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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring is here! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this year and all of our programs and fundraisers a success. Our PTA continues to find great ideas to support our students and our school programs.

Tickets for the Torrance Education Foundation drawing for the 2019 Toyota Lexus are available in the office. 1 ticket for \$30.00. \$20 will go directly to the beneficiary of your choice. Please support the TEF and our school and buy a raffle ticket today!! Deadline to purchase raffle tickets is Friday, April 19. The Torrance Education Foundation 25th Anniversary dinner is Saturday, May 4th at the DoubleTree in Torrance at 5:00 p.m. TEF is also beginning their annual fundraising campaign. Information will be coming home soon. The money raised goes directly to district-wide expenses. So, please consider supporting the TEF.

Safety and good choices are always a valuable lesson. Please lead your children by example and use the crosswalks provided. Please do not park in the crosswalk, neighbor's driveways, and red zone and please do not double park. We are here for the safety and protection of **all** students. Thank you to all our parents that consistently observe and follow our valet rules.

Congratulations to Mia Leininger and Kevin Kimmel for being honored as Towers' Very Special Person at our Honorary Service Award celebration on February 20th. Also, to Alexis Alipuria, Deanna Gabauer, and Alma Reyes-Thomas for being honored as recipients of the Honorary Service Award this school year. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to our school and students. We would like to thank the HSA committee headed up by Gami Haynes for putting together a wonderful celebration in February. We would also like to thank Ms. Aguinaga for preparing the 5th graders who performed beautifully. It was a wonderful evening.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

We have had a lot of activities and programs going on at Towers these past few months and I would like to take this moment to thank the volunteers who have been in charge. Thank you to Shermay Wong for leading a group of our 4th/5th graders in preparation for the Math Olympiad in Culver City on Saturday, March 16th as well as the TUSD Math Field Day Competition that will be held on Saturday, March 30th. To Alma Reyes-Thomas and her committee for their hard work and dedication during our Reading Challenge book fair. We would like to thank Lisa Eickler for her work on the Reading Challenge, and for her work on our annual Spelling Bee. To Shermay Wong for working on spirit sticks. To John and Yolande Westergaard for their hard work on the talent show. We could not do without our awesome volunteers!! Thank you.

STEAM FAIR – Thursday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Towers will be having its annual STEAM Fair on Thursday, April 4 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The STEAM Fair is a great opportunity for our students to engage in scientific inquiry and present their findings to the school community.

MOVIE NIGHT

Our Kindergarten classes are having a movie night on Friday, March 22nd in the cafeteria. "Ralph Breaks the Internet" will start at 6:30 p.m., concession stand serving snacks and treats will open at 6:00 p.m. This movie night will be a fundraiser for our Kindergarten students for much needed materials and supplies. Please feel free to wear your PJ's and come support our Kindergarten teachers.

PBIS – SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SYSTEM

Here at Towers we are continuing to utilize Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) as our behavior system school wide. This system has been put into place in order to help all students succeed academically, behaviorally, and socially. We call this a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). MTSS is a process that provides scientifically-based instruction, intervention and educational support to **all** students based on their individual needs. Our MTSS model is not punitive, but instead will focus on teaching all students the behavioral skills they need to be successful at school, and reinforcing (rewarding) students when they reach their goals. That being said, any consequences that students might receive are strictly confidential and will not be shared with students or parents of students that are not receiving the consequence. In many cases, students will not know what consequences other students have received due to the fact advertising such a fact becomes punitive. Thank you for your support in creating a positive learning environment at our school.

BIKE RODEO COMING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

The annual Bike Rodeo is a time for our third, fourth and fifth graders to test their bike riding skills. All of the students at these grade levels take a Bicycle Safety Test to assess their knowledge of safety rules. Students wishing to participate in the Rodeo must have a permission slip, a bicycle with a lock, and a helmet. Please help your child to make sure that his/her bicycle is in good mechanical repair– the brakes work and the tires are properly inflated. The students ride their bike on a course that includes several tests of skill and agility. The winners at each grade level are invited to participate in a Citywide Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 4th at Victor Elementary. PTA and the Torrance Fire and Police Departments sponsor this event. Winners of the citywide event earn a savings bond and a plaque comes back to the school.

LOST AND FOUND

Every day boys and girls are leaving their coats, jackets, sweaters, hats, and lunch boxes on the school grounds. Those items without student's names are picked up and brought to our lost and found located in front of the cafeteria. During the school year when the pile gets high we donate these items to missions and shelters. During spring break we will be donating any items left in our lost and found to a reputable charity organization. Please be sure to check or have your child check the lost and found by **Friday, April 5th.**

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>