

12.12.2020

"If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else."

Yogi Berra

Dear Families,

I always get such a motivation boost seeing TPES students and families on our Distribution Days. We appreciate everyone who came out yesterday and followed our safety protocols to ensure a smooth and safe event.

On behalf of our TPES staff, I want to thank parents all for your support throughout 2020. A pandemic sure brings the parent-teacher-student relationship to a whole new level, and when I observe Zoom instruction, I witness first-hand just how much parents are contributing to students' learning experiences. [Here is an interesting article from NPR](#); I am confident that student progress is only made possible through parent participation. **Thank you for printing, uploading, cutting, reminding, encouraging, reading, emailing, scheduling, conferencing, reinforcing, preparing, gluing, guiding and structuring to ensure your child(ren) do not fall behind this school year.**

I also want to express my appreciation for our TPES Foundation and for all the ways parents contribute their time and resources to our Foundation. The TPESF has made possible our fall rotations with Coach Sergio (PE), Mrs. Syeda (art) and Mrs. Slavik (music). In addition, the Foundation has worked hard to prepare an outstanding winter rotation of Spanish instruction for grades TK-1 and technology instruction for grades 2-5. We are also fortunate to have Mrs. Riney, our school counselor, available to support students, parents and teachers an extra half-day per week. Even more, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Polonsky, our two part-time resource teachers who work with students during small-group instruction continue. Finally, we are able to maintain small class sizes because our Foundation has purchased an additional classroom teacher for our site. All these benefits are all made possible because of your donations and our Foundation volunteers.

Finally, I continue to be grateful for our classroom teachers, resource teachers, special education team, office staff, custodial crew, paraeducator personnel and noon duty support who continue to show a service-mindset to create the best learning opportunities available for kids.

I encourage us all to stay away from our screens as much as possible over the winter holiday! I am looking forward to lots of time outside, reading a book for pleasure, enjoying socially-distanced visits with friends and family and reflecting upon how lucky I am to have the best job in the world as your principal at TPES!

See you in 2021!

Ms. Richard

Missed TPES Distribution Day on Friday, 12/11?

Don't worry! Our office will be open for materials pickup this week, Monday, 12/14 through Thursday, 12/17 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. If you need to stop by outside of these days and times, please email Kimberly Hines at khines@sandi.net, so we can work out a plan to meet your needs. It is critical that all children have their learning materials, so please make it a priority to stop by.

FOOD SERVICES: FOOD BOXES AT SELECT CURBSIDE GRAB N' GO MEAL LOCATIONS

Here is this week's Extra Grocery Items Schedule for [Week of 12/14-12/18](#) from Feeding San Diego, the San Diego Food Bank and the USDA. Food distributed is composed of shelf-stable grocery items and/or fresh produce. Boxes are limited in quantity and families are encouraged to arrive early in the distribution time (12 p.m.-2 p.m). Nutritious meals will also be available on [Monday 12/21, Tuesday 12/22 and Wednesday 12/23 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.](#) at 21 curbside grab n' go meal locations.

Calling all Architects!

Our TPES community is looking for an architect who would be willing to help us develop a plan for a permanent shade structure for one of our school playground areas. If you or anyone you know might be willing to donate their time or work for a reduced fee for this

project, please contact: **Susy Kim (susymkim@gmail.com)** or **Arash Izadpanah (arashderm@gmail.com)**.

Join for Music Class this Week! See schedule at the end of this email.

Message from Mrs. Slavik: *The students and I look forward to showing our parents what we learned in music class this year. We did not let the virtual world deter us, we learned new and fun things and all classes showed great progress. Parents are invited to sit at the same computer as their student, or log in on another computer. Parents, it would be helpful if you could log in 5 minutes after class starts.*

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

Password: Music

Order Your Yearbook - and Submit Photos, Too!

Please see attached flier, and order early for the best price!

District Notices and Agendas

Notice of District Advisory Council Meeting

Please see attached.

Information Worth Repeating:

Design For Safety

We continue to look 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. Please reach out to Michelle Woodhouse if you are interested in learning more.

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>

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.

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

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

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, January 14 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 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 community!