

TonkaOnline

Tonka Online K-8

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Greetings, Tonka K-8 Families!

Conferences are right around the corner and we are looking forward to connecting with families, building relationships, learning more about your student, and sharing with you how things have been going these past 6 weeks in Tonka Online K-8.

Earlier this week I sent out communication on what to expect with conferences.

K-5: Teachers have reached out to families to set up times.

6-8: Families schedule their times on Skyward.

Please reach out if you are having trouble.

With Gratitude-

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Tonka Online K-8 Program Coordinator



Important Dates

- **Oct. 11 -Oct. 24** - Virtual Scholastic Book Fair K-8
- **Oct. 14** - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4pm-8am
- **Oct. 15** - Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am-4pm
- **Oct. 21 & 22** - No School; MEA
- **Nov. 1** - 2 Hour Late Start
- **Nov. 4** - Material Pick Up and Picture Day! (District Service Center)
- **Nov. 25 & 26** - No School; Thanksgiving Break
- **Dec. 2** - Material Pick Up (District Service Center)

- **Dec. 23- Dec.31** - No School; Winter Break

Attendance Line

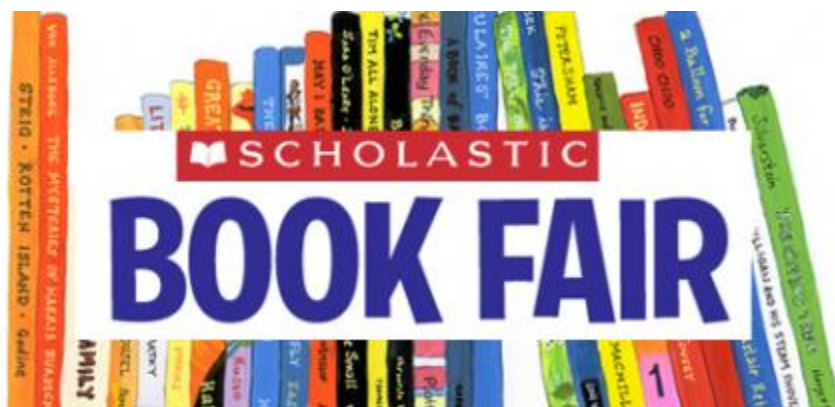
952-283-8127

Family Helpdesk

952-401-5123
familyhelpdesk@minnetonkaschools.org

District Service Center

952-401-5000



Tonka Online is excited to be offering our first Scholastic Book Fair! The virtual event starts Monday, **Oct. 11**, and runs through **Oct. 24**! You can access books from our homepage, found [HERE](#).

The fair will feature:

- An entirely virtual Book Fair experience where students and families can browse nearly 300 titles by grade.
- Direct access to over 5,000 additional titles with family-friendly prices.
- Rewards for our school (Tonka Online), with 25% of sales going toward new digital books for our program.
- **FREE shipping on book-only purchases over \$25.** Shipping takes 7-10 days.

Check out our [Virtual Fair Tour Video](#)!

Specialist Conferences K-8

Specialist teachers are available for optional conferences with parents. You may contact your child's specialist teachers by calling them directly or sending them an email to set up a conference time.

Class	Teacher	Phone	Email
K-5 Art	Reid Anderson	952-401-6919	reid.anderson@minnetonkaschools.org
K-5 Media	Kelli Whiteside	952-401-6874	kelli.whiteside@minnetonkaschools.org
K-5 Music	Melani Schwartz	952-401-6871	melani.schwartz@minnetonkaschools.org
K-5 Phy Ed	Sam Bauchle	952-401-6876	samantha.bauchle@minnetonkaschools.org
6-8 Music	Jennifer Kimball	952-401-5000	Jennifer.Kimball@minnetonkaschools.org
6-8 Music	Sarah Gorski	952-401-5000	Sarah.Gorski@minnetonkaschools.org
6-8 Music	Nicholas Raimondi	952-401-5000	Nicholas.Raimondi@minnetonkaschools.org



Skyward

Entering Absence Requests

If you know of a future absence for your student(s), you can complete an absence request in Skyward by following the steps below:

1. Go to Skyward and click on Attendance from the left column.
2. From Attendance, click on Enter Absent Request.
3. From here, each of your children will be listed. Click on Add Request for the child you are entered an absence for.
4. Enter Start Date – Time, End Date – Time and the Reason and optional Comments

Material Pick Up

Material pick up will take place again at the Minnetonka District Service Center (5621 County Road 101, Minnetonka 55345) on:

- **Thursday, November 4-** 10am - 2pm (*This is also picture day!)
- **Thursday, December 2-** 10am - 2pm

A notification will be sent out the week prior to let you know if any material is needed for your student's grade level.

Pictures



Mark your calendars for **Thursday, Nov. 4!**

*Note, this is also a material pick up day.

Strawbridge Studios will be sharing more information via email in the upcoming weeks regarding how to purchase your student's pictures online. Watch for an email from me with the information. If you are unable to attend this date, we will accept a head shot photograph for your student which will be included in our yearbook. More information to come regarding the yearbook.

Child Tax Credit Program

The IRS is working with schools throughout the country to help inform parents about advanced Child Tax Credit payments. The IRS says most families in the U.S. are automatically getting advance payments of the Child Tax Credit every month. To learn more and see if you qualify, visit the IRS website at:

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/7559d310/UlNeKKxBFEcttPBGeqPpcw?u=http://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021>

Technology Information / Helpful Tips

As we continue into the school year, and if you are anything like me, you may be finding yourself asking, "How do I.....where can I find again....?!" The start of a new school year always brings about lots of information. For this reason, each week I will be sharing new technology information and/or helpful tips.

Below includes a few helpful links for navigating Seesaw and Schoology, as well as Tonka Tech Resources.

Grades K-3: [Seesaw Parent/Family Guide](#)

Grades 4-8: [Schoology Parent Instructions](#)

[Schoology Digest for Families -video](#)

[Tonka Tech Resources for Families](#)