

JANUARY 2023 >>>

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NEW YEAR



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January Birthdays >>>

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

January 5<sup>th</sup> – **Peggy Allgood**

January 15<sup>th</sup> – **Cassie Berry**

January 21<sup>st</sup> – **Denise Borders**

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Maddie Breeding**

January 30<sup>th</sup> – **Debbie Taylor**

### Beta Club

*Hello Parents!*

*We are looking forward to the Beta Club induction coming up on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>! The ceremony will be here at TCES from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.*

*Please reach out to me if you have any questions:*

[laura.ritchie@cowetachools.net](mailto:laura.ritchie@cowetachools.net)

*Thank you for sharing your students with us!*

*Laura Ritchie*

## A Message from Dr. Crosby

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your support of the music program at Thomas Crossroads! The "Post Winter Review" concert was a hit and the students did such a phenomenal job performing. We are very thankful to have Ms. Jennings as our music teacher and can't wait to see what comes next. Most importantly, we could not put any of this together without YOU!!! The TCE community really showed up last Thursday- we had a full house at the Nixon Centre. I was humbly amazed and grateful to see everyone in the audience truly uniting together as a family to support one another. The TCE Family ROCKS!

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. We want to thank Officer Greer for all he does to keep our campus safe. He does a great job at building relationships with our students as well as teaching them lessons on how to make good decisions at school and in life. We are appreciative for his continued efforts to ensure that staff and students feel secured, protected, and have a safe place to go to school.



The **2022-2023 Georgia Student Health Survey** will be administered soon. Survey participation for STUDENTS is *voluntary*. Please note that the Georgia Student Health Survey is an anonymous, statewide survey instrument that identifies school climate issues that impact student achievement. In order to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for your child, the Georgia Department of Education collects survey information at the elementary level from 3rd - 5th grade students. The survey includes 15 school climate questions and should take no more than 10-15 minutes. A form was sent home last week to request permission for your student to participate in the survey. Please return the form by 1/27/23 **ONLY if you DO NOT** wish your child to participate.

In addition, the **2022-2023 Georgia Parent Survey** is now available for you to complete. Survey participation is voluntary, but we strongly encourage participation in the survey to provide us with critically important data to help guide prevention and intervention strategies. Your input is vital to the growth and improvement efforts at Thomas Crossroads. This information gets reported to the state on how our school is doing. PLEASE, PLEASE take the time to complete the electronic. The link was sent out last week on Remind, but you can also find it on our school website.

Sincerely,  
*Dr. Letitia J. Crosby*  
Principal



The referral period for testing into the Gifted (**REACH**) Program for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students is open through Jan. 20, 2023. More information about the TCE **REACH** program can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/TCEREACH>

Paperwork should be requested from and returned to TCE by contacting Mrs. Gladden at [erin.gladden@cowetaschools.net](mailto:erin.gladden@cowetaschools.net). Referral does **not** guarantee testing will take place. Please email Mrs. Gladden with *any* questions.

The **Who Was? History Bee** is in full swing! Here are [all the details](#). Currently, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have turned in 34 Fact Files! 4<sup>th</sup> graders have turned in 16 Fact Files, but our 5<sup>th</sup> graders have only turned in 8 Fact Files. Students must complete / submit three [Fact Files](#) by February 6<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to compete in the TCE History Bee.

[Creativity Club](#) will **not** meet in January, and will resume in February.



#### **A NOTE FROM COACH WOODS:**

As part of your child's P.E. program, TCE is taking part in the **FITNESSGRAM** physical fitness assessment. This assessment began in November and goes to the end of the year. Please make sure your child is dressed for P.E to be able to participate in these assessments. All students grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will participate in this assessment. 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades will *only* do **height & weight**.

**FITNESSGRAM** was selected by the GA Dept. of Education because it measures only those areas of fitness related to the health of students. These areas include: cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength & endurance, flexibility, and body composition. The **FITNESSGRAM** assessment does *not* compare your child to anyone else, nor does it measure skill or athletic performance. Rather, it compares your child to health standards that have been established by researchers as the level of fitness all students should reach in order to attain health benefits. After your child has completed the **FITNESSGRAM** you will receive a student report that includes the following:

- A brief explanation of each fitness assessment
- Details on the importance of each assessment
- The child's actual scores & the Healthy Fitness Zone (HFZ) for the child's gender and age
- An explanation of the HFZ & the student report.

Please use the report as a tool to support your child in leading a healthy & active life-style. A few ways to support your elementary child include:

- Stress the impact fitness has on feeling good
- Give your child equipment that encourages physical activity
- Help your child identify a time & place for daily physical activity
- Spend less time on screens (TV, video games, devices, etc.)
- Teach your child games you enjoyed as a child
- Praise and encourage your child to be active

We are very excited about participating in **FITNESSGRAM** and hope you will help your child reach his/her potential. If you have any questions, please contact **Coach Woods**.

\*For more about **FITNESSGRAM**, visit: <https://fitnessgram.net/assessment/>. We encourage you to check it out!

Coach Woods

## A 🎵 Note 🎵 from Ms. Jennings:

First of all, thank you for being so supportive when we had to cancel the concert on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Secondly, thank you for showing up and supporting the kids last Thursday for our rescheduled Post Christmas Review concert. They performed so well! This was truly one of the best performances of my 23-year career! Successful performances would not be possible without you all showing up and supporting these kids.

Finally, thank you all for the love, kind words, and support! I appreciate you all so much!

🎵 Musically Yours 🎵,

*Christy Jennings*



### Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Welcome back, students!  
1<sup>st</sup> Day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

### Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

- PTO Wonderful Wednesday  
**CRAZY sock day**- wear your craziest socks... please bring \$1 to participate in the PTO Wonderful Wednesday theme day; you can turn it in to your homeroom teacher

### Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

- Post Christmas Review Winter Concert – 6:30 pm, the Nixon Cntr.  
(students arrive at 6:00 pm)

### Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

- Have a safe & restful weekend with your family!!!



For January breakfast & lunch menus, go to:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rLx0nQ9FTZWz-pjrIIO\\_IdJLioVcVPA3?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rLx0nQ9FTZWz-pjrIIO_IdJLioVcVPA3?usp=share_link)

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# January

## <<< events

- **Mon. 1/9/23 –**  
**Law Enforcement Appreciation**  
TCE ❤️s Officer Greer!

- **Tue. 1/10/23 –**  
**K-Kids Meeting**  
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm  
Gladden's room

- **Thur. 1/12/23 –**  
**Academic Bowl Meet**  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

- **Thur. 1/12/23 –**  
**CCSS County Spelling Bee**  
6:30 pm at the Nixon Center

- **Mon. 1/16/23 –**  
**MLK Holiday (*No School*)**



- **Wed. 1/18/23 –**  
**100<sup>th</sup> Day of School**

- **Thur. 1/19/23 –**  
**Beta Club Induction**  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- **Fri. 1/20/23 –**  
**Gifted Parent Referral forms due today!**

- **Thur. 1/26/23 –**  
**Academic Bowl Meet**  
(TCE Hosts) 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

- **Fri. 1/27/23 –**  
**HOUSE Friday...wear your HOUSE shirt or color!**

- **Tue. 1/31/23 –**  
**G-Kids Mid-year Check info due at TCE**