

April 11, 2021

"Waste no more time arguing what a good man should be. Be One."

Marcus Aurelius

Dear Torrey Pines Families,

The night before the first day of school is always a mixture of excitement and anticipation. This evening is no different, although reopening school with so many new precautions and procedures in place makes a lot of us feel more organized and prepared than ever before!

I want to thank Mr. Pete, Ms. Stacy and Mr. Norton who worked both Saturday and Sunday getting our campus and classrooms extra ready for students tomorrow. Thank you to Mrs. Jill and Mrs. Kimberly for finishing backpack tags over the weekend, and thank you to Mrs. Marleen and Mrs. Anna who were on campus non-stop preparing each child's new pencil box and bag of student health check-list forms.

I also appreciate our teachers, who have adjusted their schedules, tried on all the new technology and brainstormed tirelessly as to how we will include all children, both those onsite and online, in our learning experiences over the next forty-one school days.

In addition, thank you to the parents and families who are trusting us with their children tomorrow. Not being able to walk your child to his/her classroom on the first day of school is new for all of us. Please know that every single staff member is committed to making your child feel comfortable and safe.

So, if you or your children have the first-day jitters, too, know there are a lot of us out there! I can't wait to see you soon!

In partnership,  
Ms. Richard

***Here's Everything Else You Need to Know for the Week:***

Student in the Spotlight Assemblies

Wednesday, April 14

8:30-9:00 AM Grades TK/K & 1

9:00-9:30 AM Grades 2-5

<https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/88441691946>

[Back to School Guide For Families](#)

[Weekly Lunch Menu & List of What Is Included in the Take Home Bag](#)

[Grocery Item Schedule for Week of 4/12-4/16](#)

[Covid Testing For Students](#)

A team from UCSD will be on our campus on these dates to administer COVID 19 testing for students and staff:

Mondays, 8-10 AM

April 19, May 3, May 17, May 31

\*I realize May 31 is a holiday and am awaiting directions from the UCSD team for a possible change in date.

Any student participating in onsite learning is welcome to come to TPES on April 19 and receive a test. Testing is completely free. Please note at this time we cannot test other family members or students who attend another school. All information for families can be found here: Website:

<https://bit.ly/3mQhez8>

Important Notes:

1. 24 Hours prior to the testing date, you will receive an email from UCSD to sign up for a MyChart account. This account is where you will go to be able to access your child's COVID-19 testing results.
2. Results will be available on your UCSD MyChart account in 2-5 days but are usually available in 24 hours. All positive test results are also called to the family by UCSD.

Join in the Variety Show!

Watch the Video [HERE](#) and **JOIN IN THE FUN!**

The annual **Torrey Pines Elementary School Foundation VARIETY SHOW** is the **DAZZLING** highlight of the year where students get to showcase their talent and let their light shine bright on the big stage! It is guaranteed to be a **NIGHT TO REMEMBER!**

Our TPES students know how to get their groove on so **TPESF** wants to celebrate with a theme to match their amazing talent. The theme for this year's **VIRTUAL VARIETY SHOW** is **BETTER WHEN I'M DANCING!** So, warm up your vocal chords, put on your dancing shoes, rehearse a skit, recite poetry, show us some magic, flip some cartwheels or bring whatever you have to this year's show! We cannot wait to see your **TALENT!**

To participate we ask each student to prepare a video of their act and upload it [here](#). Click [here](#) for more information and instructions on how to film your video.

Dance and Movement

This week continues our Dance and Movement rotations for students in grades 2-5. Onsite students will Zoom with their instructors in the auditorium. Remember that students in grades K-1 will continue receiving Spanish instruction. To find more information related to the instructors who will be working with students, click this link:

<https://www.sdcyb.org/facultyandstaff>

Meeting for Parents of Students Who are Learning Online Phase Two

Friday, April 16 at 1:00-1:45 PM

<https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/4877226500>

At parent's request, I am available again this Friday to work together to ensure we meet the needs of online learners.

Safety Committee: Wednesday, April 28 9:00-9:40 AM

<https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/84187461959>

Please email me any suggestions that you would like to see on the agenda, including emergency drills and safety patrol.

### **Reopening Updates Page**

Check out SDUSD's "[Reopening Updates](#)" on our website to share news and highlight our progress.

### **New Family Information Sessions: Please Share With All!**

I am thrilled to welcome any families interested in learning more about TPES to upcoming information sessions! All are invited to join Foundation representatives and me on any of these dates to learn about TK/K and plans for all grade levels in the 2021-2022.

TPES was the only school in San Diego Unified to be re-awarded the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award in fall of 2019. Let's make sure everyone knows about this high-caliber school in our backyard!

TPES New Family Sessions: 9:00-9:40 AM with Q/A 9:40-10:00 AM

Friday, April 16

Friday, May 14

Zoom link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/82101707679>

### **GATE Program, Testing and Class Placement**

April 9 Update from District's Special Education Department:

"As previously stated, we will not resume GATE testing until all students have returned to onsite learning. This decision is based on both equity for our students and validity in the process of assessing and identifying students. We appreciate your patience as we develop a path forward."

Please visit the [SDUSD GATE webpage](#) and the [Muirlands GATE webpage](#) for the most current information.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Memorial Day Holiday: Monday, 5/31

Last Day of School: Tuesday, 6/15

### **Weekly District Notices and Agendas**

Please see attached.

### **TPES New Telephone Number**

With the upgrades in technology, our new phone number is 619 605 3700.

Our old phone number, 858 453 2323, will continue to forward to our new line until May 2020. Remember that at this time staff are working from home and are unable to answer the phone. Please continue to email office staff and teachers.

### **School Site Council and School Governance Team**

The next SSC meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 7 from 7:45-8:30 AM.

Zoom Link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/82705330996>

The next SGT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13 from 7:15 to 8:00 AM.

Zoom Link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/84187461959>

### **La Jolla Cluster Meetings**

Save the dates! These are a great way to hear more about issues that are affecting other SDUSD schools in our La Jolla community. The meeting dates for 2021 are scheduled for 4/15 and 5/20. All meetings run from 4:15-5:30 PM.

Cluster Meeting Zoom Link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/82879953442>

### **Technology Support for Families**

Remember, only authenticated users can access Zoom accounts. Please click the link above if you need to learn how to log into Zoom with your sandi.net address.

### **Technology Tips**

Please check out the Parent Support Website <http://bit.ly/sdusditsupport> for any technology concerns.

*Our success depends on you! Thank you for being a part of Torrey Pines Elementary School.*