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“Keep on going, and the chances are that you will stumble on something, perhaps when you are least expecting it. I never heard of anyone ever stumbling on something sitting down.”

– **Charles F. Kettering**

It's hard to believe we have already been in school for two months. This week, while visiting Zoom classrooms, I noticed consistent high levels of student engagement in learning at all grade levels. Torrey Pines teachers have developed rigorous lessons, and they are making it a point to connect with and include all students in the online learning space. I also have consistently noticed high levels of parent support, especially in our younger grades. Thank you for printing the materials ahead of time and for looking through students' folders to find the correct color of paper for an art project. Families are providing optimal home learning environments for children to do their best. We know that when students feel comfortable and cared for, they are more likely to take risks, ask questions and share out in group discussions. Whether it is fifth-graders discussing the concept of buoyancy or first-graders following the verbal step-by-step directions for coloring a fall picture, everyone is working hard and learning is in full swing at TPES.

The first reporting period closes in two more weeks, on November 6, and I know the teachers and I are eager to share with families the amazing student progress we are seeing throughout many academic areas. This home-school partnership is paying off, and we look forward to meeting with you for parent-teacher conferences in the upcoming weeks.

I am also excited to see students and families during our distribution Friday. Together, we close out the first months of school; prepare for the holiday months of November and December; and ready ourselves for the next Phases of learning as outlined by our Superintendent in the upcoming week.

Yours,
Ms. Richard

Read on to learn more about what you need to know:

Slides from Monday, October 19 GATE Information Meeting

It was nice to see so many parents at our GATE information meeting last Monday. In case you missed it, please find the link to the slides below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V1f7WSKcZh8uk22a0yvPI7tBrQZiJxrc/view?usp=sharing>

La Jolla Resilience Parenting Workshop Series

We had a wonderful first session last Tuesday discussing the importance of “Hunting for the Good.” Don't worry! If you missed the first session, you can still join us for the next three workshops.

Tuesday, October 27 6:00-7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 3 6:00-7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 10 6:00-7:00 PM

Here is the Zoom link for all workshops: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/83209720154>

Friday, October 30: Distribution Day

For those families wishing to make ONE trip to school, please come at your oldest student's grade level time. We will have any uncollected materials from earlier in the day available at the last tent. Please note the first tent will now be the

Foundation's tent. Feel free to come dressed in costume and enjoy a special fall celebration hosted by our Foundation. There will be no Distribution Day in November, but please mark your calendars for Friday, December 11, as our final Distribution Day of the 2020 year.

Please Note: On Friday's Distribution Day, we will be handing out Kinsa thermometers (one per family). [Please click this link to download the Kinsa app and help us stay healthy at TPES.](#)

The schedule is below:

Grade TK/K:	8:00-9:00
Grade 1:	9:00-10:00
Grade 2:	10:00-11:00
Grade 3:	11:00-12:00
Grade 4:	12:00-1:00
Grade 5:	1:00-2:00

Phase One...and Future Phases

I will continue to provide updates as I receive them. Phase One at our school is going very smoothly. Children are so enthusiastic to be back on campus, and teachers are delighted to be interacting with students in person. We look forward to welcoming more children back to campus as staff and scheduling allow.

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming November and December Dates

Wednesday, November 11	No School Veterans Day
Monday, November 16 - Friday, November 20	Parent-Teacher Conferences, Minimum Days
Monday, November 23 - Friday, November 27	Thanksgiving Holiday, No School
Monday, November 30	School Resumes
Friday, December 11	Distribution Day
Monday, December 21 - Friday, January 1	Winter Holiday, No School
Monday, January 4	School Resumes

Technology Tips

To avoid microphone issues, please ensure students are checking Chromebook volume before logging into Zoom. Also, students must login through the District's Clever app. Remember, if your student's device is not functioning, the learning of all children in the Zoom session is impacted. Please reach out to Technology Support for support to ensure high-quality learning for all. If your child has any technology issues, please see this Parent Support Website <http://bit.ly/sdusditsupport> for next steps.

Still having trouble? Email Jacqueline Saville, student engagement/technology support provider: jsaville@sandi.net

School Office Open Wednesdays 9 AM-12 PM (phones not answered)

Please continue to email office staff. We are still unable to answer phone calls.

Maureen Olsker: substitute ESA - molsker@sandi.net

Jill Pallulat: enrollment clerk - jpallulat@sandi.net

Anna Czajkowski: attendance assistant - aczajkowski@sandi.net

Nona Richard: principal - nrichard@sandi.net

District Notices and Agendas

Please see attached.

Information Worth Repeating

Kids Body Connection Available on Zoom Every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78838781992?pwd=ampkSIRBMm5oWDFHR01aSGtkTIB4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 788 3878 1992

Passcode: KBC

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**

School Site Council and School Governance Team

The next SSC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 from 7:45 to 8:24 AM.

The next SGT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12 from 7:15 to 8:00 AM.

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 this year are scheduled for 11/19, 12/17, 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20. All meetings run from 4:15-5:30 PM.

English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC) Parent Representative Still Needed!

If your child is learning English in addition to another primary language, we need you! The school is required to have an active ELAC, or transfer responsibility for the oversight of English learner students to our School Site Council. If you are interested in hearing more, please reach out to Principal Richard at nrichard@sandi.net. Thank you.

Choice Enrollment Window Opens

The Enrollment Options Online Application opened on October 5, 2020 and will close on November 16, 2020. Parents have the opportunity to submit an online Enrollment Options application via the School Choice, Magnet, and Voluntary Enrollment Exchange Program (VEEP), by accessing the district website at

https://www.sandiegounified.org/departments/neighborhood_schools_and_enrollment_options/choice_enrollment_guide. The online application is available in English and Spanish and parents may identify up to three (3)

schools of Choice. This year, the Enrollment Options guide will be published online in order to assist parents in making informed public school choices. There is no benefit to applying early, but applications must be received between October 5, 2020 and November 16, 2020 to receive priority in the electronic lottery. Applications submitted after November 16, 2020 will be added to the end of the randomized list in time/date order of submission, after the lottery of on time applications is processed.

Choice applications are required for all non-resident pupils wishing to enroll in a school including:

- Incoming younger siblings of currently enrolled Choice pupils

- Pupils who were enrolled as residents and then moved out of a school's area but wish to remain enrolled
- Currently enrolled Choice pupils who originally were accepted as residents of SDUSD, but then moved out of the District boundaries
- Children of employees
- Pupils currently attending a Pre K program at a site that is not their school of residence
- Pupils currently enrolled in Magnet programs who wish to articulate to a similar program at the next level, if it is not located in the same high school cluster as the current school of enrollment

Choice application are not needed for:

- Resident pupils
- Currently enrolled Choice pupils who have not moved out of the district
- Currently enrolled Choice pupils who reside out of district and have valid Interdistrict Attendance Permits on file, and/or are articulating to the next level within a cluster feeder pattern
- Currently enrolled Choice pupils who are preparing to articulate within the high school cluster to the next level school

Please note: Choice priorities expanded in the 2019-20 school year, and include:

- Comprehensive Support and Improvement (residents of identified CSI schools)
- Magnet continuity
- Currently enrolled siblings
- Children of employees
- Pupils enrolled in pre-k programs
- Move/continue (in district)
- Move/continue (out of district)
- Concurrently applying siblings (single site & same cluster)
- New to district residents coming from other school systems

We continue to offer the priority to employees of the district who wish to enroll their child(ren) in a school located in the high school cluster in which they work. Employees must be a minimum of .5 FTE in the cluster of employment.

TPES Foundation Page

***Don't miss out on important information about TPES! Register on the Foundation page:

<https://www.tpesfoundation.org/register>

***We are thankful you are part of our outstanding Torrey Pines community! Stay safe! Stay healthy!
Have a great week!***