



**January 21, 2024**

Tillman Family - It looks like our coldest days of the month may be behind us, but we're all watching the overnight forecast and the potential for freezing rain. We have no inside information about tomorrow, but it's fair to say Dr. Ulrich and other superintendents across the region are in regular communication with the National Weather Service.

Please pay close attention to the first three items below, each of which is particularly time-sensitive. Changes to our **arrival and dismissal routines** will begin tomorrow, rain or shine, assuming we are in session. In addition, we hope to see many of you at Tuesday's **PTO Summer Camp Fair** and later this week for **Fourth Friday Reading**. Be sure to [preregister](#) for Fourth Friday, as it will allow you to skip on-site registration and give you the most time possible in classrooms. We greatly appreciate you and your continued support of Tillman Kids.

Take care.

Bryan, Max, and your team at Tillman

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## Mark Your Calendar

- Jan 22 (M) - New arrival/dismissal routines in place
- Jan 23 (T) - PTO meeting/Summer Camp Informational Fair
- Jan 26 (F) - Fourth Friday Reading, 3rd-5th grade Spelling Bee
- Feb 3 (Sa) - Tillman Ribbon Cutting & Open House
- Feb 8 (Th) - Tillman Night at The Magic House
- Feb 15 (Th) - Tillman Night at the Blues Game
- Feb 16 (F) - No school, staff professional development
- Feb 19 (M) - No school, Presidents Day; Courtyard Classroom Work Day
- Feb 23 (F) - Fourth Friday Reading

- Additional parking will be available behind Tillman on Friday morning.
- Doors will open at 8:20, with families allowed to go to classrooms at our normal 8:25 time.
- Guests are welcome to read with children in classrooms until 8:50, at which time we'll start

classroom, if desired (kids don't have to be in their homeroom class right away).

- When announcements are over, we will invite guests to head to our lower level commons area for coffee and pastries, courtesy of PTO. Families with kids participating in the Spelling Bee will be invited to the library.

Seventy-five people have preregistered as of this writing, and we expect to have 100+ guests in attendance. We understand that not everyone will be able to attend these Fourth Friday celebrations, but we hope with advanced notice you'll be able to join us every once in a while.

Future dates this year include **February 23**, **March 29**, and **April 26** (also Good Friday).

**Preregister HERE for Fourth Friday Reading on Jan 26**

## Tillman PTO Summer Camp Fair

All families are invited to the 2nd Annual Summer Camp Fair, organized by our terrific PTO. Stop by the library this Tuesday, Jan 23 to get information about 15+ summer camp options for kids. Parents can ask questions, gather informational materials, and decide which programs would be a good fit for their children. Non-Tillman families are welcome to attend. Childcare will be provided. Please share information with other public/private school families who may be interested.



## Ribbon Cutting & Open House

All members of our Tillman Family and the broader KSD community are invited to our official Ribbon Cutting & Open House on **Saturday, February 3** at 9am. In addition to a ribbon cutting, guests can tour the building, participate in family-friendly activities, and see our new and repurposed spaces. Enjoy student performances by Vocal Edge and Pepper Steppers, and help put your stamp (literally) on our stepping stones for the new Courtyard Classroom. We hope to see you there!

## Kindergarten Registration for 2024-25

Kindergarten registration is now open for the Class of '37. Yes, you read that right! If you have a child who be five years old before August 1, 2024, please register ASAP so we can begin planning and keep you in the loop about upcoming events to help with the transition. For more information and to register a student, visit: [kirkwoodschoools.org](http://kirkwoodschoools.org). Please share if you know of families who may need this information.

*For online registration, it is recommended that a laptop computer, desktop computer or tablet device be used to complete your child's registration. Registration using a smartphone is not recommended.*





## Legal Information: Trunk or Treat Update

We understand that some families may wish for ongoing information related to our Trunk or Treat event, particularly updates on the defendant's legal proceedings and whereabouts after his release on bond. As was mentioned in Dr. Ulrich's email on January 2, there were numerous conditions and terms included in his bond reduction, including treatment in a locked mental health facility followed by home detention with electronic monitoring of his whereabouts at all times. The defendant is also not permitted, under any circumstances, to be within 1,000 feet of the City of Kirkwood or any schools within our district. In addition, the judge took the extraordinary step of requiring the psychiatric center and the monitoring service to alert her immediately and personally if the defendant is not where he is ordered to be. If that should occur, the prosecutor's office will be notified, and the prosecutor will in turn alert the Kirkwood Police Department and KSD administration, including our Director of Safety & Security.

The defendant has recently completed requirements at the mental health facility and was discharged for monitored home detention in a St. Charles County residence. This information may understandably generate anxiety and concern for some within our community, especially those who were in attendance at the event. While we cannot know where the defendant will be at all times, we have assurances we will be notified if he is not where he is allowed to be. This information will be shared quickly with those charged with protecting our community and our schools. We hope this brings you some comfort.

As for updates on legal proceedings, your best source of information will likely be the Victim's Advocate and Prosecuting Attorney in the prosecutor's office. Their emails are included below.

- Lisa Jones, Victim's Services - [LMJones@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:LMJones@stlouiscountymo.gov)
- Jessica Hathaway, Prosecuting Attorney - [Jhathaway@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:Jhathaway@stlouiscountymo.gov)

## News from the Library

We greatly appreciate your support of the library through our Scholastic book fair. We had a fantastic turnout and will be using all proceeds to purchase new library materials. If you'd like to help out on the day to day in the library, we love and rely on our adult volunteers! This signup genius has a typical library schedule linked in the information on the top. You can see when your student is usually visiting and sign up at a time using the SignUp Genius linked below. Thank you!



### Tillman Library Volunteering

Please review typical library schedule at the link [HERE](#) to see when your students visit the library. Then click the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

🔗 [signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com)





## Last Call - Lost & Found

We're keeping our Lost & Found near the main office through Friday, allowing First Friday guests time for a final perusal before any unclaimed items are donated. Please feel free to stop by the office at any time if you'd like to look for items before Friday.

## Trailblazer Cafe

Nothing makes us happier than celebrating terrific Tillman kids! These awesome Trailblazers earned lunch with the principals on Friday for putting those 3 BEs in action.



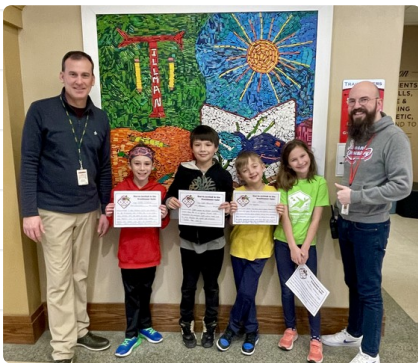
Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade

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## PTO Information

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

## PTO Board Update

The Tillman PTO Board is pleased to announce that Emina Seevers has been elected to fill the remaining open position of DEI officer for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 school years. Emina is also the current Co-Chair of Tillman Unite and a former Co-President of the PTO Board. Welcome Emina!

**Trivia Night Tickets on Sale Monday, January 29**

Who's ready to boogie on down!? Tickets to Tillman's Trivia Night go on sale Monday, January 29! *Saturday Night Fever* Trivia Night Tables will be sold in groups of 8 (\$300) or 10 (\$375) at <https://ksd.schoolauction.net/tillman2024>. Be ready to get yours before they're sold out!



Feeling the fever? We're looking for party hosts, auction item donations, and event sponsors! If interested, please email [tillmantrivianight@gmail.com](mailto:tillmantrivianight@gmail.com). There are also several volunteer opportunities (sign up [here](#)). We appreciate your help in making the night a huge success, with all proceeds benefiting Tillman Kids!

## Tillman Unite Book Club

Join us on **Tuesday, February 20 at 7 pm** to discuss *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez. [Take My Hand](#) is inspired by true events that rocked the nation, a profoundly moving novel about a Black nurse in post-segregation Alabama who blows the whistle on a terrible wrong done to her patients, from the New York Times bestselling author of *Wench*.



- From the Washington Post: "Perkins-Valdez paints Montgomery in such rich strokes, you can feel history breathing down your neck through the sounds of ice cream trucks in summer, the drawl of a Southern judge, and Booker T. and the M.G.'s on the record player. Roe v. Wade was just months old, and the legacy of the mid-1950s bus boycotts felt as relevant as ever."
- Tillman parent and avid reader, Kate Meyer, will facilitate our discussion in a welcoming and supportive environment. This is a great opportunity to connect with others and to learn more about and from each other. Even if you haven't finished (or started!) the book, we welcome you to join us and contribute your valuable thoughts to the conversation.
- [Take My Hand](#) is widely available at public libraries, various booksellers, and Tillman Unite's Lending Library in Tillman's main office. We hope you will join us to discuss this important topic and book on Tuesday, February 20 at 7 pm in the Tillman library. Free childcare and refreshments provided. All are welcome!

## Tillman Night at The Magic House

Join us for Tillman's annual family night at The Magic House on **Thursday, February 8** from 6-8 pm. This is a great way to have fun as a family AND support your child's interest in learning, play, and the [STEAM fields](#). Watch for more information coming soon!



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

- New Position for PTO Board
- Tillman Express Fund
- Tillman Night at the Blues Game - Feb 15
- Trivia Night - March 2
- 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
- Buzz Book

## *KSD Information & Updates*

### Kirkwood School District Halls of Fame

The Kirkwood School District takes immense pride in recognizing and celebrating the remarkable achievements of our alumni and those who have made significant contributions to the well-being and growth of our students and schools. We are honored to coordinate two distinguished Halls of Fame, each dedicated to acknowledging excellence in different ways. Nominations are now being accepted online for the Kirkwood School District 2024-25 Class of [Outstanding Alumni Hall of Fame](#) and [Athletic Hall of Fame](#). To make a nomination, complete and submit the nomination form. It is recommended that you gather all necessary information before completing the form.

- Nominations for the Athletic Hall of Fame must be submitted no later than Monday, Feb 12
- Nominations for the Alumni Hall of Fame must be submitted no later than Tuesday, March 12
- The Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, Sept 7, 2024. The inductees will also be recognized during halftime of the Kirkwood Pioneers football game on Friday, Sept 6, 2024.
- The Outstanding Alumni Hall of Fame will be held in Spring 2025.

For more information on the nomination process and Halls of Fame, please visit: [kirkwoodschools.org/HOF](http://kirkwoodschools.org/HOF).

## *Repeat (and Still Important) Information*

### Many Cultures, One Kirkwood

We are excited to announce KSD will be hosting our fourth annual Many Cultures, One Kirkwood event. This grand celebration of world cultures will take place on **Friday, March 1** from 6-8 pm in the gym/cafeteria at North Kirkwood Middle School, 11287 Manchester Road. If you are interested in participating or volunteering for the event, please sign up by visiting:

[kirkwoodschools.org/manycultures](http://kirkwoodschools.org/manycultures).



### KSD NOW - 2nd Semester Registration

Kirkwood School District offers the [KSD Nutrition on the Weekends \(NOW\)](#) program to supply an array of nutritious, non-perishable meals and snacks for children experiencing food insecurity, free of charge. Boxes are distributed to families at their homes via delivery in a discrete and caring manner once per month. If you wish for your child(ren) to participate in the program, please complete the form below.



- In order to receive support through KSD NOW, please complete the online registration at <https://www.kirkwoodschools.org/KSDNOWRegistration>. If you have any questions, please contact program coordinator Emilie Lytton at [ksdnow@kirkwoodschools.org](mailto:ksdnow@kirkwoodschools.org). All inquiries will remain confidential.
- We welcome your financial contribution to keep KSD NOW running to support our students. We continue to accept online donations via our [online giving campaign](#). For an update on KSD NOW and the program, please read their [most recent newsletter](#).

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



Latest KSD Spotlight



Family Update Archive



Latest BOE News

Tillman Family Calendar January-May 2024													
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Updated Tillman  
Calendar



Buzz Book



Spirit Wear

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 31	Records Day - No School for Students
November 5	Staff Development/Election Day - No School for Students
November 27	No School for Students

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Tillman Peachjar

## Digital Flyers



**TILLMAN TRAILBLAZERS**

**Prop R** Kids and Community

**Ribbon Cutting & Open House Celebration  
at Tillman Elementary**  
Saturday, February 3 at 9-11 a.m.  
230 Quan Ave, Kirkwood, MO 63122

The public is invited to join Tillman staff, students and families as we celebrate the completion of construction.

Celebrate our new Prop R construction projects, including:

- Eight additional classrooms
- Dan Mueller Library
- New Gym
- Andrew Johnson Counseling Center

**TAKE A TOUR OF TILLMAN**

**PARTICIPATE IN FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES**

The project was made possible thanks to the community's support for Prop R.

**RIBBON CUTTING**



**K KIRKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT**



**Tillman Summer Camp Fair**

We would love to see you there!

Come check out all the **AMAZING** camp options the area has to offer!

**Tuesday, January 23rd**

Located in the Tillman library

**Camps:**

- Des Peres Lodge
- Master Kim Martial Arts
- Laumeier Summer Art Camps
- VETTA
- Adventure Club
- and many more...

**7pm**

NOTE: Kirkwood School District and Tillman PTO do not endorse and are not responsible for the businesses or services advertised in this flyer or present at the event itself



**PLEASE JOIN US**

**Many Cultures**  
**One KIRKWOOD**

**Friday, March 1, 6-8 p.m.**

**North Kirkwood Middle School**  
**11287 Manchester Rd.**

**Purpose:**

1. Recognize our cultural and ethnic roots.
2. Promote inter-cultural awareness.
3. Celebrate our diversity.

**Join us for:**

1. Parade of Nations
2. International Cultural Performances
3. Cultural Displays

**Volunteer and sign up by visiting**  
[kirkwoodschools.org/ManyCultures](http://kirkwoodschools.org/ManyCultures)

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## Tillman Elementary School

**Email:** [tillman.news@kirkwoodschoools.org](mailto:tillman.news@kirkwoodschoools.org)

**Website:** <https://www.kirkwoodschoools.org/tillman>

**Location:** 230 Quan Avenue, Kirkwood, MO

**Phone:** [314-213-6150](tel:314-213-6150)

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



# Tillman Elementary

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