



TAESIS WILDCAT PRESS

Thacker Avenue Elementary School for International Studies Parent Newsletter

September 2021

Welcome Back Wildcat Families

Thacker Avenue Elementary School for International Studies would like to welcome all our new and returning families to TAESIS for the 2021-2022 school year.

Message from Mrs. Shenuski

Greetings Wildcat Families. We are so thankful to have you with us this school year. As we continue to learn how to move forward in these unprecedented times, one thing is crystal clear to me. I have never had an opportunity to work with such a gracious, well-intended, conscientious, and amazing group of families. I am so proud to be working alongside each of you in our community. I look forward to supporting your children academically, socially, and emotionally this year as we continue the move from good to great. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you need assistance, have a great idea, or simply want to share some information. May your family continue to be blessed.

Sincerely, **Tracy Shenuski**

BUS INFORMATION

Visit: <https://businfo.osceola.k12.fl.us/TransportationEligibility>

to check if your address is eligible for bus transportation. Bus routes and times are available on the same website.

ARRIVAL TIME 7:50-8:20

Students must be present, in their seats, ready to learn at 8:20 when the tardy bell rings and instruction begins. Parents must accompany late students into the office to sign them in.

CAR RIDERS 3:20 – 3:45 – Student must be picked up no later than 3:45

The school year of 2021-2022:

- VPK-1st grade are picked up on Lavon Avenue
- 2nd- 5th grade and siblings are picked up at the front car loop

DISMISSAL TIME 3:20/WEDNESDAYS 2:20

VPK,K and First grade have a staggered dismissal
(Contact your child's teacher)

Walkers and Bike Riders- Will be released at the back gate on Lavon Avenue

Any changes to student dismissal MUST be made in writing in the student's agenda.

2021-2022 Bell Schedule

- 7:50-Earliest Drop-Off (Breakfast is FREE for all students!)
- 8:10-First Bell
- 8:20-Tardy Bell
- 3:20-Dismissal (2:20-Wednesday) VPK-1st grade staggered dismissal contacts your child's teacher

2021-2022 Office Hours

7:30am-4:00pm

Thacker Avenue Elementary School for International Studies community is committed to academic excellence within a safe, supportive and enriching environment focused on mutual respect and inquiry-based learning.

TAESIS Mission Statement



"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow."

Tracy Shenuski
Principal

Valerie Martinez
Assistant Principal

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Welcome Business Partners

Thacker Avenue Elementary would like to welcome our 2021- 2022 business partners. The Partners in Education Program builds relationships between businesses and schools to enhance learning and promote school improvement.

Interested in becoming a business partner?

Contact: Krystal Jeffcoat

(407) 935-3540



FortifyFL
A
SuspiciousActivity
Reporting App

Visit: <https://getfortifyfl.com/>
to submit a tip online.

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate school officials and law enforcement agencies.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

HEAR US ROAR

Respect for All

On Time, On Task

Achieve your best

Responsible and Safe Citizen



IMPORTANT DATES

9/15 - SAC Meeting

9/15 - Progress Reports

9/27 - 10/1 Book Fair

9/29-Wildcat Wednesday

5PM – 7PM

21st Century ELP (Martinez/Miller)

ESOL PLC

Title I Annual Meeting

Book Fair

Parent/Teacher/Student Data Chats

Career Expo

9/30- Title I Meeting 9am

What is IB PYP?

TAESIS is the only Primary Years Programme in Osceola County. The Primary Years Programme (PYP) nurtures and develops young students as caring, active participants in a lifelong journey of learning. The PYP offers an inquiry-based, transdisciplinary curriculum framework that builds conceptual understanding.

Our Units of Study

Who we are

Where we are in place and time

How we express ourselves

How we organize ourselves

How the world works

Sharing the planet



Wildcat Reading Corner

Help your Wildcat be a strong reader

1. Vary the way reading is done (read to self, read to someone or listen to reading)
2. Choose "just right" books (books they can read independently)
3. Set reasonable goals (10-15 minutes of reading)
4. Celebrate progress (the time spent reading)

The goal is to have your child increase their time reading without getting caught up on time.



Primary Years
Programme

2021 DRESS TO IMPRESS PASSES

Pay \$15.00 for the year or \$2.00 on the day

Have your student dress in their best outfit

Payments can be made at the school or through your MySchoolBucks account.

Attendance Procedures

Please email all attendance notes, including doctor notes, to:

Leanne.Toruno@osceolaschools.net or

Send in student's agenda

Attendance Matters

<https://tinyurl.com/54fmesc2>

Beginning of the Year Testing

Next Steps to Guided Reading (reading level)

MAP Oral Fluency (reading fluency and foundational skills)

NWEA (Reading, Math, Science)

Join Us on Social Media

Remind Messaging:
Text @sdoctaes to 81010



OSCEOLA COUNTY UNIFORM POLICY

Masks are required unless parents have opted out. If you are opting out of your child wearing a mask, you must send a note to the school.

Polo shirts/ Dress shirts with collars:

Navy Blue, White, Red, Black

Thacker Avenue Spirit Shirts may be worn on Fridays

Support College and Career Awareness by wearing your favorite college shirt on Wednesdays

Pants/Shorts/Skorts/Jumpers:

Khaki, Navy, Black, and Dark Blue Denim

No embellishments or rips/tears

Shoes:

Closed toe/heel athletic shoes; (i.e. Sneakers)

Shoes with wheels are not permitted

Backpacks with wheels are not permitted

<https://www.osceolaschools.net/domain/796>

*Outer Garments:

All outer wear MUST zip or button up to be worn in class.

****Grades K-2** Please keep an extra uniform in a Ziplock bag in your child's book bag, in case of an emergency. Please replace when used.**

We are joining all SDOC schools as we become an AVID full site implementation elementary school.



Have time?
Volunteer!

To become an OASIS approved volunteer, register or renew your volunteer application on-line by visiting:

osceolaschools.net