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If your compassion does not include yourself, it is incomplete.

Jack Kornfield

Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed family-time this winter weekend. I was excited to take my niece and nephew on a socially-distanced, pandemic-style bowling alley playdate on Saturday (apparently to the only bowling only open in Southern California), and this morning my seventy-two year-old father and I enjoyed a crisp, countryside walk in Alpine (no crowds). I know we are all finding ways to connect safely with loved ones right now!

The teachers and I are also looking forward to connecting safely with Torrey Pines families on Wednesday. I ask for your patience in advance as we try to increase efficiency and safety during the upcoming Distribution Day. We ask all parents and children to wear masks and remain in cars. We will only have teacher tents located on the north side of the road, and we will spread out the tents more than usual to allow for easy in-and-out access. At the end of the cul-de-sac you would find our distribution center for younger students' classes. You will also notice a Foundation tent at the cul-de-sac. Please make sure to stop by this tent if you need to purchase or pick-up your Jog-a-thon tee-shirt.

We also ask that you tentatively mark the date of February 10 for the first of what we hope will be monthly TPES Excellence Assemblies, where teachers recognize a small number of students in their class who have demonstrated excellent character, behavior and/or academic performance. All are welcome to attend, and teachers will notify parents of students who are receiving awards in advance. Again, we hope to hold these gatherings monthly so all children can be recognized for their excellence. I will be sending more information and times next week!

Enjoy the last week of January! Where did this first month of 2021 go?

Warmly,
Ms. Richard

Input Needed for 2021-2022 Budget

Understanding parents' needs helps us plan for the upcoming school year. Your feedback will be shared with our School Site Council at our upcoming February and March meetings. Please click the link below to share your thoughts.

[Parent/Guardian/Community Input Survey for 2021-2022 Budget](#)

Yearbook News

WEEKLY TOPICS. Thank you for the photo submissions and responses so far!

We are starting Week 2 Topics: Share your child's thoughts and photos in the 2020-2021 TPES Yearbook. Each week until the end of Feb, there will be a new topic for yearbook submissions.

[Click Here for JAN 25-31: Share pics from any/all holidays this school year and photos with siblings.](#)

[Q: What is the best thing your teacher has done for you?](#)

SCHOOL PORTRAITS. For those who would like to submit a "school portrait selfie" for the yearbook classroom page portrait, please [CLICK HERE FOR SELFIE GUIDELINES](#). Selfie Portraits can be uploaded at the [YEARBOOK PHOTO SUBMISSION LINK BY CLICKING HERE](#). Thanks to the families who have already uploaded them. Vendors are not taking school portraits on campus this year due to the pandemic. Vendors may be available on a case by case basis if parents wish to work with a vendor independently. Guidance will be forthcoming in Feb/Mar for those who wish to use Zoom for a photo capture.

IMPORTANT YEARBOOK DATES:

- FEB 7: Deadline to honor your student with a recognition ad [BY CLICKING HERE](#)
- FEB 25: Deadline to guarantee a yearbook purchase. Guarantee a yearbook for your child [BY PURCHASING ONE AT THIS LINK](#). After Feb 25, yearbooks will be sold on a first come first serve basis until sold out.

Distribution Day, January 27 *Note shortened schedule!

Remember that Wednesday's Distribution Day has been shortened. Teachers will not be able to have conversations through car windows. We ask that you open your trunk so teachers can place student materials inside the car with minimal contact. Remember, we expect all parents and students to wear masks.

***Please note: Grade two is not participating in the upcoming Distribution Day.**

Grade	Time	Tent 1	Tent 2	Tent 3	Tent 4
TK/K	8:00-8:30	Gunn	Bustani	Huynh	Wintringer
1	8:30-9:00	Chiaro	Gonzales	Nguyen	
3	9:00-9:30	Bagaporo	Cohen/Jackson	Elliot	Serafin
4	9:30-10:00	Kluch/Jackson	Nieto	Saldivar	
5	10:00-10:30	DeVore	Ramirez	<i>*Ms. White's class will not be participating this month.</i>	

Food Services: Grab n' Go Meals

Grab n' go meals are available for free to all children Monday-Friday from noon-2 p.m. at 77 locations! Remind your school families to take advantage of this resource. [See this flyer for more information.](#)

Extra grocery items available (while supplies last) at select schools on a rotating basis. Check the schedule for grocery distributions for next week: [Grocery Item Schedule for Week of 1/25-1/29.](#)

Join the Kids Heart Challenge!

Our **Kids Heart Challenge** is going strong! Don't forget that the top PARTICIPATING and top FUNDRAISING classes will get extra incentives, so be sure to sign up if you haven't already!

REGISTER HERE: <http://www2.heart.org/goto/torreyprines>

o Register online and earn the TOP SECRET Decoder wristband

o Raise \$10 and earn the Heart Heroes DASH and SAM. Collect All 6 Heart Heroes and the XL AGENT IKER when you raise life-saving donations!

o The teacher with the top fundraising class will get an Amazon gift card!

[CLICK HERE](#) to see what fun gifts you can earn by participating! And make sure to visit our [VIRTUAL GYM](#), which has 20 days of fun activities to keep us healthy! Thank you for empowering our students to have happy and healthy hearts!

Weekly District Notices and Agendas

Please see attached.

Information Worth Repeating:

TPES School Handbook 2020-2021

Our handbook remains online this year, and we are not collecting the Home Compact at this time. The beginning of 2021 is a super time of the year to review the handbook with your students. The handbook is reviewed by the SGT, SSC and school staff; students, teachers and parents are expected to follow the guidelines.

CAASPP State Testing Will Occur for Grades 3-5

Our District's Assessment Department has let us know testing will occur this year. Students can expect a total of 3.5 hours of assessment for ELA and 2.5 hours for math. Please review the following links for additional information.

GATE Testing Update

GATE Testing will not occur this year until all students have returned to site. [Please click here for more information about the Gifted and Talented Programs in SDUSD.](#)

Breakfast and Books

Join Ms. Richard on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 - 8:30 AM for a read aloud and short chat with students at breakfast time, before the school day begins. Tuesdays will be geared toward a TK-2 audience. Thursdays will be oriented toward grade 3-5 students. Each session has a social-emotional focus.

Zoom link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/91548369892>

The password is: book

Kids Body Connection *New Zoom Link as of January 2021

Please check out the new Kids Body Connection Zoom Link. Join Mrs. Juju every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-1:00 PM.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77376229089?pwd=cUdaZElydXF3cDdNZk14WWhVWWtjdz09>

Meeting ID: 773 7622 9089

Passcode: KBC

Distribution Days

Future Distribution Days to the end of the school year are tentatively scheduled for Feb. 24, April 7 and May 5.

Student Council Playground

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

Use this link to find out all happenings kid-created! Thank you to our student council for organizing this virtual space. Password: TPES

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 Wednesday, February 3 from 7:45 to 8:25 AM.

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

The next SGT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11 from 7:15 to 8:00 AM.

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

Technology Tips

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

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 the 2021 are scheduled for 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20. All meetings run from 4:15-5:30 PM.

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

Thank you for being an important part of our school.