



Dear Touchstone Families,

First and foremost, I would like to introduce you all to a new member of the Touchstone Community! Ms. Naomi will be joining the Intermediate classroom as an assistant teacher. She will be working with Mr. Nate to help our students learn and grow. Ms. Naomi is originally from Japan but has lived in Oregon for over 12 years. She taught in Japan for many years but has been busy volunteering for schools and children's organizations for the last couple of years with her daughter. I hope you all join me in welcoming her to our school.

Each February, Touchstone School takes part in a Helping Hearts campaign as a way to focus on positive ways our students help out! Students will be coming home with a heart and more information. Your job is to help find a random act of kindness your child has taken part in and write it on the heart and return it to school with their teacher. The hearts will be collected all month long and displayed on the bulletin board in the entryway for everyone to see how Touchstone students help out. We love to fill up the board, so the more hearts you bring in the better! This lets us celebrate the many acts of kindness our students take part in every day.

On Valentine's Day our classes will be having Valentines parties from 9:00am-10:00am. Teachers will be putting a sign-up sheet on their doors soon for items needed and for volunteers. Students will be passing out valentines at this party. We ask that students only sign their names to their cards to make delivery easier, unless you are told otherwise by your teacher. Also as a reminder, we are a nut free school so no candies with nuts please!

We do have a calendar change for this month. Our Festival of Arts has been pushed to March 1st. It will be from 6:15pm to 8:00pm in Lake Oswego. You and your family are all invited to join us in the Lake Oswego High School auditorium, as we view student artwork and watch the students from each class do a performance up on the big stage. Our elementary students will also be joining us to do the same! Please mark your calendars and save the date.

Thank you,

Elise West; Principal

February

- 14 Valentine's Day Class Parties 9:00am
- 19 No School- Presidents Day

March

- 1 Festival of Arts- LO High School
- 3 Picture Day (Class Pictures)