

Dear Amazing TFS Families,

Happy Friday! We eagerly await our TFS Better Together Team officially returning on Monday to start the best school year ever. You wonder, why the best school year ever?

Whether remote or hybrid, TFS is very excited to start our 20/21 school year. We have embraced the changes happening in our world as opportunities and we have met all summer to redefine and improve on what learning and schooling means for our students, staff and families.

Instead of letting our challenges overwhelm us, true to our TFS spirit, we have embraced these challenges and have made major improvements that include: redesigned learning spaces in and out of school, uniform learning platforms for all kids K-4, enhanced virtual communications and infusing more student voice and choice in how and what students want to learn. Exciting changes but still committed to having a learning community where all students and staff feel safe, cared for, connected and have a strong sense of belonging.

So, what are those improvements and creative solutions? These include, a virtual tour of our school (see link below), new "Hello Hawks" welcome for all families (see attached invites below), new virtual staff directory (coming next week), new staff slide show already shared, new consistent grade level Google learning sites (soon to be Canvas - shared next week by teachers), first time ever multi-age classroom, redesigned classrooms and outdoor learning spaces and play areas, and new learning materials that include individual student art, science and brain-based learning materials. That is just the start.....

Virtual Tour

Thanks to Sherie Wells and her company S and B Connections for donating their time and resources to create this virtual tour of our school (her son came up with the idea!). See directions below on how to access the tour. This also can be found on our TFS Website.

<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=HeGZbYMm6vU>

Directions on how to navigate the virtual tour:

- Click and Drag to look around the Space. You can also use the arrow keys to turn left and right.
- Click on the rings throughout the space to move around or use the arrow keys to move forward and back.
- Use the scroll wheel to zoom in and out. You can use the plus and minus keys to zoom in and out as well.

Hello Hawks

Two events are planned to safely welcome students and families remotely or at school. Please click on the images below to see the details. We are very excited to have created this welcoming experience for both our hybrid and remote students.

[Hello Hawks A&B.jpg](#) [Hello Hawks - c and d cohorts.jpg](#)

Hybrid Families Only

Reminder, if you have not done so, please complete the student dismissal plan survey as this will help us ensure that you have the correct dismissal plans for your children. (Group A - Mon/Tues, Group B - Weds/Thurs). Be assured your answers are not permanent, and we are collecting them purely for the planning of dismissal procedures

[Student Dismissal Plan Survey](#)

TFS Website

Our TFS Website contains so much information and visuals and truly captures the essence of our school. Throughout the year, please frequently check the website for ongoing updates and cool student activities. Please check out the link below.

<https://www.sau26.org/Page/4912>

Finally, we would like to end this message with gratitude. We are honored to work and be with your children and this year we are very thankful for the ongoing support and trust families have provided us as we move forward in these uncertain times. We appreciate your patience with our ongoing changes and mistakes and for contacting us with questions or concerns. Truly, we are Better Together because of our families, our students and community supports. We are very excited to see our returning Hawks and to welcome some new Hawks to our team. Thank you for everything and if you have any questions, please contact the TFS Office at 889-1577. Have a wonderful weekend.

Better Together,

Mrs. Julie DeLuca and Ms. Michaela Champlin
Principal and Assistant Principal