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Sherman Families and Community,

**PTSA PRESENTS:** Hopefully your students brought home with them on Friday a flyer about Storytime with Ms. Taylor and a package of cider to enjoy drinking while Ms. Taylor reads.  Thank you PTSA and Ms. Taylor for putting this together.  Here’s the link to check it out. - [Flipgrid Shorts by Britte T](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/NPmvMvnzrP4U7kC-kzDacw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjaZxEP0QzaHR0cHM6Ly9zaG9ydHMuZmxpcGdyaWQuY29tL3dhdGNoLzIyMDE3NzMxMjQwNjU3NjQ5VwdzY2hvb2xtQgphgcRoiGFSxHHZUhhzcGFza2V0QHRhY29tYS5rMTIud2EudXNYBAAAAAE~)

**BOOK FAIR:** The Sherman PTSA is also hosting on online book fair starting tomorrow, November 8th – 21st! Go to this link [shermanptsa](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/AHOoGxyuDU0o6nrpYUPutA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjaZxEP0QcaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc2hlcm1hbnB0c2EuY29tL1cHc2Nob29sbUIKYYHEaIhhUsRx2VIYc3Bhc2tldEB0YWNvbWEuazEyLndhLnVzWAQAAAAB) to start shopping now for some great books!

**MUSIC UPDATE:** Sherman's music teacher Ms. Cramer has provided us with an update about music and masking while singing. Please read the [attached flyer](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/zUULoosIQ9REDXX7pF6s-g~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjaZxEP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPU82UzNhT2k4WHBvJm1hbD0wMDAyZTczN2ZmOTYxNGY4ZDJiOTExNmI2MTY5NmYyNjk2ODE1N2M5NGM1N2JjMzRlMDMxYjE2MzE3ZGEzNjZmVwdzY2hvb2xtQgphgcRoiGFSxHHZUhhzcGFza2V0QHRhY29tYS5rMTIud2EudXNYBAAAAAE~) for full details.

**RECESS UPDATE:** Beginning tomorrow, Monday November 8th we will no longer have different zones for students during recess. Students will be allowed to use the playground, covered area, field and garden during recess with all of their grade level classmates.  Students will still be required to maintain social distancing and wear masks.

**VETERANS DAY:** In observation of Veterans Day, there’s no school on Thursday, Nov. 11. Sherman has put together a virtual Veterans Day assembly which will be shared with students and families this week.  Thank you Veterans for your service!

**FEBRUARY BALLOT:**

In February, you will see two replacement levies from Tacoma Public Schools on your ballot.

Proposition 1, the Educational Programs and Operations Levy, would fund about 15% of school district operations, including about 500 staff members.

Proposition 2, the Technology Improvements and Upgrades Levy, would fund technology access for all K-12 students.  
  
Both levies would replace expiring levies that impact every TPS K-12 student in every neighborhood.

I’ll share more information about the levies as we get closer to the election.

**SHARE THOUGHTS ON REMOTE LEARNING:**   
Now that every student has access to a laptop or learning device, we need your input to determine if school should switch to remote learning during weather events such as snow days.

Click here [https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/668179169](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/UvJYIPaAdGMlFFLOjBa_bg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjaZxEP0QvaHR0cHM6Ly9teS50aG91Z2h0ZXhjaGFuZ2UuY29tL3Njcm9sbC82NjgxNzkxNjlXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmGBxGiIYVLEcdlSGHNwYXNrZXRAdGFjb21hLmsxMi53YS51c1gEAAAAAQ~~) to let us know what works best for you and your student.

**QUARANTINE GUIDELINE CHANGES:** The number of missed school days students experience due to being a close contact of someone with COVID-19 is now reduced to 10 days or less. This change at our schools comes in collaboration with the [Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/hf22Tbg6g4LAMpuD8sB9Bg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjaZxEP0TeaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZmFjZWJvb2suY29tL1RhY29tYVBpZXJjZUNvSEQvP19fY2Z0X18lNWIwJTVkPUFaWEJNS2c1MkYwRE1iS2N2MGY3WjlQQUNhZjhpdTAtdzhLTWZmdkRWdEFad1VHaTdCdjFTT0RucG9Xa2dhNEZxNnplaUUtQ0w0cThQTFJqMmZ4ZU1vSS13UFVxR2pVVU85TkxtaC0yZEZxYVBqTVZlNFhhU2F1Z2dyMlN0S2RwU3Q4V3hVU3VkTGpCcHg2X0Iyd2xCWkVqJl9fdG5fXz1rSy1SVwdzY2hvb2xtQgphgcRoiGFSxHHZUhhzcGFza2V0QHRhY29tYS5rMTIud2EudXNYBAAAAAE~).

Get more information on our COVID-19 health and safety page: [https://www.tacomaschools.org/about/newsroom/health-safety](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/R77lB9GiZqMRE-jHJU6esw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjaZxEP0Q6aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudGFjb21hc2Nob29scy5vcmcvYWJvdXQvbmV3c3Jvb20vaGVhbHRoLXNhZmV0eVcHc2Nob29sbUIKYYHEaIhhUsRx2VIYc3Bhc2tldEB0YWNvbWEuazEyLndhLnVzWAQAAAAB)

Sincerely,

Christian Jordan

Principal

Sherman STEAM Elementary