



December 3, 2023

Tillman Family - Our first week back after Thanksgiving was a good one, with MANY students being recognized and celebrated for putting our 3 BEs in practice. Our first wave of moves has occurred, with eight classrooms now into our new wing, and the second wave to "backfill" into these classrooms is underway. We're excited to get families into our spaces soon, and we look forward to wrapping up our last 2+ weeks of second quarter on a strong note.

Many of our students will be auditioning for the musical this week in music class. We're proud of all who plan to participate, regardless of who may get the parts, and the many students who are excited to work behind the scenes in the coming months. These are the types of experiences our students will remember for years, and we appreciate all who help make these memories and support our students along the way.

Thanks for your continued support of Tillman & Tillman students.
Bryan, Max, and your team at Tillman

Mark Your Calendar

- Dec 4 (M) - [C Day](#); Frozen Jr. auditions begin in music classes
- Dec 5 (T) - Tillman Restaurant Night at [Hi-Pointe Kirkwood](#)
- Dec 8 (F) - Leaf Raking Makeup Date
- Dec 11 (M) - Vocal Edge concert at KHS, 6:00
- Dec 12 (T) - Vocal Edge concert at Tillman, 7:00
- Dec 15 (F) - Kindergarten musical for families, 2:30
- Dec 20 (W) - Pajama Day; End of First Semester
- Dec 21-Jan 3 - Winter Recess

- Week of Jan 8 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Jan 15 (M) - No school, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 23 (T) - PTO meeting/Summer Camp Informational Fair
- Feb 15 (Th) - Tillman Night at the Blues Game
- Feb 29 (Th) - Tillman STEAM Night
- Mar 2 (Sa) - Tillman Trivia Night

New/Updated Information

Restaurant Night at Hi-Pointe - Tuesday, Dec 5

Tillman's December restaurant night will be held at Hi-Pointe (951 S Kirkwood Road Kirkwood, MO 63122) ALL DAY. Fifteen percent of all dine-in, carry-out orders benefit our school! Order online or via the Hi-Pointe app. Be sure to mention 'FUNDRAISER' and help raise funds for Tillman.



NOTE: If ordering online or with the app, please be sure to enter **FUNDRAISER** (ALL CAPS) in the promo code field when checking out.

Start Time Reminder

As the weather gets colder, we want to remind families that students should not arrive to school before 8:25. The bell rings at 8:25, at which time we welcome students into the building. Students will generally not be supervised prior to this point.



Leaf Raking Rescheduled for Friday

Our leaf raking event planned for before Thanksgiving was been scheduled for this Friday, December 8. Students will be raking leaves in identified yards throughout our neighborhood, as a service project and an act of kindness to our community. We appreciate all who've left their loaner rakes and scoopers for us to use, and we'll certainly use these if you can spare them for another week. Any additional loaners that can be dropped off before Friday are greatly appreciated. Please sign up [HERE](#) if you are willing to loan us a rake and/or leaf scooper to be used on this

day.

Save the Date: Family STEAM Night on February 29

Watch for more information coming soon about Tillman's Family STEAM Night, a celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art/Design, and Math. This annual event will be held on the evening of Thursday, February 29. You won't want to miss this!



Tillman Kids Who Care BINGO

Join Tillman's Kids Who Care in spreading **CHEER** this holiday season! Print out a Kindness BINGO sheet [here](#) or pop by the office for a printed copy! Color in the hearts after you complete a kindness or act of service on the CHEER/BINGO board! Bring your 5 in a row or completed board back into the office before winter break and receive a sweet surprise! Hope you can join us and see that there are so many fun ways to care for and serve others this season and throughout the year! Thanks to our Tillman Kids Who Care service group for coordinating and sponsoring this activity.

Name: _____

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Help set the table for dinner without being asked. (or clear it after dinner!)	Include someone new when you play at recess today!	Find a kind way to serve your neighbor. (take out trash, bake cookies, etc.)	Ask what you can do to help with dinner tonight!	Choose your own kindness activity or act of service to enjoy with your family!
Leave a note and a yummy treat for your mail carrier or delivery drivers.	Clean up a mess you didn't make at school or at home.	Compliment the first person you see at school today.	Take some goodies and a thank you note to your local fire department or police station.	Do a helping job around the house to surprise your family!
Make a list of 10 things you are thankful for in 2020!	Find a kind way to serve your neighbor (walk their dog, deliver flowers or a card, etc.)	Write a note to your teacher and deliver it to him/her at school.	Write down five things that you like about yourself or make you feel proud to be you!	Message, call or video chat with a relative you miss seeing!
Pick up trash in your car, at the park, or in your neighborhood	Hold the door open for someone at school or at the store and greet them with a smile!	Put a water bottle & granola bars or Hot Hands in your car to share with someone in need.	Hug or high five someone spontaneously!! Tell them something you like about them too!	Read a book to a sibling or friend and let them choose which one!
Play a game with a sibling or friend and let them choose the activity!	Brainstorm with your family and donate items to a local charity or food drive.	Find a friend or family member and give them 3 compliments to make their day!	Choose your own kindness activity or act of service to enjoy with your family!	Make a drawing or homemade gift for someone and deliver it as a special surprise!

*Thanks for joining Tillman's Kids Who Care in spreading some **CHEER** this holiday season!!!*

DO YOU WANT TO BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER?

This winter season, YOU can be a Difference Maker! Tillman Unite is collecting items for donation to help stock **Promise Place**.

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WISH LIST:

- Children's Clothing Sizes Newborn-6Y
- Diapers Sizes 3-5
- Baby Wipes
- Books (Board books helpful)
- Toys for under 3yrs
- Gift Cards for Gas, Groceries, etc. (these are used all year as needs arise)

Please drop off donations at Tillman by **Dec 15th**

Tillman UNITE & Promise Place

Promise Place provides an opportunity for families with young children to shop for necessities at no cost, all year long. This unique support for Kirkwood families is maintained through a partnership with Parents at Teachers and Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise. You can help this winter by reviewing the wish list of needed items and dropping donations off at Tillman before December 15.

Trailblazer Cafe - December 1

We had a terrific time celebrating these students at Trailblazer Cafe on Friday! We appreciate their leadership with the 3 BEs!

 **Blaze's 3 BEs**
Be Safe • Be Kind • Be Responsible



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade

Pepper Steppers Performance - November 21

Tillman Pepper Steppers 11.21.23



Repeat (and Still Important) Information

A number of additional items that were previously shared in the Sunday Update are still relevant. In an effort to streamline our weekly communication, we've shifted these repeated items to our Tillman website, under **Our School --> Family Updates --> [Ongoing Family Information](#)**. Please look to the website for information about the items listed below.

- Volunteer in the Library
- Magazine Donations for Counseling Center
- Volunteering on Field Trips
- Work on Bioretention Basin

PTO Information

Additional information about PTO can be found on our [Tillman PTO website](#).

PTO Meeting Announcement

At our November 28th PTO meeting, the proposed amendment to the PTO bylaws to create two new DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) officer positions was approved. Congratulations to Stephanie Calero who was elected as our first DEI Officer!

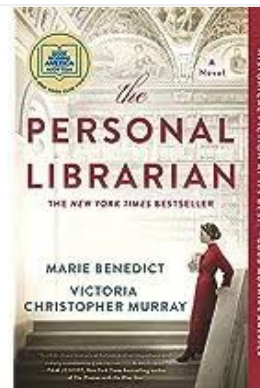
* We still have one DEI Officer position available. If you are interested in this position or serving on the PTO Board next year, please contact a PTO Board member or email

tillmanpto@kirkwoodschoools.org.



Tillman Unite Book Club - New Date & Location

Join us for the first Tillman Unite book club meeting of the year! We will be discussing [The Personal Librarian](#) by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. This is the fictionalized story of Belle da Costa Greene, a Black woman who passed herself off as white to work in JP Morgan's personal library. Discuss this remarkable story on Thursday, December 7 at 7pm in the NEW Tillman library. Free childcare and refreshments provided. All are welcome.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Thursday, December 7 at 7 PM [The Personal Librarian](#) book club

Tuesday, February 20 at 7 PM Book/media club (topic TBD)

Tuesday, March 12 at 7 PM Meeting (topics TBD)

Tuesday, April 16 at 7 PM Book/media club (topic TBD)

If you haven't already, please [join us on Facebook](#)!

Mark Your Calendars - PTO Summer Camp Fair on January 23

January is a great time to start thinking about summer plans, so the PTO is once again inviting local camps to our summer camp fair in Tillman's gym. Parents can ask questions, gather informational materials, and decide which programs would be a good fit for their children. Information about Kirkwood's Elementary Jumpstart (summer school), Summer Adventure program, and Horizons will also be available. Non-Tillman families are welcome to attend. Childcare will be provided. The meeting will be at 7pm on January 23.



Tillman Night at The Blues Game!

Join us for an evening of fun as the St. Louis Blues host Connor McDavid and the Edmonton Oilers on February 15. Tillman will receive a portion of the proceeds for every ticket bought through this dedicated link: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/Tillmane elementary>.

NOTE: *It is very important that tickets are purchased using our dedicated link. Tickets purchased any other way will not count towards our fundraiser.*

School Calendar Approved



The Board of Education recently approved the calendar for the 2024-25 school year. The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, August 20, 2024. Families can download a [printable calendar](#) on our website.

STEAMfest Volunteers Needed

KSD is looking for event STEAMfest volunteers to greet guests, assist with a hands-on activity in a science room, and grade projects on Saturday, February 10. If you're Interested and willing to help, please complete our STEAMfest [volunteer form](#). Interested volunteers will need to fill out the volunteer form highlighted above or visit www.kirkwoodschools.org/steamfest

PTO Repeat (and Still Important) Information

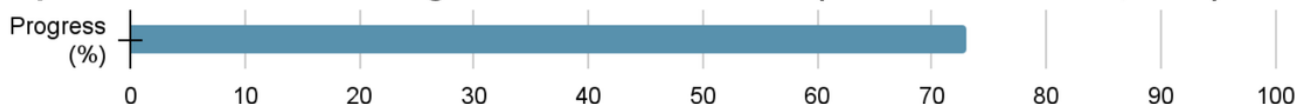
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- New Position Proposed for PTO Board
- Tillman Express Fund
- Tillman Unite Book Club
- Spirit Wear (now available ALL year)
- Sign-up Parties for Adults
- Room Parent & Classroom Party Volunteers Needed
- Additional Volunteer Opportunities - Sustainability, 5th Grade Celebration, Tillman Unite
- New Student Welcome Sign Return
- Buzz Book

Breaking News: Tillman Express Fund

Express Fund is the PTO's no-hassle/no-selling fundraising tradition and one of the largest sources of income for our organization. All students directly benefit from the PTO, which provides teacher grants and stipends, funding for school projects and field trips, community building activities, and financial assistance as needed in the school community. A donation of \$35 per student is recommended for meeting our budget goals, but any amount helps. There is also an optional "Trailblazer Level" of \$100 which comes with the opportunity to win various prizes throughout the year! You can make your tax-deductible donation via [MySchoolBucks](#).

Express Fund Donation Progress Versus Goal - 73% (As of November 28, 2023):



Save the Date: Tillman Trivia Night



Bust out your bell bottoms and get ready to boogie down with your fellow Trailblazer's at Tillman's annual trivia night and auction. This year's event, themed **Saturday Night Fever**, will take place on Saturday, March 2 at Ursuline Academy.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or have an item or tickets to donate to this year's auction, please send an email to tillmantrivianight@gmail.com.



Latest KSD Spotlight



Family Update Archive



Latest BOE News

Buzz Book

Digital Flyers

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 Dec 15th



KIRKWOOD
 SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 5-9	New Teacher Orientation
August 12 & 19	Teacher Work Days
August 13	District Workshop (Opening Day)
August 14-16	Staff Development Day - No School for Students
August 20	First Day of School for K-12 Students
September 2	Labor Day Holiday - District Closed
October 11	No School for Students
October 17	End of First Quarter
October 18	Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
October 21	Records Day - No School for Students
November 5	Staff Development/Election Day - No School for Students
November 27	No School for Students
November 28-29	Thanksgiving Recess - District Closed
December 20	End of First Semester
December 23-January 1	Winter Recess - District Closed
January 2	Records Day - No School for Students
January 3	Staff Development Day - No School for Students
January 6	School Resumes
January 20	Martin Luther King Day - District Closed
February 14	Staff Development Day - No School for Students
February 17	Presidents Day - District Closed
March 7	End of Third Quarter
March 14	Staff Development Day - No School for Students
March 17-21	Spring Recess - District Closed
March 24	No School for Students
March 25	School Resumes
April 8	Staff Development/Election Day - No School for Students
April 18	Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
May 22	Last Day of School for Students - Early Release
May 23	Teacher Work Day
May 26	Memorial Day - District Closed
June 19	Juneteenth - District Closed

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- First Day of School
- No School
- Last Day of School



Tillman Elementary School

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TillmanElementary>



Tillman Elementary

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