



TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends. Winter Holiday is just around the corner. We have several special activities happening on campus to help bring in the excitement of the season. One of those activities is our classrooms making Holiday cards. These cards will be given to Kaiser Permanente, our business partner, to give to patients at their hospitals.

On Thursday, December 6th, our TK/Kindergarten classes will perform at Barnes and Noble located at 21500 Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. If you are not able to attend this fundraiser but would like to give your support, then visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from 12/6/18 to 12/7/18 by entering Bookfair ID 12467759 at checkout. A portion of the proceeds will be donated directly to the TK/Kindergarten classrooms. Thank you.

Starting December 3rd through 14th we will be having Parent Conferences. During this time, Grades 1-5 will have early dismissal. Grades 1-3 will be dismissed at 2:03 and Grades 4-5 will be dismissed at 2:12. Kindergarten will dismiss at their usual time at 1:50. We ask that you make arrangements to have your child picked up on time. We also need your cooperation in calling the school if you are unable to make your conference. This will help your teacher with their scheduling efforts. Thank you. I look forward to seeing many of our wonderful parents on campus visiting with their child's teacher. This is a great way to learn about how your child is progressing and find out how to help your child improve in their education.

Thank you to the members of our PTA Board and School Site Council for their ongoing work on behalf of our school. Thank you to all of you who donated Halloween candy that was then given to the Salvation Army of Torrance.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

Thank you to Alma Reyes-Thomas and her committee for running a successful Reflections contest this year. Our judges and several other volunteers helped this event to be very successful. We would also like to thank our volunteers who are working in the computer lab after school to support our students; Janet Huff, Ximena Lowery, Bebe Nguyen, Alma Reyes-Thomas, Ed Rose, Ellaine Tefft, and Shermay Wong.

USE OF VALET

Please remember that there is “no parking” in the front of school in the valet line from 8:00 – 9:00 and 2:00 – 3:30 in order to accommodate our valet. We want to thank our teachers and assistants for working the valet line in the morning and afternoon. The valet line makes it so much easier for the drop off and pick up of our students. If you are using the valet to drop off or pick up your student, please be respectful of the line by moving all the way forward. Please do not wait in the valet line to watch your child enter school or leave your car unattended in the valet line. Thank you for your cooperation.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS SOON!

If you have a student that will be attending Kindergarten at Towers next fall, please go to the Family Welcome Enrollment Center at 2336 Plaza del Amo during the week of **January 22nd through January 25, 2019 from 8:00 am to 3:00 p.m.**

You will also be signed up for our Towers Kindergarten Roundup Meeting during registration. Kindergarten Roundup will be taking place during April and May. This is an opportunity for you and your student to meet the teachers, become familiar with the school, and get any important information you will need for the fall. In order to attend Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year, your student must be 5 years old by September 1, 2019, so their birthdate must be on or before September 1, 2014. You must also live in the Towers area. Please pass this along to your neighbor if they have a child of the appropriate age.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Students leave personal items behind throughout the campus mostly on the playground. We try our best to get these items back to their owner if they are clearly marked with a student's first and last name. If we are unable to find the owner, it is placed in our Lost and Found. Lost and Found items are located at the front of the school by the cafeteria. All items left in our lost and found will be donated to a charity organization on **Friday, December 21st, 2018**. Please be sure to check the lost and found for any of your child's belongings before that date. Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ATTENDANCE

We hope your family had a good Thanksgiving break, and we're happy to see so many students back in school, ready to learn. As we enter the holiday season, we want to reinforce the importance of school attendance. Every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after winter break as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. It's time to break that cycle.

This holiday season, the best gift you can give your child is a good education. And the best place to get that education is in school. We know that just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. We also know that attendance is a habit that children should learn early on if they're going to succeed in school and eventually on the job.

We recognize that holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families far away. The costs of plane tickets often influence when you want to travel. But keep in mind the costs to your children's education if they miss too much school—and the message you will be sending about the importance of attendance. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning, right up until vacation starts. Give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.

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>