

# Tzu Chi Elementary School



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## October/November 2017

### Important Dates

11/21 – Big Buddy Reading  
9:30am  
11/22 – Thanksgiving Pot Luck  
10:45am – 12:00pm  
11/30 – End of Trimester  
12/1 – NO School -  
conferences  
12/7 – Parade time TBD  
12/22 – Winter Festival and  
noon dismissal

### Award Recognition

#### Our October Character Education Awards for Responsibility:

Kinder – Justin and Maven  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Melody  
2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Rachel  
4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Lotus  
Staff – Mrs. Wright

### Jing Si Aphorism

*“One more good habit  
means one less bad  
habit.”*

-Master Cheng Yen

Dear Tzu Chi Families,

This is the time of the year that we reflect and realize how much we can be thankful for in our lives. The world seems to be so hard these days with all the awful things in the news. **It is important that each day we tell the people around us how much we love them and care for them, and how very important they are to us.**

It is also a time to make sure we are talking with our children about being **kind** and **caring** and **accepting**. We may all be a little different, but our humanity means being a part of a community that needs to live together in peace. We need to surround our children with love and encouragement. I hope during this season of Thanksgiving that you all take the time to connect with your family and our community. I am so thankful to be a part of Tzu Chi.

In Peace,  
Ashley Grover  
Acting Principal



Some parents volunteered to help with the Pledge one morning!

## Kindergarten News

The kindergarteners are busy working on their letter sounds now. Each week there is a new letter for them to focus on. In math, they recently started counting, identifying and estimating up to 50!

They are also working together on thankfulness and important information around the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. See below their activity using corn. They had a wonderful discussion on how this corn was used by the pilgrim children. It was very engaging and fun for all!



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Highlights

Building reading/writing skills during Daily 5

Wrapping up our science unit on Matter: making reversible and irreversible changes using Skittles, mixing a base and acid to make a gas...

Learning how to create our own math addition and subtraction stories

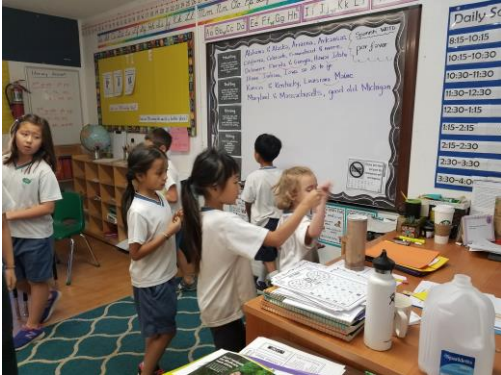
This past month we practiced an earthquake drill. The students did a wonderful job following directions and taking it seriously!



# Student News Continued...

## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our class is wrapping up our geography unit and beginning to study the solar system, and in ELA we are moving from fiction into nonfiction. Check out the bulletin by the office for many of our "Thankful" feathers!



Here they are filling their bamboo bank!

## 4th and 5th Grade

You should check out the masks the students made during art! They also just finished up their first Literacy Circle project and are working on their final group project to turn in. Working together on a final grade is new for them and it is fun to see them grow.



## Birthdays

### November

Lawrence – 10th  
Cindy – 11th  
Mason – 12th  
Ms. Hall – 12th  
Evan – 18th

## Kids Space

**We had a wonderful field trip to the Kids Space Museum. It was a hot day but the kids explored all they had to offer. Thank you to our volunteers for making this possible!**

