

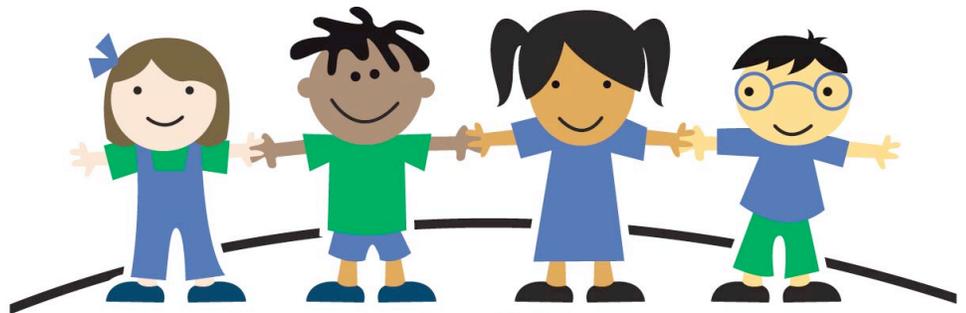
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TRAYLOR FUNDAMENTAL ACADEMY

January Principal's Message

From our staff to your families, we wish you a very Happy New Year!

I am so glad to be back at school with your awesome children and our fantastic staff to continue preparing these leaders of tomorrow!

"Education is not a race to be won. It is a journey where every step, every day counts and the end point actually never arrives." - Kathy Walker

SchoolChoice 2014-15

It's difficult to believe that it is January and we are already preparing for the 2014-15 school year! Please see below for more information about the SchoolChoice process. If you'd like more information or access to forms, information about how prioritization works in selection and FAQs, you

can also go to:
schoolchoice.dpsk12.org

Round One of the DPS SchoolChoice process for the 2014-15 school year is now open! Round One runs December 16, 2013 through January 31, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

Families with students in transitioning grades (current ECE and 5th grade students) should have a Round One Choice Application submitted by January 31 to ensure your best opportunity to receive your first choice! Families can come to our office or can go to the SchoolChoice website for forms or for any follow up questions.

If you know of any families considering Traylor for next year, please direct them to our school website, traylor.dpsk12.org, or to our school office. We were present

at the December School Expo, and I have already conducted some tours.

We are glad to meet any prospective students and their families in this first round of SchoolChoice to share all that makes Traylor Fundamental Academy special.

- ◆ Families new to Denver Public Schools must submit SchoolChoice forms and accompanying documents in person at a DPS school or Enrollment Center for pre-enrollment
- ◆ Students enrolled in Grades K-4 need not reapply if your address remains the same and you desire to continue at Traylor
- ◆ December 16, 2013 - SchoolChoice Round One enrollment begins

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- ◆ January 31, 2014 – SchoolChoice Round One forms are due by 4:00 p.m. (hard-copy and online)
- ◆ Early March 2014 – Parents will be notified of their child’s school enrollment status

Technology Bond at Work at Traylor Fundamental Academy

We recently received a very exciting shipment of technology here at Traylor Fundamental Academy!

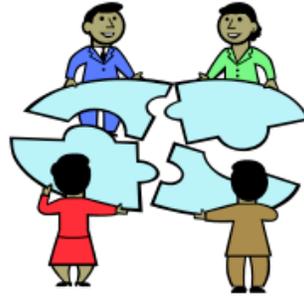
Thank you Denver voters for the generous resources in this bond. Traylor decided to update our current computer lab with new Dell laptops. In addition, we were able to purchase 160 Chrome Books (laptops) that will be available for all of our students to use. What an exciting opportunity to engage our students with more opportunities to access computers each day! We’ll be sharing more with you as our students begin to become familiar with and use the Google Drive in their technology studies!



Family Science Night – February 4

All Traylor families are invited to join us at the upcoming Community Resources Family Science Night on February 4th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM.

We will be serving free pizza, and you will get a chance to see live critters and much, much more! Keep an eye out for a flyer and RSVP form coming home soon. We hope you’ll join us at this SUPER SCIENCE NIGHT!



Culture Connection

Happy New Year, Traylor Community! We hope you enjoyed your holidays by celebrating the DPS shared value of FUN!!! We have been certainly been celebrating our values here at Traylor, too. As you know, we’ve spent time this year supporting our students’ awesome choices with recognizing their efforts with PAWS. Recently, we met as an entire staff and took the time to nominate one or more of our colleagues who we felt were “Living the DPS Values.”

We chose one (or more) of the 6 core values:

- **Students First**
- **Integrity**
- **Equity**
- **Collaboration**
- **Accountability**
- **Fun**

And wrote a brief description of how that staff member was living that particular value. We then placed our celebration slips in a large container and Principal Olson took the time to publicly celebrate several staff members by reading the slips to the entire staff, and honoring each with a small gift and a values pin. We thought it would be nice to share with our families the awesome recognitions that were given about the adults that work with your children at our school each day!

- 1st grade teacher, Beth Will nominated 1st/2nd grade ESL teacher, Laura Martinez, for “Collaboration”
- P.E. Coach, Julie Nelson, was recognized by fellow coach, Joe Lucero for living the value of “Fun”.
- Principal Shayley Olson celebrated 4th grade teacher, Lynette Guidi, for “Collaboration”
- 2nd grade teacher, Char Barrera was recognized by 4th grade teacher, Judy Cali, for putting “Students First”.
- Reading Teacher, Shelby Olson, celebrated 3rd grade teacher, Michelle Joy for the value of “Collaboration”,
- Our Librarian, Joann Eickman recognized 5th grade teacher, Christina Lombard for “Integrity”
- 1st grade teacher, Letty Gonzales was recognized by ESL teacher Lisa Williams for “Collaboration”.
- Music teacher, Dan Christian honored Art teacher, Connie Smith for “Students First”.
- ECE teacher, Anne Marie Kaspersen was recognized by 3rd grade teacher, Beckie Gumm for “Students First”.
- Mrs. Kaspersen also celebrated a colleague! She recognized fellow ECE teacher, Kathy Marker for living the value of “Collaboration”.

Way to go, Traylor team! It always feels great to be recognized by your peers for the work you do, and that is why we take the time to celebrate one another for "Living the Values." Each time a staff member is recognized by anyone in DPS, they receive a 'values pin' to wear on their DPS lanyards. This allows them to proudly display the values they are being celebrated for! (And it's a very colorful addition to our district IDs!) Other staff members that were celebrated that day were given values pins and a small gift as well.

Some honorees were:

- Kindergarten teacher, Rhonda Balding, recognized paraprofessional Greg Eigsti for putting "Students First". She noted that every day, Mr. Eigsti cleans the playground before students arrive, ensuring that students take as much pride in their school as he does!
- Denise Jonke, our Administrative Assistant (Extraordinaire), was celebrated for "Collaboration" by two teachers- Gerry Higgins, and Roger Larson, for her efforts with the Denver SCORES program and for supporting 5th grade with their lessons in Literacy.
- 4th grade teacher, Lynette Guidi had a hard time choosing just one value for 1st grade teacher, Beth Will! Lynette recognized Beth for "Students First", "Collaboration", and "Accountability", noting that "Mrs. Will works to involve parents every day in her classroom and strives to hold her students accountable for their achievement."

- Reading and Gifted/Talented Teacher, Carolyn Alexander was celebrated for "Students First" by 2nd grade teacher, Kris Dunn. "Carolyn keeps me informed about students' progress so that I can continue to support them, and she always has a smile on her face when she is working with them."
- Richard Thompson, Kindergarten teacher, honored paraprofessional, Stacy Garcia for "Students First" and "Fun", remarking that Stacy always gives 150%, constantly looking for fun and engaging activities for students, and positive news to share with parents.
- ESL teacher, Lisa Williams, was recognized by 1st grade teacher Marion Brown for "Equity". Marion described how Lisa focuses on language acquisition for a small group of students in her classroom with focused and engaging lessons that get results!



TABS

From: Traylor Academy Boosters

By Domenika Leinbach, President
TABS wants to welcome you all back to school and to a new year. We hope you all had a great Winter Break. Last month, Traylor Academy hosted its 16th Annual Tinsel Towne Craft Fair. We want to thank everyone who helped out and volunteered for this treasured community event. It was exciting to see students, teachers, staff, family, and neighbors stop by and shop for their friends and loved ones. TABS wants to extend their thanks to the choirs that performed during our Saturday event: the Traylor Academy Choir, and Kennedy High School's "All that Jazz" Choir and "City Lights" Choir. Santa stopped by for a few hours to talk to kids and take pictures with them. Some of his happy elves helped students shop during school time, helped shoppers wrap their gifts, and a few others helped with the concessions shop during Saturday's event. TABS is happy that this event continues to grow each year and we can't wait for the fun events we will be planning for the next few months.

If you are interested in volunteering or helping out in any way, please join us at our meetings.

Please note that this year we will change the date of TABS meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to stop by and share your thoughts and ideas with us.

Our next meetings are **Wednesday, January 15th and Wednesday, February 19th at 6pm** in the school cafeteria.

We hope to see you there!