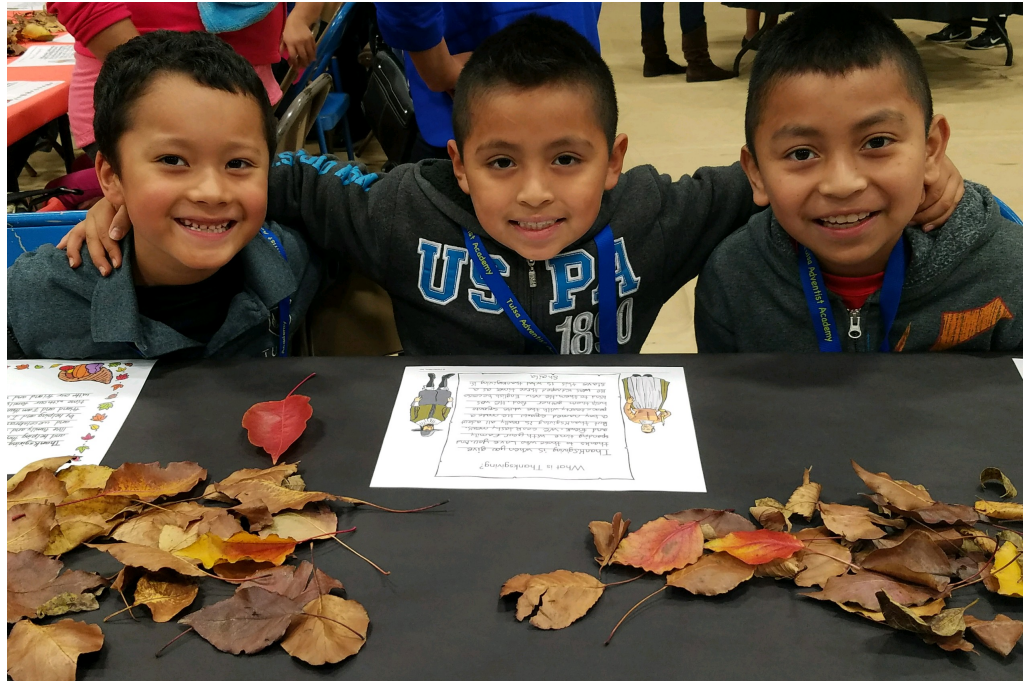


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**“Enter His gates with thanksgiving,”
Psalm 100:4**

Truly, we have much to be thankful for! I am thankful that TAA experienced a powerful week of prayer from October 30 through November 3rd. We were blessed by five speakers: Mr. Steven Adewunmi, Mrs. Elizabeth Diaz, Mrs. Caroline Fisher, Mrs. Kim Bokovoy, and Mr. Jake Schellenberg. Each morning, student praise teams led the school in song, then high school students partnered with elementary school students to pray together before the speaker was introduced. All of the speakers were parents of a student and each shared personal messages of encourage to TAA.

We are so fortunate to have the freedom to worship God in week of prayer, to have a Christian school, and to pray together. This freedom was hard won by flesh and blood and our veterans were remembered as TAA students marched in the Veterans Day parade and participated in the flag retirement ceremony to remember our soldiers' bravery. Of course, the One who paid the highest price did so long ago.

One way we remember Christ's sacrifice is to do what He did: REACH and serve! In March 2018, TAA high school students can enjoy their spring break on a mission trip to Puerto Rico alongside the Inter-American Division of Seventh-Day Adventists. We will be helping communities rebuild and clean up their homes and assisting community leaders. Please pray that those who may not know Him will discover Him. *You can help this mission project by doing one, two, or three things: reserving your three-course Christmas dinner/show seat by December 1, 2017 (all proceeds to mission trip); by donating directly to the mission project; and most of all, by praying for God's hand in all that we will do.* Your donations are tax-deductible if given by December 31, 2017.

Shaun Lazarus, Principal



Buckets of Help!

After Hurricane Harvey, Mrs. Vargas' seventh and eighth grade students got busy helping pack 70 buckets of cleaning items for those affected by the storm. The students raised nearly all of the money for the cleaning supplies by themselves, showing their commitment to REACH! TAA is working with the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to make sure hurricane victims get the needed buckets of help.



TAA SOARING EAGLES JOIN 22 TEAMS AT ACROFEST, “BUILDING THE DREAM”!

A happy team of 4th-10th graders drove 24 hours to Washington Adventist University (WAU) to join workshops and perform at Acrofest 2017 in early November. According to the WAU's Acro-Airs website, “Acrofest is the largest and longest running Adventist athletic event in the country.

Each year, a different Seventh-Day Adventist institution hosts Acrofest, offering gymnasts an

opportunity for spiritual renewal and a chance to collaborate with other gymnasts.”

Larry Seery, TAA's Soaring Eagles' coach, enlisted the help of several volunteers and chaperones: Mrs. Deborah Zigo and Mrs. Jennifer Dohlgan; Ozark Adventist Academy's tumbling team; and even Mr. Seery's family joined in the fun! Puerto Rico's Antillean Adventist University team almost didn't attend this year, as school was delayed until October because the wreckage from Hurricane Maria. The school team was practicing in parking lots around the campus since their facility was damaged. WAU worked with their budget to make sure the students from Antillean could attend. Talk about team spirit! Next year's Acrofest will be at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, TX.



TAA WANTS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU!

*Deborah Zigo,
Director of
Communication*

NOTES

Teachers send notes home with students; please ask your student daily if s/he brought home a note! Notes, "Remind" and "OneCall" are TAA's OFFICIAL methods of communication.

REMIND

RECOMMENDED: Sign up with "Remind" for TAA alerts and messages about school closing, alerts and reminders. These texts are often grade specific and enhance your student's learning experience.

FACEBOOK

OPTIONAL: Our Facebook page contains all of TAA's school activities and is a place for families to share how their students are thriving.

ONECALL

REQUIRED: OneCall is used for global school events and emergencies and is sent to your cell phone. You are automatically signed up when you give TAA your telephone number at registration.

TAA has an online calendar on its website and a printed calendar in the main office. Please call our office during school hours to leave a message for a teacher or if you have a question about school events. Personal texts to teachers should be reserved for emergencies only.

Hello, Mrs. Hoffman!

Welcome to 1st and 2nd grade! My name is Mrs. Hoffman. This is my second year in education. During my first year, I substituted for grades K-5, and worked in a hospital enrichment program with ages 0 to 12. I have enjoyed TAA so far and am blessed with a wonderful group of students!

I earned my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, and plan to eventually earn a master's. I also have a love for literature and secretly aspire to write children's books.

Growing up, I was an Air Force brat. With friends constantly moving, I learned the importance of establishing relationships in the classroom. I believe it is so important for children to feel included and loved. My hope is to inspire kindness from my students, to foster a love for Jesus, and to love our neighbors. I also hope to nurture the desire for knowledge and learning!

Some of my favorite things include PaperMate flair pens, peppermint mochas, tacos, coffee mugs, Hallmark Christmas movies, and naps. In our spare time, my husband and I love to go for walks, play disc golf, bake, and try new cuisine!



TAA CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY

TAA celebrated Veterans Day on November 8 and 10 with a special breakfast and flag retirement ceremony, respectively. The high school Pathfinders and grades 5-8 attended the Tulsa Veterans Day parade in downtown Tulsa, and Dr. Stephen Zigo, DDS, led our Flag Retirement Ceremony on the TAA grounds. None of these events would happen without seventh-eighth grade teacher, Mrs. Vargas; Candy Melendez, who helped students create a fabulous float; Holly McGeehee, who drove the truck, and Jake Schellenberg, who loaned us a trailer. Also, Home & School leader Jennifer Cross is always working behind the scenes!



“And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother,” 1 John 4:21, ESV

December Events!

NOV. 30-DEC. 2:
OZARK MUSIC
FESTIVAL, GRADES
5-8

DEC. 8: HALF DAY,
NOON DISMISSAL

DEC. 14: CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM AT 6:00
P.M.

DEC. 20 NOON
DISMISSAL -JAN. 2:
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

JAN. 3, 2018:
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Remember to show your support of our students and our mission trip by reserving your 3-course dinner seat for TAA's Christmas program on December 14 at 6:00 p.m. *The deadline for dinner reservations is December 1, 2017!* Tickets are \$20 each (\$10 ages 5-10) and include homemade desserts made by 11-12th graders.

You may attend the Christmas program without reserving a dinner seat and still enjoy TAA's entertaining and talented students! See you soon!



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the Oklahoma Private
School Accreditation
Commission and the State
of Oklahoma Department
of Education.**