



TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hope your holidays were restful and enjoyable! Our performances by our kindergarten classes at Barnes and Noble were fantastic! The teachers and students did a great job preparing for their performances and entertaining us. I would like to thank all the parents that attended and purchased items to help with this fundraiser. Thank you.

January brings a new start for our students and we are back on track with our regular routines. Parent conferences were held a couple weeks before the holiday so you should be up-to-date regarding your child's progress in school. If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please be sure to keep open communication with your child's teacher to help your child improve in class. Also, be sure to read the school's communication on the website for any programs we are offering before or after school and take advantage of these programs.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

Thank you to Kyla Adams and PTA for a month full of wonderful activities: Thank you to Brianna Wiseman and her committee for their hard work on the successful book exchange. Thank you to Alexis Alipuria for organizing and providing leadership in our STARS 5th grade program. Thank you to Lee Beaser and her committee for the wonderful staff holiday luncheon.

Lastly, Ms. Tiffany, Mr. Justin, Ms. Tess, Ms. Jill and I would like to thank you for all your generous gifts we received prior to the holiday break. It was so thoughtful and much appreciated.

SPELLING BEE

The 3rd/4th/5th grade spelling bee finals will be held on Thursday, January 17th in our school cafeteria. 3rd grade competition will be held at 1:15 p.m. and 4th/5th grade competition will be held at 2:00 p.m. Parents are welcome.

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

Our annual father/daughter dance is this Friday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please be sure you have purchased your tickets and we look forward to your attendance.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

Towers Kindergarten enrollment is Tuesday, January 22 - Friday, January 25th at the Family Welcome Center located across the street from the district office. Please be sure to go the the Welcome Center to enroll your kindergartners for next school year and let other community members know.

OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Open Enrollment application period opens January 7th to February 28th, 2019. Any student presently on boundary waiver or on Overflow that would like to remain at Towers must apply for Open Enrollment during this application period.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Our next School Site Council meeting is Wednesday, January 23rd at 3:30 p.m. in Room 5. Our agenda will include a review of our School Site Plan, Safety Plan, and a presentation to the California State Dashboard along with input for our 2019-20 school plan. It's an open meeting and we welcome your participation.

SAFETY ON CAMPUS

As the 2019 year begins, I would like to remind you of campus safety as you drop off and pick up your child. Please remember that our school campus does not open for supervision of students until 8:30 a.m. Dropping off your child prior to 8:30 means they are not being supervised so we encourage parents to stay with their child until the 8:30 bell rings.

As you arrive on campus please note that our entrance off of Beryl is a one car only entrance. If you choose to use the valet line, please remember to pull all the way forward before letting off your child. In the valet line, please do not leave your car unattended between **8:15am to 9:00am and 2:00pm to 3:30pm**. Remember, this is a quick drop off and pick up area. If you need more time, please feel free to park your car and walk your child into campus. Please remember that all parking spots that are marked and have cones next to them are reserved parking spaces. Please do not park in those spaces. Also please be courteous to our valet personnel. Be sure to follow all of their directions because their primary objective is the safety of your student. Those of you choosing not to use valet, please do not block neighbor's driveways at any time and please do not block the Beryl Gate entrance.

If you are using the back gate for drop off in the morning, please do not drop your children off **after 8:45 a.m.** and leave as the gate may be locked. Please drive your children to the front of the school for drop off if it is after 8:45 a.m.

Please be sure to be respectful of our crossing guard and follow the rules at the very busy intersection in front of our school. Lastly, a reminder that adults without prior approval from the office are not allowed on the playground from 8:30 – 3:15.

If you choose to eat lunch with your child you will be directed to eat in the area directly south of the cafeteria, Room 1, or front of school. Once you have eaten lunch you should leave campus. For safety reasons you may only eat lunch with your children. If you wish other children then your own to join you, you must have written parent permission. Thank you very much for helping keep our children and school community safe.

ELMAC

Our next ELMAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 1st at 9:15 a.m. in Room 5. We look forward to seeing you there.

BILITERACY AWARDS

While there is great importance in the state of California to recognize and honor students who are bilingual, TUSD is proud to participate in the awarding of Biliteracy awards for graduating 5th, 8th, and 12th grade students. Applications and information can be found on the website or in the front office. Please send applications to Sandy Skora, Principal, in the front office. Applications are due no later than April 4, 2019.

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Check the Towers website for our updated and current calendar of events. The link is <http://towers.tusd.org/Calendar/tabid/2556/Default.aspx>