

May 16, 2021

We must start their stories and identities with their excellence.

Dr. Gholdy Muhammad

Dear Torrey Pines Families,

It's hard to believe how quickly this year is coming to a close. Teachers and students are working together diligently to squeeze every ounce of learning out of our remaining instructional minutes, and this week and next students will have the opportunity to showcase their knowledge on math and reading assessments. These data points are important to identify because teachers and children have been working hard all year long. When we opened this year with online learning, TPES made a commitment to provide a robust experience for kids so that the school year was not a "waste." Many families have expressed just how much their students were able to learn and grow, despite most students being back on site and physically present with teachers for only five weeks now. Receiving specific and timely feedback is an important component of the learning process. Students in grades 2-5 will try out a new math assessment in a low-stakes, low-pressure atmosphere this week. Check out this fall 2020 article in the Union Tribune in which Instructional Coordinator, Aly Martinez, explains the origins of this District Essential Mathematics Indicator (DEMI):

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/opinion/commentary/story/2020-09-15/commentary-covid-19-distance-learning-mathematics>

Just as much as we are capturing this year's learning, we are looking ahead to share information about summer learning and fall plans. Principals have been told that families will receive more information about the Summer Experience program on Tuesday, May 18. Please note that Summer School and ESY for all elementary students runs from 6/21-7/16.

Remember that school this fall will be a return to our five-day week schedule, with minimum days (12:30 dismissal) on Wednesdays. School reopens on Monday, August 30, and you can see the 2021-2022 school calendar here:

https://sandiegounified.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_27732394/File/Academics/Academic%20Calendars/Adopted%20Pre-Labor%20Day%20Start%20Traditional%202021-22.pdf

Also this week, our final La Jolla Cluster meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, May 20 from 4:15 - 5:30 PM. You can meet the District's Restorative Justice Practices team and learn how TPES staff are putting into place protocols and strategies to bring RJP to our school. Zoom link:

<https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/82879953442>

In addition, please remember that tomorrow, Monday, May 17, is our final day of COVID testing. Our gates will open later than usual. You can drop off students at 8:05, but they will need to wait in line outside the gates. Also, our Safety Patrol students will be manning the cross walk and directing traffic for the first time tomorrow morning. Our drop off zones will change, so look for the cones indicating just two sections for drop off: before the crosswalk and after. It is more important than ever that children are prepared to hop out of the car before you pull onto Cliffridge. Drive cautiously and be patient as we navigate this new twist in drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Lastly, it's a week to recognize our Classified Staff! Ask your child for the names of other adult helpers - besides classroom teachers - who work with their whole hearts to make our school a special place. There are many adults on site contributing to your child's daily experience. Join me in thanking them.

Cheers,

Dr. Richard

(After graduating this weekend, I am officially a PhD and even more officially on my way to becoming a much more balanced human-being.)

Here's what you need to know for the week ahead:

New Families Information Session

Feel free to share with friends and families who may be new to our school. Here is a link to last Friday's presentation:

https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/rec/share/ccv6_8jgUYPFjN9r2Cc3T-Or1aoO67IMLx6yaULX3z106xrC6FEQqwoSDFW9sayT.rm-WmM5GZKMBY2V0

Passcode: =#e725#A

13 DAYS LEFT to BUY A YEARBOOK ONLINE!

The TPES Yearbook Sneak Peek video is here!

Torrey Pines Elementary:

https://screencast-o-matic.com/u/TPPY/Torrey_Pines_Elem_Sneak_Peek

Online yearbook purchases will be shut off on 5/29 or until they sell out, whichever is first. Buy a \$35 yearbook for your child [HERE](#).

There are less than 100 yearbooks left. These are expected to sell out - a limited quantity was ordered.

There are several children who appear in the yearbook multiple times, but have not secured a yearbook of their own. Please contact Jade at yearbook@tpesfoundation.org with any questions!

TPES COVID Testing For Students

May 17 is our final COVID 19 testing date for students and staff from 8:00-10:00 AM. UCSD is unable to begin testing staff any earlier than 8:00 AM, so on May 17, we will open our gates for students at 8:15 AM.

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

*Remember, testing is only for students who are not exhibiting symptoms. If children have symptoms, please make an appointment for testing with your medical doctor. In addition, be sure to tell your child's teacher if you make an appointment, so his/her teacher can help ensure your child is tested.

Important Notes include:

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.

To register your child for a timeslot, click this link:

<https://covidtestscheduler.ucsd.edu/home/asym/SDUtorreypines>

Summer Learning Opportunities for Students

This year, summer opportunities will be available for all elementary students, and this is made possible via the support of many community partners. You can learn more from the Level Up San Diego Website: <https://levelupsandiego.org>.

Our District Office has provided this link for families to register so they will be contacted when enrollment opens. [SIGN UP](#) so you don't miss out on the details you need!

For elementary students, the Summer Experience will be held for four weeks, from June 21-July 16, for four hours each morning. ***Torrey Pines will not be hosting any of these district summer programs on our campus.***

Parents will have the opportunity to share their preferences for the schools and programs their children will attend for summer school. Bird Rock Elementary and Doyle Elementary are the closest schools to Torrey Pines hosting the Summer Experience at their sites.

2021 Extended School Year (ESY) Parent/Guardian Question and Answer Sessions

The San Diego Unified School District will be holding a series of Special Education Extended School Year (ESY). ESY is designed for a small number of students with IEPs who require higher levels of support to mediate regression that would otherwise occur over the summer weeks. ESY will be held from June 21-July 16 Question and Answer (Q&A) Zoom meetings for parents leading up to the start of ESY for elementary students. The days and times for these meetings are as follows:

May 19th 12:00-1:00 pm

June 2nd 10:00-11:00 am

June 16th 5:30-6:30 pm

Join any of the above sessions using the following link:

<https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/89101402080>

Password: 437690

To submit questions in advance, please complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/NHfxA5ZKbWxV77SPA>

Parent Healthy Kids Survey

Please take this survey to provide feedback to our school regarding our campus climate. This information helps us better prepare to meet families' and students' needs. Thank you!

<https://wested.ugam-apps.com/wed/ts/qq6L>

Enrollment at TPES

It is enrollment time again. We welcome you to visit the TPES website at torreypines.sandiegounified.org to enroll your incoming students. Please look under the Parents tab for 21/22 enrollment information. If you know of anyone new to the TPES community please let them know that the time to enroll has come. If you have any questions please feel free to email our ESA Kimberly Hines khines@sandi.net or call our office 619-605-3700 press 5 to connect with Mrs. Hines or 0 for general enrollment information. We look forward to having you join the TPES community for the 21/22 school year and beyond.

*If you are a returning student, you do not need to reapply. You will be asked to update your contact information in the fall. Please make sure you have completed the Returning Student Survey so your child is assigned to a classroom!

TPES Dance and Movement Classes

Please mark your calendars to join your students in grades 2-5 for the final week of Dance and Movement classes at Torrey Pines. Zoom meeting numbers are below, and the passcode is DANCE. Save the following dates and times:

Tuesday, June 1

Grade 5

Mr. DeVore @ 8:30 AM

Meeting ID: 847 4085 2764

Mr. Ramirez @ 9:20 AM

Meeting ID: 831 5674 0999

Ms. White @ 10:10 AM

Meeting ID: 882 6930 7434

Grade 3 *Zoom Meeting Numbers to come.

Ms. Elliott @ 11:40 AM

Meeting ID: 824 0224 1587

Ms. Cohen/Mrs. Jackson @ 12:30 PM

Meeting ID: 869 0610 2967

Ms. Bagaporo @ 1:20 PM

Meeting ID: 874 3824 5578

Mr. Serafin @ 2:10 PM

Meeting ID: 860 3631 2482

Thursday, June 3

Grade 2

Ms. Harp @ 12:30 PM

Meeting ID: 823 4999 4902

Mr. Lee @ 1:20 PM

Meeting ID: 883 2622 6343

Mrs. Gordon @ 2:10 PM

Meeting ID: 818 7887 3497

Monday, June 7

Grade 4

Ms. Nieto @ 12:30 PM

Meeting ID: 871 6462 8401

Mrs. Saldivar @ 1:20 PM

Meeting ID: 850 7838 6602

Mrs. Kluch/Mrs. Jackson @ 2:10 PM

Meeting ID: 838 9800 8249

No California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Assessment

On Wednesday our District announced students in grades 3-5 would not be taking the state standardized assessment, CAASPP, this year. Instead, students will take the following assessments:

This month, TPES students in grades 3-5 will take the FASTtrack Reading assessment. This is a computer-adaptive, standards-aligned reading assessment, combined with selected grade level skill tests that provide risk/skill level results and, for at-risk students, intervention suggestions/tracking. The assessment is 45 minutes.

This month, students in grades 3-5 will also take the District Essential Mathematics Assessment (DEMI). The DEMI is an asset-based, standards-aligned assessment that is designed to capture a window into students' development of multi-dimensional math understandings. The assessment is 45 minutes.

In addition, students in grades 4-5 will take the CORE Social & Emotional Survey during the last week of May. This survey provides information on students' SEL intrapersonal and extrapersonal competencies, including self-efficacy, self-management, social awareness and growth mindset. The assessment is 15 minutes.

Students in grades TK-2 will also take versions of the FAST reading and math assessments. The information we gain from these assessments is critical to our preparation for the fall. The teachers and I will use this information to plan for reteaching for students who need this. We also use this information to help build our classes for 2021-2022.

Please be on the lookout for information from your child's teacher about the dates and times for these important assessments.

Student Council's Grade Level Reading Competition

In keeping with TPES tradition, Student Council is reviving the annual "Grade Level Reading Competition." Students must simply go to a Padlet and record what they read.

Here is the link:

<https://padlet.com/Wordmaster/read>

Password:

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When a child finishes a book(s), he/she/they just need to record it under the teacher's name with how many pages it was. Note: these are books they just started reading, not ones from the whole year. Student Council will tally the pages each week. It will be a four-week contest. The winning class at each grade level will receive an ice cream treat.

GATE Testing and Identification

For the upcoming year, San Diego Unified is maintaining the decision to pause testing until schools have fully reopened and all students have returned to onsite learning. The decision is centered around equity - providing our students with what they need to be successful with equal access. Our District is deeply committed to screening students universally, providing an opportunity for all students to be assessed without barriers, and providing students with the support that they need (some of which students can only get in a school setting). In addition, there is not a valid way to test students who have continued learning online, and only testing onsite learners - while limiting access to testing/identification for our online learners - would not be equitable.

Our District did not take this decision lightly. We know that GATE identification and ability to participate in GATE classes is important for many of our students and families. SDUSD leadership reached out to other school districts across the state, and they are proceeding the same way.

Here's what this means for our students:

2nd Grade

- There will not be an opportunity to take a GATE test
- No students will be identified for GATE/Seminar programs/classes
- There will not be GATE/Seminar classes in 3rd grade
- Class Placement - We will implement the process we always use to place students in classes, using their strengths, needs, peer dynamics, match to teacher, and other factors. We will create balanced classes in terms of abilities, gender, etc.

5th Grade

- There will not be an opportunity to take a GATE retest
- Additional students will not be identified for GATE/Seminar programs
- Class Placement - Muirlands is working on the process for student class placement with input from other Cluster principals, middle school principals, and District leadership - more information to come

New to the District

- There will not be an opportunity to take a GATE test
- No students will be identified for GATE/Seminar programs/classes
- Class Placement - We will implement the process we always use to place students in classes, using their strengths, needs, peer dynamics, match to teacher, and other factors. We will create balanced classes in terms of abilities, gender, etc.

I know that our community has been eager for information and was hoping to learn that GATE testing would resume during our Phase 2 reopening. The La Jolla Cluster principals and District leadership know that this is an important topic for our families, and we are collaborating with one another and with principals from across the District. Our Cluster plans to offer a meeting next month in which we will share information and solicit your valuable input.

TPES Online Learners PE Sessions

On Mondays at 11:40 AM, Coach Sergio will teach a PE session for online students. We will record the session, and you can reach out to your child's teacher for the link. Online students can still participate with their classmates during their rotation PE, but they may also participate in this online session instead.

The link to the 11:40 AM Zoom is:

<https://zoom.us/j/8584532323?pwd=NUd2UmJmbnVMdEpnTWVlM1dHcENpZz09>.

The password is the same.

Check out previously recorded session here:

May 10:

https://zoom.us/rec/share/AHeLaeSqh87_0Nvv3zQqNdm1ZMyQA2nSbjHDRNdDXqCbncCxfq7tE1zH1xV7NJPO.gakxREKfDycJU36S

May 3:

https://zoom.us/rec/share/DOE7hFvdzY85UL8AYc_eR5MJ8kt3bt06i_rN9vt1jIk4KSSq5j_Tr_P71WsNidAR.oQt2m92tPRfpVjyn

April 26:

https://zoom.us/rec/share/JsOhszezjV5UdXnsifHmqIq0vEFN8oqqYaLJj5oha8_J_wMjgfFmlViFGNWzMxQ1.e_pO78aeeogaRkx4

Spanish Class Information

First Grade Thursdays

May 20, 27

June 3, 2021

Meeting ID: 835 4302 1043

Passcode: 736939

TK & Kindergarten Fridays

May 21, 28

June 4

Meeting ID: 829 7275 9750

Passcode: 836906

Weekly District Notices and Agendas

Please see attached.

School Site Council

The final SSC meeting of the year is scheduled for Friday, June 4 from 7:45-8:30 AM.

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

School Governance Team

Catch your SGT in September 2021!

Final La Jolla Cluster Meeting of this Year

Thursday, May 20 from 4:15 PM-5:30 PM

Zoom link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/82879953442>

TPES Principal/Foundation Chat

Friday, June 4 at 9:00-9:30 AM

Zoom Link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/92277357059>

Upcoming Dates

Memorial Day Holiday: Friday, 5/28 and Monday, 5/31

Last Day of School: Tuesday, 6/15

TPES Office Hours

Monday-Thursday from 8:05 AM to 3:30 PM.

Friday from 8:25 AM to 12:00 PM.

Give us a call during those times at (619) 605-3700. Please be sure to listen to all options.

TPES COVID Information

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LH_Vrx3LPH4M3Yj4smTsjqIt5WCZyaz_mCcIc2dj50o/edit?usp=sharing

District: COVID-19 Dashboard

<https://datastudio.google.com/u/0/reporting/18b89718-e1f9-4fa3-adff-9457e210131c/page/uUJkB>

Technology Tips

Please check out the Parent Support Website <http://bit.ly/sdusditsupport> for any technology concerns. You can also email jpallulat@sandi.net to exchange any non-working device for a working one.

Thank you for your dedication to our students! We are glad you are a part of Torrey Pines Elementary School!