



# Talbot Times

**From Kelly Sleeper, PTA President**

JUN 2021

Dear Talbot Families,

As the Summer Break quickly approaches, I just want to thank all of our Talbot students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators for making the most of this crazy and unforgettable year. The past few months we've enjoyed hosting **Family Movie Night on the Lawn**; a week-long celebration of our Teachers and Staff during **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**; and our first in-person **Scholastic Book Fair** since January 2020.

With a short summer break, your **2021-2022 PTA Board** is already looking into the next school year. We're optimistic that we'll be able to put on some of our favorite activities from the past such as the **Boosterthon Fun Run** and **Fall Carnival** as well as some of our new favorites such as **Multicultural Month** and **Family Movie Night on the Lawn**.

I'm honored to serve as the 2021-2022 Talbot PTA President. Have a great summer, and I'll see you next [school] year!

Kelly Sleeper, Talbot PTA President  
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**Upcoming Events:**

- ✓ **Early Dismissal Mon 6/15-Wed 6/17 @ 12:37 p.m.**
- ✓ Last Day of School, Wed 6/16
- ✓ Meet the Teacher, Grades 1-5, 8/6 @ 1 p.m.
- ✓ First Day of School for 2021-2022 year, Tues, 8/10

*Looking forward to the 2021-2022 School Year*

**August**

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Wednesday August 4 | Teacher Welcome Breakfast |
| Tuesday August 10  | First Day of School       |
| Friday August 13   | Boo-Hoo Breakfast         |
| Tuesday August 24  | Volunteer Orientation     |

**September**

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| Wednesday September 8 | Boosterthon Kick Off Pep Rally |
| Tuesday September 14  | PTA General Meeting at 6PM     |
| Friday September 17   | Boosterthon Fun Run            |

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## Principal's Corner



Hi Talbot Tiger families,

As we finish out the 2020-21 school year, we continue to have valuable learning occurring each day as well as many fun, hands-on activities for our students. Your involvement is still key and we thank you for your ongoing support and great communication. Reach out to us at any point if you have a question or feedback.

Because this is the last Talbot Times for the school year, I wanted to thank each of you, the parents and families, for making Talbot a special and remarkable place. I'm also appreciative of our students for being the heart of the school. I think the world of our teachers and staff because of their continued professionalism and heroic efforts. Finally, I would like to thank Nannette Dell, previous Talbot Principal and top-rate school leader. I am so proud to be a Talbot Tiger with all of you.

Sincerely,

Chris Beland, Principal



## Thank you for your support at Talbot Airlines!

We want to thank everyone who participated in Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week.

Our journey around the world would not have been possible without the support, donations, & volunteers from our Talbot Family.

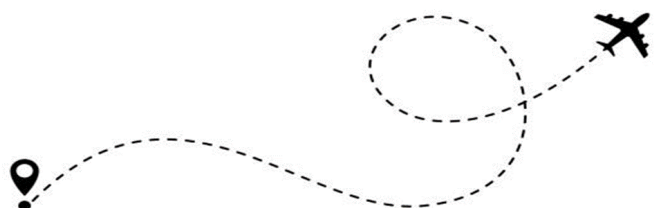


After a lot of turbulence this past year, it was nice to be able to sit back & enjoy a nice flight with a fantastic flight crew.

Not only do we have the best Teachers in the world, our Talbot Family is Top Notch, too!

Thanks,

Lucy Carman, TSAW Chair &  
Air Traffic Controller



## PTA Thanks and Celebrates 2021 Talbot Retirees!

- David Ottenberg, Music
- Sarah Skipper, Kindergarten
- Becca Raysin, Media Specialist
- Alicia LaFrance, ESE Teacher
- Becky Heron, 2nd Grade

We asked the retirees to share some history, reflections, and plans for the future. Their own words and memories are included below.

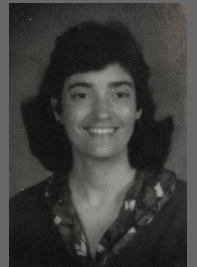
### *Sarah Skipper*

*I began teaching in 1981, so I have been in education for 40 years. I have taught preschool, Kindergarten, and First Grade. I enjoy Kindergarten the most.*

*I love teaching because I enjoy seeing children discover that learning something new is fun!*

*Plans for retirement*

- take a siesta everyday
- read more books
- volunteer 1) at the library reading books to children    2) rocking babies in the hospital
- 3) volunteering in Kindergarten at Talbot
- join a quilt club and/or a gardening club



### Becky Heron

I have been teaching for 35 years!! I have taught everything from Kindergarten to Second grade including a few combination classes. My favorite grade level seems to be the one that I am currently teaching. (No matter what grade it happens to be!) I began my career in Trenton where I was hired as a Title One teacher because there were no other openings that year. I was excited, but when the first day came, I was so sad not to have "my class". I had completely set my Title One classroom up including making curtains, etc. Within the first week, it became apparent that they would need another Kindergarten teacher. Even though it meant moving classrooms and completely changing my plans, I jumped at the chance to have "my kids". I taught Kindergarten in Trenton for the next 5 years and loved every minute of it. When we moved to Gainesville, I took a job at Archer Community School. There I taught Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade for the next 9 years. When my youngest daughter finished elementary school, I was ready to move closer to home. That's when I was blessed to be hired at Talbot! I have been here at Talbot for the last 21 years! I began as a Kindergarten teacher, moved to First Grade and then moved up to Second with a great group of students a few years ago.

My plans for retirement include sleeping in, enjoying the beach, and spending time with family. It will begin with a Fourth of July trip to Texas to see my four brothers and their families!

Thanks for the memories, love, and support from my Talbot Family!

## Talbot Retiree Stories (continued)

Alicia LaFrance

I have been an educator for 30 years. I was hired as a Special Education Teacher in 1991- at a middle school in NH. I went on to become assistant principal and then an elementary school principal in NH for 12 years. I moved to Pensacola FL where I then spent 1 year as a Special Education Teacher and then became an assistant principal. Four years ago my family moved to Gainesville and I was so lucky to be hired as a special education teacher here at Talbot with my granddaughter at the time in 2nd grade. No pictures to share too funny but many fond memories..)

My husband and I will be living retirement on our mini farm as I collect animals to care for, playing golf and pickleball and enjoying a few trips back to NH to visit our two sons and my sister.

Becca Raysin

How many total years in education? 31 years, 1990-2021

How many years at Talbot Elementary? 5 wonderful years, 2016-21

A favorite memory of teaching: This is a tough question since I have so many fond memories of students, PreK - 12th grade! I have worked in five counties; Duval, Leon, Volusia, Palm Beach, Alachua and at 11 schools! I have met so many wonderful children, families, faculty and staff.

A favorite memory: 1991 - I was teaching 1st grade at Beauclerc Elementary and my daughter, Shannon, was in 2nd grade right down the hall from me! We had a fabulous, fun year together!

A funny memory: The Principal at Canopy Oaks Elementary would allow me, every Friday after school, to drive the custodial lawn mower with the cart of pine straw attached, filled with laughing little children. I would drive them by the bus loop, parent pick up, and all around the playground!

I enjoyed opening two new schools; Canopy Oaks Elementary in Tallahassee and Benoist Farms in West Palm Beach. I was honored to receive the Crystal Apple Award and Teacher of the Year three times in my career.

These are all great memories.

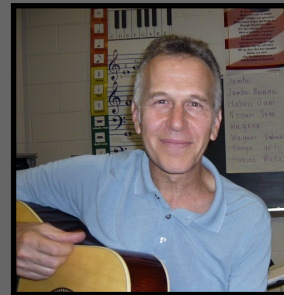
What are you looking forward to doing in your retirement? I am looking forward to decluttering every drawer and closet in my house! I am also looking forward to traveling a bit. Most importantly, I am looking forward to having more time to spend with my family, especially my precious grandson, little Harry!



David Ottenberg

I've been a music teacher for 29 years, the last 13 at Talbot. I feel very lucky to have taught here and to have been a small part of such a great team of teachers and staff; and, most of all, to have had so many wonderful students.

On a personal note, thanks to the PTA and all of the parents that have been so incredibly nice and supportive over the years.



*We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors! Thank you for your dedication to all the Talbot students you've served over the years. You will be missed!*

DON'T CRY BECAUSE IT'S OVER,  
SMILE  
BECAUSE IT HAPPENED.

DR. SEUSS



# Amazon Smile



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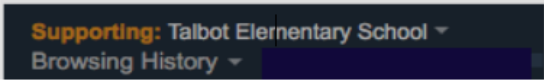
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## Last call for 2020-2021 Yearbooks!

Hey Talbot Families! If social media is your thing, please take a minute to "Like" and "Follow" us at "Talbot PTA" on Facebook for regular updates, important information, and invitations to get involved. Invite your Talbot friends to follow us too!

2020-2021 school yearbooks can still be purchased online until they are sold out at [www.swiphoto.com/yb](http://www.swiphoto.com/yb) for \$25. Order yours before it's too late!  
**School code is 92754**





# Spring Arts Fundraiser

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You will be able to upload multiple pieces of art, something your child created in the past, a new drawing, or both. Sibling art, family projects and photographs are also accepted! To prepare your art for uploading, follow these easy instructions for [how to scan/photograph your art](#).

**Please support our fundraiser with heART!**

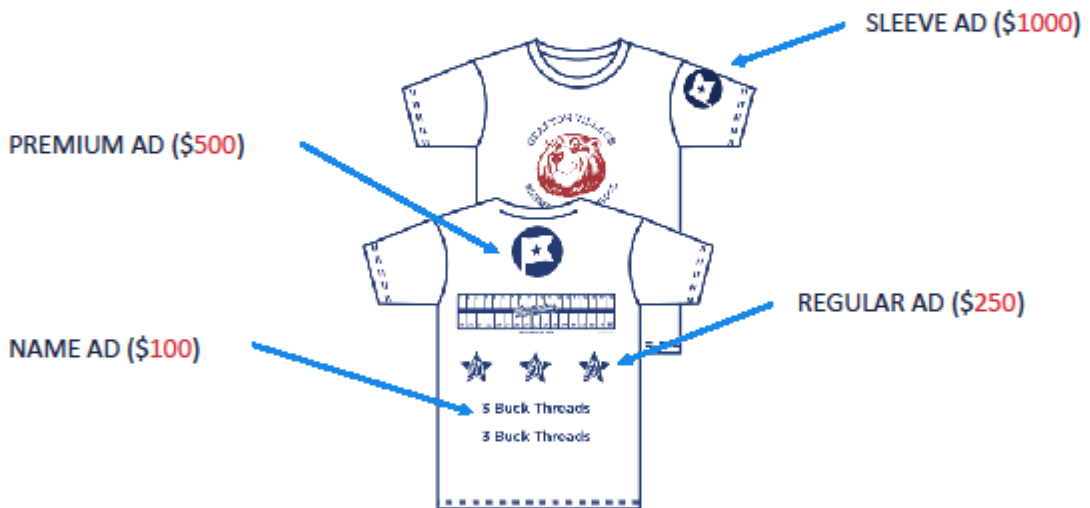
# Boosterthon Sponsorship Opportunity

## **BOOSTER SPIRIT WEAR** **BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP FORM**

Talbot Elementary is so excited to host a Fun Run (powered by Boosterthon) to help our school! Boosterthon is a fun, nine-day program that combines world-class character content with a highly-profitable fundraiser.

To increase the excitement and school spirit of this event, we're hoping to provide each student with a FREE custom t-shirt to wear the day of the Fun Run event, at no cost to our school.

In order to make this happen, we need your help! We're hoping to partner with local businesses to help sponsor our shirts. If your business would like to sponsor our t-shirts, please see the information below for pricing and details. Your logo or name will be displayed on the back of a shirt worn by 700 students year-round, providing continuous exposure for your business! Thank you so much for your consideration!



All donations are tax deductible. Please send your name, phone number, and business logo (or name) to the email address below by **August 1, 2021** to secure your spot. Please make checks payable to Talbot Elementary PTA and mail to **5701 NW 43rd Street Gainesville, FL 32653** by **August 31, 2020**. Our contact info is below if you have any questions. Thanks so much for sponsoring our shirts!

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# Introducing your 2021-2022 Talbot PTA Board!

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Summer!