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Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.

Albert Einstein

Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful December weekend and that you are looking forward to the week ahead. At this time, we plan on holding our Friday, December 11 Distribution Day, but I will remind you several times within this email to please ensure you remain in your vehicles, wear masks and help to ensure the safety of all.

I also invite you to consider uploading a photo or special message to one or more of our retiring teachers, Cathy Isom, Jana Keating, Wendy Gillespie and Dene Hilsen. They have given so much to our community over decades of time. Please see the Foundation's recent e-twig to upload your memory.

See you Friday!

Ms. Richard

Meet Our New Elementary School Assistant, Kimberly Hines

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Hello TPES Families,

My name is Kimberly Hines and I just wanted to introduce myself to you all. I am the new ESA here at Torrey Pines. I have been with the district for five years. I started my journey with SDUSD as a clerical substitute. I have worked in most areas of the front office. The ESA position is a new and much welcomed role. I'm excited to assist you all and grow together. Before coming to Torrey Pines, I worked at Hancock for just under three years as their Enrollment Clerk. I have a deep love and connection with the district, and I look forward to this journey with you.

Please reach out to me at khines@sandi.net with any questions or needs you may have!

COVID Guidelines and Updates

The Governor's Regional Stay Home order allows Phase One learning to continue at TPES because our school was already reopened. Unless the District indicates otherwise, we will continue with our December 11 Distribution Day as planned. No children or families will be allowed out of cars. Remember to wear your masks. For more information, see this link: <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#regional>

Please use this link to understand more about County guidance and FAQs for K-12 schools during this time of Regional Stay Home Orders:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/CommunitySectors/Schools_SDCOE_K12/Schools_K-12_FAQs.html

Distribution Day, December 11

Remember that we are requesting all students and families please remain in their cars this distribution day. Taking of pictures outside the car will not be allowed. In addition, please remember to avoid coming to school if you are experiencing any cold-like symptoms. Please keep all staff and students as safe as possible!

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 is now the Foundation's tent.

The schedule is below with teachers' tents in order from # 1-4, east to west, after the Foundation tent, which is further east.

Grade TK/K: 8:00-9:00 (Gunn, Bustani, Huynh, Wintringer)
Grade 1: 9:00-10:00 (Chiaro, Gonzales, Nguyen)
Grade 2: 10:00-11:00 (Gordon, Harp, Lee)
Grade 3: 11:00-12:00 (Bagaporo, Gillespie/Jackson, Hilsen, Serafin)
Grade 4: 12:00-1:00 (Kluch/Jackson, Nieto, Saldivar)
Grade 5: 1:00-2:00 (DeVore, Ramirez, White)

If you are unable to pick up students' materials on Friday, we will provide multiple times when the office will be open during the week of December 14 so you can retrieve student materials.

Architecture Help Needed for Sun Shade Grant

The Foundation is working hard with our school to secure funding for additional shade structures over our school playgrounds. We are in need of help from an architect who can help our grants team on these projects. Please reach out to Nona Richard if you are an architect (or you know an architect) who can assist with these efforts. All help is appreciated!

Design For Safety

We are looking for a core group of parents who can invest their time in creating more safe and walkable pathways to and from the TPES campus. Please review the attached examples of exemplar projects. The team will begin the process by conducting a review of existing pathways and applying for grant funding.

Holiday Gifts for Staff

During the holidays families often donate to TPES staff beyond their classroom teachers. If you are looking for a way to say thank you to the TPES office and health staff, paraeducators, resource teachers, special education team members, rotation teachers and/or building crew, Please consider making a donation the PayPal link here:

<https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8uiqJ8PyeA>

And Another Retirement

Barbara Mitchell, our school librarian, will also be retiring on Friday, December 18. Thank you, Mrs. Mitchell, for your support of student reading at TPES! Feel free to send Mrs. Mitchell a note at bmitchell@sandi.net.

Our School's Telephone Number is Changing

We are wrapping up our technology upgrades. The school's phone number has changed! 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.

The 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.

La Jolla Cluster Meeting Thursday, December 17 at 4:15 PM

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

We will be joined by Nicole DeWitt, Instructional Support Officer for High Schools from the Office of Leadership and Learning to talk about the new grading policy. Please send nrichard@sandi.net with any questions you would like Ms. DeWitt to address during her presentation. La Jolla Cluster meetings are always open to the public.

District Requests Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Data

School Districts receive funding based on income levels of constituents. Our District is requesting that families please use the attached job aid to update their LCFF data in the Parent Portal. The deadline to do this is Friday, December 11.

Information Worth Repeating:

Report Card Access

Report Cards are available for parents through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. In order to access their child's student portal information, parents will need their child's Student ID and Password.

If a family needs assistance with their student's ID and Password, they can call the Family Technical Support Line Monday-Friday @ 619-732-1400 from 8:00am-5:00pm.

A short job-aid is available to share with families how to view grades/marks: [Viewing Grades in Powerschool](#)

Please see the [Parent and Student Portal Website Link](#) for additional information to assist with implementation and access (Handbook, Job Aids, Video Tutorials, Resources for Parents).

Progress Report Link

Want to know what the report cards look like at each grade level? Click the links to view what is expected at each grade level, TK-5.

https://www.sandiegounified.org/departments/leadership_and_learning/elementary_student_progress_reports

Mark Your Calendars for the Next Two Weeks to Get Involved!

School Governance Team *School Safety Plan to be shared and discussed here.

Thursday, 12/10 @ 7:45-8:25 AM

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

Principal and Special Education Office Hours for Parents of Students with IEPs

Thursday, 12/10 @ 4:00-4:45 PM

[Please register here, and we will send you the Zoom link.](#)

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Thursday, 12/17 @ 4:15-5:30 PM

Guest will be Nicole DeWitt, Instructional Support Officer, to discuss standards-based grading

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

Join Us for Music Class the Week of December 14-18

Plan to join Mrs. Slavik's music class for a special presentation during your child's music rotation this last week before the winter vacation.

Zoom Link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/87394993197>

Password: Music

Music Class 4th Grade on Monday, 12/14

Nieto @ 12:30 P

Saldivar @ 1:20 P

Kluch/Jackson @ 2:10 P

Music Class 5th Grade and 3rd Grade on Tuesday, 12/15

DeVore @ 8:30 A

Ramirez @ 9:20 A

White @ 10:10 A

Gillespie/Jackson @ 11:40 A

Bagaporo @ 12:30 P

Serafin @ 1:20 P

Hilsen @ 2:10 P

Music Class 1st Grade and 2nd Grade Thursday, 12/17

Chiaro @ 8:30 A
Nguyen @ 9:20 A
Gonzales @ 10:10 A
Harp @ 12:30 P
Lee @ 1:20 P
Gordon @ 2:10 P

Music Class Friday, 12/18

Huynh @ 8:30
Bustani @ 9:20
Gunn @ 10:10
Wintringer @ 11:00

District Notices and Agendas *Updated 12/05/2020

Please see attached.

Progress Toward Reopening

The County Office of Education has released a new [DASHBOARD](#) to share data on the progress all schools are making in reopening.

Shop at Ralphs? Please Register to Help Our School Earn Money (and tell your friends)

<https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program>

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

Looking to add some mindfulness and mid-day centering to your week? KBC is still going strong. Please join Ms. Juju. We think you will feel energized and motivated!

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 788 3878 1992

Passcode: KBC

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming November and December Dates

Monday, December 21 - Friday, January 1	Winter Holiday, No School
Monday, January 4	School Resumes

School Site Council and School Governance Team

*Agendas posted on our school website 72 hours in advance.

*Please keep your video on and/or identify yourself by name on your Zoom square.

The next SSC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6 from 7:45 to 8:25 AM.

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

The next SGT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10 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 this year are scheduled for 12/17, 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>

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

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

SDUSD Family Engagement Website

For more information regarding District-wide events and initiatives, check out the website: <https://sdusdfamilies.org>.

Thank you for being an important part of our school community!