AM – 1:20 PM
Earliest drop-off time: 8:25 AM



OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Friday's 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Attendance email: sloffice@tahomasd.us

Phone: (425) 413-6100

Please view attendance reminders from the office [here](#)

Visit our school website for handy information: <https://shadowlake.tahomasd.us/>

2023- 2024 PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK [HERE](#)



INCLEMENT WEATHER OR EMERGENCY RESOURCES [here](#)

Limited transportation bus (snow) routes [here](#)

TRANSPORTATION

Phone (425) 413-3220. Bus route schedules and more information:

<https://www.tahomasd.us/departments/transportation>

SCHOOL COUNSELOR ~ Melanie Person

Email: mperson@tahomasd.us

♥ Learn about resources provided for students and families [here](#)

SCHOOL NURSE ~ Nicole Munsell, BSN, RN.

Phone: 425-413-6110 ~ fax: 425-413-6113 ~ EMAIL: SLNurse@TahomaSD.US

♥ Medical Guidance- when should my child stay home from school? [HERE](#)



FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION

Breakfast menus, lunch menus, and how to pre-load milk or meal money can be found here: https://www.tahomasd.us/departments/nutrition_services

ZERO HOUR INFORMATION

Registration and updated schedule [HERE](#).

What is Zero Hour? It is the hour before (or after) school that some staff are offering enrichment classes.

EXTENDED ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (EEP)

Before/afterschool childcare details: https://www.tahomasd.us/departments/extended_enrichment

OPT-IN FOR TEXT MESSAGES

If you would like to get occasional short text message reminders from the school, you can opt-in to receive them, you can **text 67587**, find instructions on our school website, or here:

https://shadowlake.tahomasd.us/news/announcements/opt_in_or_out_for_t_s_d_text_messages

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

We have compiled a list of resources that may be helpful [here](#).



TAHOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE <https://www.tahomasd.us/>

View recent TSD communications to families here:

https://www.tahomasd.us/departments/public_relations/weekly_family_bulletins