# WELCOME SOLUTION 2025-2026

## Room Parents & Volunteering

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#### **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER:**

We ask that each family sign up to bring flowers for our flower arranging work twice a year. There are also slots to make play dough for our art shelf and volunteer during classroom events.

USE THE LINK ON THE LILY CLASSROOM PAGE OF THE TCH WEBSITE.

# **Celebrating Your Family**

Our classroom community works to affirm everyone's unique identity. We look forward to celebrating our similarities and differences by hearing from you, the experts!

Please fill out the **emailed Google Form** to help us incorporate your family's traditions throughout the year.

# **Upcoming Events**

- Class picnic: September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am. F&M Park
- **Fall Festival:** October 5th

## **Observations**

- Observations begin after the first 6 weeks of school
- Make appointments with Renee
- Be a "fly on the wall"
- Set up a meeting to discuss any questions

#### Lunch

The school lunch program is wonderful. I encourage you, without reservation, to check the calendar on the website and select your choices. You will not be disappointed.

- If you pack your child a lunch, know that we will supply cloth napkins, cups, utensils, and plates. All children will be offered a choice of water or milk to drink.
- Our refrigerator is very small, so we ask that you include an ice pack in their lunchbox if they have perishable food items.
   Please pack their warm food in a thermos as we are not able to heat food in our classroom.
- We are a green school and appreciate your effort to avoid sending yogurt or applesauce pouches and tubes that cannot be recycled. We will invite children to put yogurt and applesauce in small bowls to practice using utensils at the table.

## Snack

Children at TCH enjoy a school provided snack every morning and afternoon. Our school is committed to healthy living and will provide fresh fruits and veggies, lean proteins, and whole grains as snack options, using local, organic ingredients whenever possible. As always, much of the preparation will be done by the children in the classroom. Outside of normal, everyday snack, we will do specific tastings and culinary experiments.

# **Birthdays**

Your child will be invited to have a special birthday celebration with their family and classmates.
Summer birthdays will be celebrated on their half birthday.

I will reach out to schedule a date, share a handout with details and talk about the shared snack.

# **Clothing Reminders**

- Label all clothing
- Choose clothing your child can put on and take off independently
- Choose clothing that can get dirty
- Send gym appropriate shoes to keep at school (can be the same as inside shoes)
- Avoid sending distracting clothing and accessories



## **Teacher Availability**

The support system we create for your child will be strongest when we are on the same page. The more we know, the better we can provide for your child's needs and interests. Please never hesitate to contact me. Kindly keep in mind the school's policy prohibits texting between teachers and parents.

#### **HOW TO CONTACT ME**

- To relay an immediate message, please call the front desk.
- To share information about your child's night/morning, send a handwritten note with them at carline ("John didn't eat breakfast")
- Email is great for quick questions or to schedule an in person meeting or phone call. I check my emails regularly and respond to all email inquiries within 24 hours.
- I have office hours on Tuesday from 1:15 - 2:45 to catch up on communication and meet with you.

# Pick Up & Drop Off



If someone other than you will pick up your child, their name must be on the approved list of adult drivers on your child's account in our database or the child must have a signed note from a parent or guardian. We will check ID of everyone I don't recognize. I appreciate your patience with this safety precaution.

If you arrive to school after 8:40, please check in with the front desk. They will call our classroom and one of us will collect your child in the lobby. If you know your child will be tardy, please email me ahead of time so we can make a plan for lunch.

### Medication & Illness

If your child becomes ill at school, I will call you to come and pick them up. They will rest in the comfortable room adjacent to the front desk until you come for them. For specifics about our illness policy, please refer to your parent handbook.

If your child needs to take medication at school, you must fill out and sign a medication form. This is available online or you can get a copy from the front desk.

## **Contact Information**

#### Email:

Megan@traversechildrenshouse.org

#### **School Phone:**

(231) 929 - 9325 (Extension 137)

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