



# TUESDAY TALON



In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see  
your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Growing up, I always wondered what important job God had in store for me. I had, in my mind, this secret sense that I was destined for something big; I just had to figure out what it was. And so, I dreamed of designing unique buildings in big cities or creating breathtaking art that would hang in the most prestigious galleries. I dreamed of writing and illustrating books that would be Caldecott winners that teachers across the nation would “ooh” and “ahh” over. Until I learned I was allergic to most animals, I once dreamed of being a vet and saving the lives of helpless creatures. Albeit they all look different, don't we all have big dreams of our future at some point? As a child, being recognized for something that was large in scale, beauty or skill seemed like the ultimate goal to me.

So much of our time on earth we spend working and striving for that big thing that big goal or dream job. We leap from task to task in the name of productivity and goal setting, and we scoff at the stumbling blocks. While achieving is all well and good, I can't help but wonder what we miss along the way. How much of God's beauty and goodness are we trampling over to get to where we think we should be? What if God's big important job for us is the task of everyday goodness?

I pray that our students value the simple goodness that God has placed within them and around them. I pray they see that, while goals and dreams are something to strive for, there is rest and peace with the goodness of loving your neighbor more than yourself. Whether it's sharing your lunch with a friend who left theirs at home or offering a word of encouragement to a stranger in line at the grocery store; goodness is not about doing big, important and elaborate things to gain recognition. Goodness is the small acts we do throughout our day that mean the most to those around us, and in turn, they mean the most to our Heavenly Father.

Written by: Lindsay Sluder





## MUSIC ACADEMY : PEP BAND



On Wednesday, January 11th, curious students tested instruments and experimented with making sounds on them for the new ensemble at TCPS - Pep Band! This past Wednesday on the 18th, the group met for their first rehearsal in the Music Room. At this first meeting, the director, Mr. Jonathan Jarman, spoke with students about expectations and goals for Pep Band, as well as reviewed music theory and rhythmic studies.

The band will have their start-up day with instruments on Saturday, January 28th, where students will work with specialists on their new instruments and play as an ensemble for the first time! The Pep Band is setting a foundation this semester with the goal of playing at Hawks' sporting events starting in the fall. They are also scheduled to play at the Fine Arts Festival this April.



Written by: Jonathan Jarman



## LEARNING COTTAGE CORNER

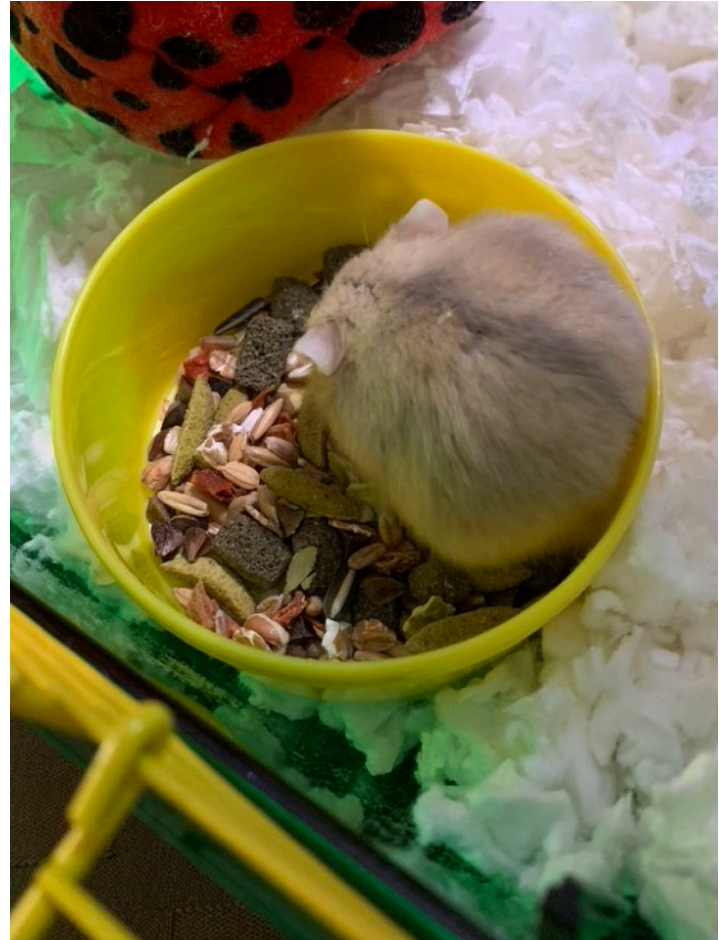


### **M is for Manners!**

These fancy cuties in Mrs. Tammy's class practiced their table manners with a class tea party while studying the letter M.

### **Meet Carl!**

Carl is a Djungarian Sunfire hamster and has just moved into The Learning Cottage. We will be learning all about being gentle and caring for him.



### **Learning Cottage Summer Enrollment**

The Learning Cottage Summer Enrollment is now available for current and upcoming students! Contact Megan Naquin, Learning Cottage Director, for more details.

Contact: [mnaquin@tcpsk12.org](mailto:mnaquin@tcpsk12.org)





## MIDDLE SCHOOL- MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT



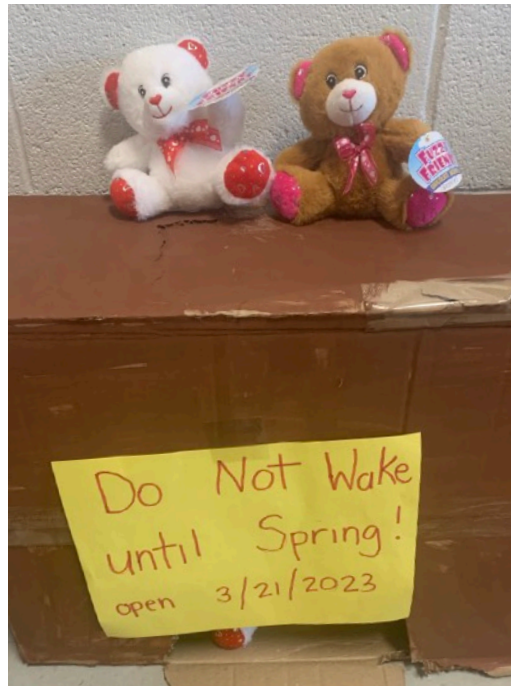
Friday night, 8th grade had our first ever 1920's Murder Mystery Night. It was a night filled with intrigue, blackmail, and murder! 8th grade had a blast pretending to be (in)famous 1920's Americans in this whodunnit style adventure. What a great way to end our unit on the Roaring 20's. It was definitely a night to remember.



Written by: Matthew Mullins



## LOWER SCHOOL: KINDERGARTEN



Mrs. Dodson and Mrs. Hope's Kindergarten class have been preparing their teddy bears for a long winter hibernation! They are looking forward to awakening the sleepy grizzlies on the first day of Spring, March 21!





DADDY-DAUGHTER SOCK HOP! GET YOUR TICKETS!

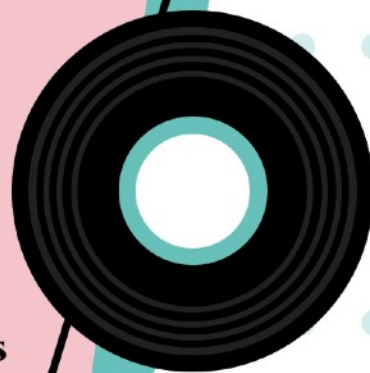
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