

TORRANCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"THE GREATEST LITTLE SCHOOL IN THE WEST"

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August 29, 2018

Dear Parents,

The first day of school is Thursday, September 6th. Classroom assignments will be posted in front of school in the morning. Welcome to all our new and returning families. Save the date, Back To School Night will be on Thursday, September 20th at 6:00 pm.

Our campus is looking better than ever. Construction crews have been busy all summer updating our school. Some things are not glamorous, but are a big upgrade for your children's safety.

- The fire alarm system is completely new. The new system has significantly more sensors throughout the school.
 - Beautiful new fencing has been installed and work has resumed on our gates to allow us to view visitors before allowing them access to the school site. This may take some time to be ready for use and some training for office staff to navigate the system while providing parents with the service they are used to.
 - You will notice a new coat of paint outside and inside all the classrooms and office.
 - We have two new buildings, one will be a Science Lab and the other is a new music room.
 - Two additional restrooms have been remodeled and we are hoping they will be ready on the first day of school.
 - Classroom lighting has been replaced with new LED fixtures and hallways and restrooms now turn lights on and off with motion detectors.
 - The grass has grown in nicely on our West playground giving the kids a pleasant place to play.
- We are feeling fortunate to have these improvements to our campus.

Kindergarten Schedule

On the first day of school there will be a short orientation for parents in the classroom. On September 6th and 7th Kindergarten dismissal is at **11:59**. Kindergarten students will not eat lunch at school for the first two days. Beginning Monday, September 10th, Kindergarten will begin their regular schedule, 8:59 to 1:59 daily.

Bell Schedule

Kindergarten	8:59 to 1:59
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	8:59 to 3:12**
4 th and 5 th	8:50 to 3:12**
**Early Out Wednesdays (EOW) 2:27 Dismissal	

Drop Off And Breakfast

It is important that students not be on campus before 8:30 am when supervision is available, unless they are buying breakfast, which is served starting at 8:20 am.

Before and After School Care on Campus

***City of Torrance After School Club Program – Grades 1st through 5th - After School Only**
www.TorranceCA.Gov/AfterSchool - (310) 618-2930 (Cafeteria)

***YMCA – Grades Kindergarten through 5th – Before and After School**
(310) 325-5885 (Moved to Room 6A)

Nutrition Services

Lunch and breakfast prices have increased to \$3.50 for lunch and \$2.00 for breakfast. Parents may pre-pay lunches in any amount by bringing either cash or a check (made out to “Nutrition Services Department TUSD”) to the school office in an envelope marked with the student’s name and room number. They may also pay online by going to tusd.org/nutrition-services and scrolling down to the “Titan” logo. Parents who prefer to fill out a paper application can do so at the Nutrition Services Office at 2336 Plaza del amo. Students may also bring a lunch from home if preferred. This year you can access our lunch menu by going to <https://tusd.nutrislice.com> or add the menu app on your phone by searching “Menus by Nutrislice” on Google Play or the App Store (for Apple devices). See attached flyer for more information.

Please do not bring food for your child’s birthday or any other special occasion. The Torrance Unified School District’s “Wellness Policy” is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children’s health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. Many of the treats that parents may purchase, although with good intentions, do not fit the Wellness Policy nutritional guidelines. The TUSD Wellness Policy is located on the Nutrition Service Website at tusd.org/nutrition-services.

2018/2019 Registration

Parents please log in to <https://ps.tusd.org> to “Register” your student(s) for the 2018/2019 school year. Parents that have not created their accounts will need to click on the “Create Account” tab to set up your account and create a password. Parents that have already created their PowerSchool account also need to register for the 2018/2019 school year. If you forgot your user name or password just click on “forgot my user name or forgot my password” and an email will be sent to you. All parents will need to update their emergency and health information. It is also important to check that we have your correct email address as most notifications will come to you via email. Attached you will find some Frequently Asked Questions about PowerSchool online registration.

Volunteers

Volunteers play an important role here at Torrance Elementary. Please check with your child’s teacher for volunteer opportunities in the classroom. You may want to attend a PTA meeting to explore other ways in which you can be involved in making a difference here at school. Please be aware that it is TUSD policy that any adult who wishes to volunteer in a classroom, go on a fieldtrip or work on campus must fill out paper work every year, provide a driver’s license and have proof of a negative TB test or a Risk Assessment Questionnaire signed by a Doctor. Clearance through the District may take up to 2 weeks. Applications and TB Questionnaire forms will be available the first day of school.

Final Reminders

Parents please check your email on Monday afternoons for our weekly newsletter, “Tiger Talk”, and other reminders throughout the year. A paper copy of Tiger Talk will be available Tuesday mornings in the office. Spanish translations will also be available.

Please write your student’s name on lunch boxes and jackets.

Sincerely
Dr. Kelly Joseph, Principal