

June 13, 2021

Don't try to steer the river.

Deepak Chopra

Dear TPES Families,

It's been a memorable year that simply could not have been possible without the collaboration between our teachers, school staff, students and families! While the current that is created by a global pandemic is fierce, we have tried to remain constant in the lives of our students and families.

I am certain that we have done our best to provide a quality educational experience worthy of our kids. I also believe that as school fully reopens in the fall, you will still see technology used in innovative ways to serve children and community. In addition, we know that good teaching - which includes building relationships; creating safe learning environments; maintaining student engagement; checking for understanding; providing feedback; and building lessons and units that are both standards-based and differentiated to meet students' needs - can extend beyond a school campus and into students' homes, too.

In the midst of the past sixteen months, we have also strengthened our organizational structures on campus, increased campus safety, and maintained our inclusive orientation toward tolerance and diversity. In 2021-2022, you can expect a flourishing of instructional and enrichment programs and activities as our energy and resources can now be redirected.

Over the summer, I will be hosting a New Family Information Session in July, date TBD. I will be sending more information and a Zoom link as soon as they are available. The last day to drop by our school office is Friday, June 18, and we will reopen the week of August 16.

In August, I will also be hosting Coffee Chats with the Principal to provide information about our safety protocols and other Back-to-School updates. Classroom assignments will be announced in the days before the start of the new school year. Remember, the first day of school is Monday, August 30!

You can find the District's 2021-2022 calendar here:

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

Enjoy summer, and see you in August!

Dr. Richard

New Information

Summer Meals: June 16 to August 20

Nutritious meals will be available for all children 18 & younger throughout the summer. You can find drive-thru or walk-up/ pick-up at 14 curbside locations from Monday -Friday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Students participating in summer school will have access to the same grab n' go meal bags. Visit the Food Services [website](#) and/or view this [flyer](#) for more information.

The Shell Summer Concerts

Mrs. Slavic wanted to share information about a fun summer concert families might enjoy this summer:

STAR WARS: RETURN OF THE JEDI

Sat 09/18/2021 7:30 PM

For the entire 2021 season, click this link: <https://www.theshell.org/concerts-events/2021-season/>

Repeated Information

Fifth-Grade Promotion

Parents, [please make sure you register here for the fifth-grade promotion ceremony](#) on Tuesday, June 15 at 9:00 AM. Seat assignments have been provided, and ONLY pre-registered guests will be allowed entrance. We look forward to celebrating our fifth-graders' matriculation to middle school. Two opportunities for photographs will be across the street at the tables next to the baseball field and at the marquee at the west end of the school.

Foundation News

CALL FOR 2021-2022 VOLUNTEERS

There are several volunteer positions open for the next school year and we need YOU!

These TPESF Board, Committee Chair, and other positions are **important to help ensure a successful year of fundraising and help run all the amazing programs our kids enjoy at TPES.** For details on each position, please click [here](#). If interested in volunteering, please complete [this form](#). Please help spread the word, and invite a friend to volunteer! Questions? Please send an [email](#) to Michelle Woodhouse at vp@tpesfoundation.org.

YMCA Character Builders Registration is Open!

Please see the attached flier for more information.

Level Up Summer Programs

<http://www.levelupsandiego.org>

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.

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