

# TAPTEAL TIMES

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## TIME TO CHAT WITH PRINCIPAL PRATT

Dear Tapteal Family,

It has been a great start to the school year! It is such a pleasure to roam through the classrooms and hallways at Tapteal. I am continually impressed with the wonderful teaching and learning going on each day! I hope you and your child have had a great transition back to school.

October is a wonderful month as the leaves turn and the days get cooler. Please remind your child to dress appropriately and bring a jacket as you never know how the weather may change throughout the day.

You are your child's greatest teacher and spending quality time with your child is critical as they grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Remember the importance of reading to or with your child each night. If you are noticing your child is having a problem, contact your child's teacher as we believe that a strong partnership is extremely beneficial to your child.

The jog-a-thon is quickly approaching. This year our jog-a-thon is on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Times vary by grade level so watch for more information coming home with your child. The jog-a-thon is a wonderful way for our children to be active and have fun while raising funds for our school. Thank you for your support!

I am looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at our Open House! Classrooms will be open from 6:00-7:00 and the book fair will be open even later in the library. Open House is a fun time for your child to show you their classroom as well as many other things that they love about Tapteal Elementary. See you there!

I encourage you to volunteer in your child's classroom if your schedule permits. Please fill out a volunteer form online at <https://richlandvolunteers.hrmpplus.net/>.

I am truly fortunate to have the opportunity to work with you and your child. Please feel free to contact me if you ever have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

**RHONDA PRATT**  
**PRINCIPAL**

We miss your student when they are gone and we value their contributions to our school. Please help ensure that your student attends regularly and is successful in school. *If your student is going to be absent, please contact our attendance secretary at (509) 967-6351 by 9 a.m.* This a 24-hour voice mail system. You may leave a message at any time of the day or night. *When you visit a doctor, please make sure you get a note for the school to excuse the absence.* We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information please contact the school office.

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**2018 JOG-A-THON IS HERE!**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

The PTA is very excited about the Jog A Thon! This is the biggest fundraiser of the year. Please encourage your kids to get donations, not only for a chance at one of the great prizes, but also to help the PTA put on the great events we have planned!



**DONATIONS DUE SEPT. 28!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** For set-up, clean-up, lap cards and cheering! Please contact Katie Gannon for more information 392-2088, or [treasurer@TaptealPTA.org](mailto:treasurer@TaptealPTA.org).

**FAMILY RESOURCE COORDINATOR**  
**ASHLEY CONDRA**

Unfortunately the West Richland Food Bank has closed. Please see below for additional food support.

**Tri Cities Food Banks:**

(509) 586-0688

**Richland**

321 Wellsian Way, Richland WA, 99352

**Kennewick**

424 W Deschutes Ave, Kennewick, WA, 99336

**Benton City**

712 N. 10th Street, Benton City, WA, 99320

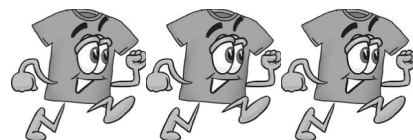
If you have any questions at all feel free to call me at 967-6365.

**“HEROES AROUND ME”**

**2018-19 REFLECTIONS PROGRAM**

Calling ALL young artists! It's time again for the PTA Reflections Program! Create original entries in **Literature, Photography, Music Composition, Visual Arts, Film Production, and Dance Choreography.** For more information see <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections/>  
Entries are due Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW THIS YEAR!** Every student will receive a 2018-2019 Tapteal Spirit Shirt! Our goal is to build community spirit by giving each kid an opportunity to participate in “Tapteal Thursday” by wearing their shirt!



**DISTRICT NEWS**

**COMMUNITY FLU SHOT CLINICS**

Help protect yourself and the community from the flu this winter by attending an upcoming school flu shot clinic. Shots are available to individuals 4 years and older. (Insurance accepted.)

- **Oct. 2** Badger Mountain Elementary, 3:45 to 5 p.m.
- **Oct. 3** Chief Joseph Middle School, 2:45 to 5 p.m.
- **Oct. 4** Richland High School, 3 to 6 p.m.
- **Oct. 8** Orchard Elementary, 3:30 to 6 p.m.
- **Oct. 9** Enterprise Middle School, 2:45 to 6 p.m.
- **Oct. 10** Lewis & Clark Elementary & River's Edge High School, 3:45 to 5 p.m.
- **Oct. 18** Hanford High School, 3 to 6 p.m.

**PLANS FOR NEW TAPTEAL MOVING FORWARD**

Brandon Wilm, architect, unveiled renderings and the layout of the future Tapteal Elementary School at the September 11 School Board Meeting. The building's interior design will incorporate river elements, such as a flowing pattern on the floors and in the colors used, to tie into the school's identity. Construction is expected to begin in June 2019.

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!** We had lots of people help prepare the Friday Folders stuffed with school info on August 23rd. Lynae Leigh, Jean Paz, Nicole King, Fred Navarro, Leigh Germain, Collette Bickford, Jessica Maxfield, and Jaclyn Stephens.

Lots of help also came on August 27th. The PTA hosted a lunch for the staff and also had volunteers helping during the Meet and Greet. Thanks to Collette Bickford, Jessica Maxfield, Emily Kelley, Lynae Leigh, Jacklyn Stephens, Leigh Germain, Jen Sanchez, Christie Davis, Jenn Hartsfield, Diana Henning.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**OCTOBER**

**Friday 10/5** – Jog-a-thon at Tapteal during school

**Monday 10/8 - Wednesday 10/10** – Book Fair, Tapteal library

**Wednesday 10/10** – Tapteal Open House and Literacy Night, 6 PM

**Friday 10/12** – Fall Professional Day: No school

**Tuesday 10/16** – Rollarena Skate Night 6:30-8:30 PM at Rollarena

**Thursday 10/18** – PTA General membership meeting, 6:30 PM, Tapteal library. everyone welcome!

**Friday 10/19** – PTA Reflections entries due

**Friday 10/19** – First collection deadline for Box Tops

**NOVEMBER**

**Friday 11/2** – Goodies for Grandpas and Dads, 7:45 AM – 8:30 AM.

**Monday 11/12** – Veterans' Day Observed: No School

**Tuesday 11/13-Wednesday 11/21** – Coat and Food Drive

**Wednesday 11/14** – Reflections Awards meeting 5:30 PM

**Thursday 11/15** – PTA Board meeting, 3:30 PM

**Monday 11/19-Wednesday 11/21** – Elementary Conferences: No school grades K-5

**Thursday 11/22-Friday 11/23** – Thanksgiving break: No school