

May 9, 2021

Mother's Day Vocabulary

MOTHER *noun, verb*

1. A person who does the work of many. For free. Also, who loves unconditionally, a character builder; inspirator and promoter; the maker and keeper of memories; a person much loved and admired.
See also: crazy, masochist, saint, multi-tasker, teacher.
2. To love, nourish, protect, teach, comfort, guide, nurture, support, reassure, embrace, cherish.

MOMSTER *verb*

1. What happens to mom after she counts to 3.

SWEATER *noun*

1. Garment worn by child when mother is feeling chilly.

Dear Torrey Pines Families,

Happy Mother's Day to all our amazing Torrey Pines moms, step-moms, aunts, grandmas, sisters, nieces, and all others who love and nourish our children. I feel that the celebration with my parents and family this year was extra special this year, since last year we were unable to enjoy the day together.

I also appreciate everyone's efforts last week to recognize our teachers for the outstanding dedication and resilience, especially in the past year! I wish you a fantastic week ahead and hope to see many families on this Wednesday's Student in the Spotlight assemblies.

Cheers,

Ms. Richard

Here's what you need to know for the week ahead:

Summer Learning Opportunities for Students

This year, summer opportunities will be available for all elementary students, and this is made possible via the support of many community partners. You can learn more from the Level Up San Diego Website: <https://levelupsandiego.org>.

Our District Office has provided this link for families to register so they will be contacted when enrollment opens. [SIGN UP](#) so you don't miss out on the details you need!

For elementary students, the Summer Experience will be held for four weeks, from June 21-July 16, for four hours each morning. ***Torrey Pines will not be hosting any of these district summer programs on our campus.***

Parents will have the opportunity to share their preferences for the schools and programs their children will attend for summer school. Bird Rock Elementary and Doyle Elementary are the closest schools to Torrey Pines hosting the Summer Experience at their sites.

2021 Extended School Year (ESY) Parent/Guardian Question and Answer Sessions

The San Diego Unified School District will be holding a series of Special Education Extended School Year (ESY). ESY is designed for a small number of students with IEPs who require higher levels of support to mediate regression that would otherwise occur over the summer weeks. ESY will be held from June 21-July 16 Question and Answer (Q&A) Zoom meetings for parents leading up to the start of ESY for elementary students. The days and times for these meetings are as follows:

May 19th 12:00-1:00 pm

June 2nd 10:00-11:00 am

June 16th 5:30-6:30 pm

Join any of the above sessions using the following link:

<https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/89101402080>

Password: 437690

To submit questions in advance, please complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/NHfxA5ZKbWxV77SPA>

Parent Healthy Kids Survey

Please take this survey to provide feedback to our school regarding our campus climate. This information helps us better prepare to meet families' and students' needs. Thank you!

<https://wested.ugam-apps.com/wed/ts/qg6L>

Enrollment at TPES

It is enrollment time again. We welcome you to visit the TPES website at torreypines.sandiegounified.org starting May 10 to enroll your incoming students. Please look under the Parents tab for 21/22 enrollment information. If you know of anyone new to the TPES community please let them know that the time to enroll has come. If you have any questions please feel free to email our ESA Kimberly Hines khines@sandi.net or call our office 619-605-3700 press 5 to connect with Mrs. Hines or 0 for general enrollment information. We look forward to having you join the TPES community for the 21/22 school year and beyond.

Student in the Spotlight Assemblies

Join us on Wednesday to celebrate outstanding students in each of our classrooms!

Grades TK/K-1: 8:30-8:50 AM

Grades 2-5: 9:00-9:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/88441691946>

Meeting ID: 884 4169 1946

Dial by your location

+1 669 219 2599 US (San Jose)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 884 4169 1946

Find your local number: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/u/kbbIPeEIh9>

TPES Dance and Movement Classes

Please mark your calendars to join your students in grades 2-5 for the final week of Dance and Movement classes at Torrey Pines. Zoom meeting numbers are below, and the passcode is DANCE. Save the following dates and times:

Tuesday, June 1

Grade 5

Mr. DeVore @ 8:30 AM

Meeting ID: 847 4085 2764

Mr. Ramirez @ 9:20 AM

Meeting ID: 831 5674 0999

Ms. White @ 10:10 AM

Meeting ID: 882 6930 7434

Grade 3 *Zoom Meeting Numbers to come.

Ms. Elliott @ 11:40 AM

Ms. Cohen/Mrs. Jackson @ 12:30 PM

Ms. Bagaporo @ 1:20 PM

Mr. Serafin @ 2:10 PM

Thursday, June 3

Grade 2

Ms. Harp @ 12:30 PM
Meeting ID: 823 4999 4902

Mr. Lee @ 1:20 PM
Meeting ID: 883 2622 6343

Mrs. Gordon @ 2:10 PM
Meeting ID: 818 7887 3497

Monday, June 7

Grade 4

Ms. Nieto @ 12:30 PM
Meeting ID: 871 6462 8401

Mrs. Saldivar @ 1:20 PM
Meeting ID: 850 7838 6602

Mrs. Kluch/Mrs. Jackson @ 2:10 PM
Meeting ID: 838 9800 8249

No California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Assessment

On Wednesday our District announced students in grades 3-5 would not be taking the state standardized assessment, CAASPP, this year. Instead, students will take the following assessments:

This month, TPES students in grades 3-5 will take the FASTtrack Reading assessment. This is a computer-adaptive, standards-aligned reading assessment, combined with selected grade level skill tests that provide risk/skill level results and, for at-risk students, intervention suggestions/tracking. The assessment is 45 minutes.

This month, students in grades 3-5 will also take the District Essential Mathematics Assessment (DEMI). The DEMI is an asset-based, standards-aligned assessment that is designed to capture a window into students' development of multi-dimensional math understandings. The assessment is 45 minutes.

In addition, students in grades 4-5 will take the CORE Social & Emotional Survey during the last week of May. This survey provides information on students' SEL intrapersonal and extrapersonal competencies, including self-efficacy, self-management, social awareness and growth mindset. The assessment is 15 minutes.

Students in grades TK-2 will also take versions of the FAST reading and math assessments. The information we gain from these assessments is critical to our preparation for the fall. The teachers and I will use this information to plan for reteaching for students who need this. We also use this information to help build our classes for 2021-2022.

Please be on the lookout for information from your child's teacher about the dates and times for these important assessments.

TPES COVID Testing For Students

May 17 is our final COVID 19 testing date for students and staff from 8:00-10:00 AM. UCSD is unable to begin testing staff any earlier than 8:00 AM, so on May 17, we will open our gates for students at 8:15 AM.

Testing is completely free. Please note at this time we cannot test other family members or students who attend another school. All information for families can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3mQhez8>

*Remember, testing is only for students who are not exhibiting symptoms. If children have symptoms, please make an appointment for testing with your medical doctor. In addition, be sure to tell your child's teacher if you make an appointment, so his/her teacher can help ensure your child is tested.

Important Notes Include:

1. 24 Hours prior to the testing date, you will receive an email from UCSD to sign up for a MyChart account. This account is where you will go to be able to access your child's COVID-19 testing results.
2. Results will be available on your UCSD MyChart account in 2-5 days but are usually available in 24 hours. All positive test results are also called to the family by UCSD.

To register your child for a timeslot, click this link:

<https://covidtestscheduler.ucsd.edu/home/asym/SDUtorreypines>

NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY 2021

Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 is **National School Nurse Day**.

This celebration recognizes the contributions **school nurses** make every **day** to improve the safety, health, and academic success of all students.

We traditionally celebrate the health techs during classified week.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS RESOURCES

May is [Mental Health Awareness Month](#) and it's vital school staff and administrators recognize potential mental health issues in students [#youarenotalone](#) [#breakthestigma](#) [#hopeforchange](#)
Here are statistics from the [National Institute of Mental Health](#):

1. One in five children ages 13-18 have or will have a serious mental illness.
2. 50% of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14.
3. 90% of those who died by suicide had an underlying mental illness.
4. In 2017, suicide was the 2nd leading cause of death among people ages 10 to 34.
(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

To raise awareness about the importance of Mental Health in schools, our District has prepared these [resources](#) to share with our school communities and students.

For more information and/or for additional support, contact integratedyouthservices@sandi.net.

Student Council's Grade Level Reading Competition

In keeping with TPES tradition, Student Council is reviving the annual "Grade Level Reading Competition." Students must simply go to a Padlet and record what they read.

Here is the link:

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

Password:

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When a child finishes a book(s), he/she/they just need to record it under the teacher's name with how many pages it was. Note: these are books they just started reading, not ones from the whole year. Student Council will tally the pages each week. It will be a four-week contest. The winning class at each grade level will receive an ice cream treat.

GATE Testing and Identification

For the upcoming year, San Diego Unified is maintaining the decision to pause testing until schools have fully reopened and all students have returned to onsite learning. The decision is centered around equity - providing our students with what they need to be successful with equal access. Our District is deeply committed to screening students universally, providing an opportunity for all students to be assessed without barriers, and providing students with the support that they need (some of which students can only get in a school setting). In addition, there is not a valid way to test students who have continued learning online, and only testing onsite learners - while limiting access to testing/identification for our online learners - would not be equitable.

Our District did not take this decision lightly. We know that *GATE* identification and ability to participate in *GATE* classes is important for many of our students and families. SDUSD leadership reached out to other school districts across the state, and they are proceeding the same way.

Here's what this means for our students:

2nd Grade

- There will not be an opportunity to take a *GATE* test
- No students will be identified for *GATE*/Seminar programs/classes
- There will not be *GATE*/Seminar classes in 3rd grade
- Class Placement - We will implement the process we always use to place students in classes, using their strengths, needs, peer dynamics, match to teacher, and other factors. We will create balanced classes in terms of abilities, gender, etc.

5th Grade

- There will not be an opportunity to take a *GATE* retest
- Additional students will not be identified for *GATE*/Seminar programs
- Class Placement - Muirlands is working on the process for student class placement with input from other Cluster principals, middle school principals, and District leadership - more information to come

New to the District

- There will not be an opportunity to take a *GATE* test
- No students will be identified for *GATE*/Seminar programs/classes
- Class Placement - We will implement the process we always use to place students in classes, using their strengths, needs, peer dynamics, match to teacher, and other factors. We will create balanced classes in terms of abilities, gender, etc.

I know that our community has been eager for information and was hoping to learn that *GATE* testing would resume during our Phase 2 reopening. The La Jolla Cluster principals and District leadership know that this is an important topic for our families, and we are collaborating with one another and with principals from across the District. Our Cluster plans to offer a meeting next month in which we will share information and solicit your valuable input.

No Place For Hate Designation: Two Years in a Row

Congratulations to TPES for earning the No Place for Hate® designation for the 2020-2021 school year! We are so proud of all of your hard work, especially during a global pandemic! Students and teachers continue to focus on creating safe spaces for all children to learn and thrive.

Family Returning Survey

*Please complete as soon as possible so we can plan for your child's enrollment at TPES this fall. We are planning for next year! We would appreciate each returning family to complete this form so we have a clear picture of enrollment and staffing needs in preparation for 2021-2022. If your family is considering enrolling as an online learner for the fall, please complete the form and indicate this preference.

<https://forms.gle/1c2T1EAUixXL2Abs9>

TPES Online Learners PE Sessions

On Mondays at 11:40 AM, Coach Sergio will teach a PE session for online students. We will record the session, and you can reach out to your child's teacher for the link. Online students can still participate with their classmates during their rotation PE, but they may also participate in this online session instead.

The link to the 11:40 AM Zoom is:

<https://zoom.us/j/8584532323?pwd=NUd2UmJmbnVMdEpnTWViM1dHcENpZz09>.

The password is the same.

Check out previously recorded session here:

May 3:

https://zoom.us/rec/share/D0E7hFvdzY85UL8AYc_eR5MJ8kt3bt06i_rN9vt1jlk4KSSq5j_Tr_P71WsNidAR.oQt2m92tPRfpVjyn

April 26:

https://zoom.us/rec/share/JsOhszezjV5UdXnsifHmqIgOvEFN8oqqYalJj5oha8_J_wMjgfFmIViFGNWzMxQ1.e_pO78aeeogaRkx4

Spanish Class Information

First Grade Thursdays

May 13, 20, 27

June 3, 2021

Meeting ID: 835 4302 1043

Passcode: 736939

TK & Kindergarten Fridays

May 14, 21, 28

June 4

Meeting ID: 829 7275 9750

Passcode: 836906

School Meal Menus

- ❖ [Breakfast Menu](#) - included in the take home meal bag for breakfast the next day, occasionally may be offered as students enter school if requested and coordinated with school kitchen
- ❖ [Lunch Menu](#) - served hot for elementary students, included cold in take home meal bags for secondary students
- ❖ [Supper Menu](#) - included cold in the take home meal bag, only served hot for students participating in Primetime
- ❖ [Weekend Menu](#) - included cold in the take home meal bags
- ❖ [Weekly Lunch Menu & List of What is Included in Take Home Meal Bags Each Day](#)

Weekly District Notices and Agendas

Please see attached.

School Site Council

The final SSC meeting of the year is scheduled for Friday, June 4 from 7:45-8:30 AM.

Zoom Link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/82705330996>

School Governance Team

The next SGT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13 from 7:15 to 8:00 AM.

Zoom Link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/84187461959>

TPES New Family Session

Friday, May 14 9:00-9:40 AM with Q/A 9:40-10:00 AM

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

Final La Jolla Cluster Meeting of this Year

Thursday, May 20 from 4:15 PM-5:30 PM

Zoom linke: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/82879953442>

TPES Principal/Foundation Chat

Friday, June 4 at 9:00-9:30 AM

Zoom Link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/92277357059>

Upcoming Dates

Memorial Day Holiday: Friday, 5/28 and Monday, 5/31

Last Day of School: Tuesday, 6/15

TPES Office Hours

Monday-Thursday from 8:05 AM to 3:30 PM.

Friday from 8:25 AM to 12:00 PM.

Give us a call during those times at (619) 605-3700. Please be sure to listen to all options.

TPES COVID Information

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LH_Vrx3LPH4M3Yj4smTsjqIt5WCZyaz_mCcIc2dj50o/edit?usp=sharing

Certification of COVID Safe Site

TPES received the attached certification on April 8, 2021. Per the guidelines in the "Mitigation and Monitoring Certification Process," Torrey Pines ES was validated by a PPO Response Liaison, and was found to have the appropriate mitigation measures to welcome students and staff back to campus. This certificate informs our school community that our campus arrangements meet the healthy and safety guidelines set forth by the District.

If you or your child have questions about any COVID-related safety issue, please make sure to immediately reach out to your child's teacher. If the teacher cannot resolve the issue, parents and teachers should reach out to the school principal: nrichard@sandi.net.

We will continue to hold Monday all-school meetings at 8:45 AM to remind and reinforce COVID protocols.

District: COVID-19 Dashboard

<https://datastudio.google.com/u/0/reporting/18b89718-e1f9-4fa3-adff-9457e210131c/page/uUJkB>

Technology Tips

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

Thank you for your dedication to our students! We are glad you are a part of Torrey Pines Elementary School!