

March 21, 2021

"Every journey starts with that first step along with the desire to achieve something. Even if you can't totally see it yet."

Chris Costello

Good evening, TPES Families.

I hope you enjoyed the beautiful weekend. Thank you for joining me at the TPES Reopening Office Hours on Friday. If you were unable to attend, please use the following information to view the recording:

https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/rec/share/NDXZINHaQI_lqm4D6HzcYm3pTik7pX9s3EGMRjvkiRf4Cg0CHeMxYZn5axC78ybg.f7iFtMWs32rF92ux

Passcode: 4QELJ#^k

We ask that you please complete the District's second survey no later than Monday, March 22. You should have received this on Friday afternoon.

Additional Reopening Office Hours will be held at the following dates and times this week:

Tuesday, 3/23	2:00-2:40 PM
Wednesday, 3/24	8:00-8:40 AM
Thursday, 3/25	4:30-5:10 PM *Note this time has changed!

Zoom Link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/4877226500>

A few key points related to reopening:

- If you are unsure which option to pick, choose onsite. If onsite does not work, you can change to online. Moving the other way, from online to onsite, will depend on space availability.
- Drop off will be between 8:10 - 8:30 AM each day. Pick up will be staggered, following this schedule:
 - TK/K 1:45
 - Grade 1 2:00
 - Grade 2 2:15
 - Grade 3 2:30
 - Grade 4 2:45
 - Grade 5 3:00
- For parents with multiple children, we will arrange one pick up at the eldest child's time.

- For parents who have indicated they would like to participate in a sixth hour of school, we will coordinate your end time separately this week.
- Please plan on four days a week of instruction. We will reach out to you this week if this does not look possible.
- There will be no Phase One Learning the week of April 5-April 9 while teachers prepare their classrooms for students' return.
- There are no more Distribution Days scheduled for the year.
- After spring break, I will be sending out more information about what you can expect on April 12. Families will need to review safety protocols before children return to site.

Have a wonderful holiday! I look forward to really "seeing" you soon.

Kind regards,
Ms. Richard

Here's Everything Else You Need to Know for the Week:

Reopening Updates Page

Check out SDUSD's "[Reopening Updates](#)" on our website to share news and highlight our progress.

Safe Schools: Parent Learning Menu

I know the link above was shared at the beginning of the school year; please review the safety and wellness modules as you like.

Technology Support for Families

Remember, only authenticated users can access Zoom accounts. Please click the link above if you need to learn how to log into Zoom with your sandi.net address.

Food Services 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 3/22-3/26](#)
 - Special giveaways of PPE items, library kits, and once a month food drives will be taking place next week.
- ❖ Spring Break Meal Distribution
 - We will have 18 curbside meal locations open Monday 3/29, Tuesday 3/30, and Wednesday 3/31 for children 18 years and younger to receive meals at no cost. Meals can be picked up from 12-2 p.m.
 - See the [Spring Break Meals Flyer](#) for more information.
- ❖ Curbside Meal Location Changes Beginning Monday, April 5
 - In preparation for the reopening of schools for onsite/online hybrid learning, we are making changes to our curbside meal distribution.

- Beginning Monday, April 5, we will have 19 school sites designated for curbside meal pick-up, Monday-Friday from 12-2 p.m.
- More details can be found on [this flyer](#).

Kindness Month at TPES!

TPES is participating in the *2021 Great Kindness Challenge!* Please join the Torrey Pines Elementary School Foundation, Mrs. Riney, and the Student Council in practicing these [50 Kind Acts](#) together. How many can you do?

Look for the Foundation's weekly eBlasts! We will highlight 2 kind acts to practice together. And, each Friday in March, we will host kindness-themed dress-up days.

During the month of March, Breakfast and Books with Ms. Richard on Tuesday and Thursday mornings will focus on stories about kindness.

Let's have fun and spread kindness, happiness and joy to our school community, family and friends! Can't wait to see what you do!!

Week of March 22

2 Kind Acts to Highlight

1. **Draw a picture and give to someone who has been kind to you.**
2. **List 10 things you are grateful for.**

Friday Dress-up Day

Dream of Kindness: Pajama day.

Student Council's Padlet pages:

<https://padlet.com/Wordmaster/kindness1>

<https://padlet.com/Wordmaster/kindness2>

<https://padlet.com/Wordmaster/kindness3>

<https://padlet.com/Wordmaster/kindness4>

password for all is 'TPES'

San Diego Helpful Honda Dealers Recognizes Teachers!

We have incredible, thoughtful, passionate and skilled teachers at TPES. Please consider nominating your child's teacher to be recognized and receive thousands of dollars for supplies! See below:

Do you know of, work with, or have heard the story of a San Diego County teacher whose efforts in the classroom have greatly impacted their students, community, or school?

To celebrate Teacher Appreciation week, May 3rd-May 7th, 2021, the San Diego Honda Dealers will be honoring and surprising a few lucky teachers with a new class room makeover (approximately \$5,000 of supplies/needs per teacher)! We want to identify teachers in schools across San Diego County who

have gone above and beyond to give their students a memorable and unmatched educational experience - *and we need your help!*

HOW TO SUBMIT A DESERVING TEACHER: due by March 31

Download the form here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2oqty3vtamwq199/AACjrTekRNW5EIt-LS3eyy8ca?dl=0>

New Family Information Sessions: Please Share With All!

I am thrilled to welcome any families interested in learning more about TPES to upcoming information sessions! All are invited to join Foundation representatives and me on any of these dates to learn about TK/K and plans for all grade levels in the 2021-2022.

TPES was the only school in San Diego Unified to be re-awarded the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award in fall of 2019. Let's make sure everyone knows about this high-caliber school in our backyard!

TPES New Family Sessions: 9:00-9:40 AM with Q/A 9:40-10:00 AM

Friday, April 16

Friday, May 14

Zoom link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/82101707679>

Naval Base Point Loma Postage Stamp Competition: Women's History Month

Naval Base Point Loma is sponsoring a contest to create postage stamps that align with this year's Women's History Month Theme: Valiant Women of the Vote, Refusing to be Silenced. Please send pictures of all submissions by March 30, 2021. These submissions would be included in the Academic Anchor magazine produced by the Navy. Please reach out to Nakeya Gilmore at nakeya.k.gilmore@navy.mil.

More Information for Parents Related to SBAC Testing

Students in grades 3-5 will begin preparing for SBAC testing, which is planned for mid-May. Please review this parent website for more information.

It is a parent's choice for their child to test onsite or remotely. If students choose to be assessed remotely, their technology should have audio/video capabilities so they can be recorded.

We will be sending more information to parents as it is made available to us by the District.

Parent Teacher Spring Conferences: What You Can Expect

Remember that during the week of March 22-26, teachers will be holding parent-teacher conferences. All parents are welcome to conference with their child's teacher at any time. During the week of March 22, I am asking teachers to meet with any student who is not performing at grade level.

Breakfast and Books *These are the last Breakfast and Books for the year!**

Check out Breakfast and Books every Tuesday (Grades TK-2) and Thursday (Grades 3-5) from 8:00-8:30 AM. Ms. Richard reads books and leads discussions about personal character and interpersonal connections. Join us!

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

Password: book

TPES School Office Open Hours

The office is always staffed by Mrs. Kimberly on Mondays through Thursdays from 9 AM to 12 PM. If a parent needs to stop by outside this window, please email me at nrichard@sandi.net. I am on campus Monday through Friday regular work hours and am happy to assist.

GATE Program, Testing and Class Placement

GATE testing is currently on hold, and it will not resume until schools fully reopen. At this time, we don't have information about what the pause in testing will mean for class placement in our third grade Seminar class or at Muirlands Middle School. Teachers and administrators in our La Jolla Cluster are actively communicating with the District, and we will provide updates as we have them. Please know that although there is some uncertainty about next year, there has been no discussion about eliminating the GATE program at TPES or at any school in the San Diego Unified School District.

Please visit the [SDUSD GATE webpage](#) and the [Muirlands GATE webpage](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Upcoming Dates

Parent-Teacher Spring Conferences: 3/22-3/26

Spring Vacation: 3/29-4/2

Distribution Day: 4/7 (tentative)

Distribution Day: 5/5 (tentative)

Memorial Day Holiday: 5/28-5/31

Last Day of School: Tuesday, 6/15

Weekly District Notices and Agendas

Please see attached.

Free Tutoring Available

UCSD is available to support our students' academics! They are offering **FREE tutoring for students K-12 on Tuesday & Friday from 5-7pm**. For more information, please click on [Tritons Tutor](#) and scroll down to the Parent/Student link (<https://hdhwellness.ucsd.edu/tritons-tutor/index.html>).

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, April 7 from 7:45-8:30 AM.
Zoom Link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/82705330996>

The next SGT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8 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 2021 are scheduled for 4/15 and 5/20. All meetings run from 4:15-5:30 PM.

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

Technology Tips

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

Our success depends on you! Thank you for being a part of Torrey Pines Elementary School.