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While we might feel small, separate, and all alone,  
Our people have never been more closely tethered.  
The question isn't if we will weather this unknown,  
But how we will weather this unknown together.

- From *The Miracle of Morning* Amanda Gorman

Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see so many parents and students at our Distribution Day last Wednesday. The teachers and I appreciate your efforts to make the day safe and efficient for all.

This week I have been observing instruction in classrooms across all grade levels and meeting with groups of teachers in Professional Learning Communities. Through this process, each grade level team examines student work and assessments and sets next-step goals for specific children and for the class as a whole. Teachers work together to plan lessons that match what a student needs to learn next. We can best help students when their work is submitted on SeeSaw and in Google classroom, so I want to thank all the families who are helping children to upload and submit assignments. This is definitely a team effort!

During my visit with first-grade teachers this week, one teacher shared this great mathematics virtual manipulatives page. [I have linked it here](#) and believe the manipulatives included can be a helpful tool for many students.

I also wanted to share this article on [resilience](#) with you. Dr. Susan Wais is a local psychologist who has led Parent Workshops in the La Jolla Cluster before, and she often passes along readings that meet exactly what we need at the moment.

Finally, if you are interested in learning more about San Diego Unified's search for our next Superintendent, the Board meeting this Tuesday, February 2, at 5:00 PM, promises to be informative. Meeting details and links can be found at the "notices and agendas" attached below.

Enjoy the week!

Ms. Richard

### **News Articles of Interest**

**All aspects of his return-to-school plan are negotiable, Governor Newsom tells superintendents (EdSource, January 29)**

<https://edsource.org/2021/all-aspects-of-his-return-to-school-plan-are-negotiable-gov-newsom-tells-superintendents/647813>

**Four barriers districts, teachers unions face in school reopenings (K-12 Dive, January 27)**

<https://www.k12dive.com/news/4-barriers-districts-teachers-unions-face-in-school-reopenings/594016/>

### **LJ Parents of Students with IEPs Meeting on Tuesday, February 16**

Topic: Increasing Exceptional Performance

Time: Feb 16, 2021 04:30 PM

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88365527686>

### **Input Needed for 2021-2022 Budget**

Understanding parents' needs helps us plan for the upcoming school year. Your feedback will be shared with our School Site Council at our upcoming February and March meetings. Please click the link below to share your thoughts.

[Parent/Guardian/Community Input Survey for 2021-2022 Budget](#)

### **Yearbook News**

(7 Days Left!) YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD DEADLINE is SUNDAY, FEB 7. Honor your student (especially TPES 5th Grade Graduates!) with a recognition ad in the 20-21 TPES Yearbook [BY CLICKING HERE](#). Prices start at \$50 and all proceeds go toward the TPES Foundation to fund rotation classes and enhance our TPES community.

WEEKLY TOPICS. Thanks for the great photos and responses - we hope to include each child in the yearbook a minimum of 3 times, and we can't do it without your help :)

Week 3 Topics: Share your child's thoughts and photos in the 2020-2021 TPES Yearbook. Each week until the end of Feb, there will be a new topic for yearbook submissions.

[Click Here for JAN 31 - Feb 7: Share pics with your favorite book and classroom/rotation photos. Q: What is a new skill or hobby that you have acquired since remote learning started?](#)

### **Food Services: Grab n' Go Meals**

Grab n' go meals are available for free to all children Monday-Friday from noon-2 p.m. at 77 locations! Remind your school families to take advantage of this resource. [See this flyer for more information.](#)

Extra grocery items available (while supplies last) at select schools on a rotating basis. Check the schedule for grocery distributions for next week: [Grocery Item Schedule for Week of 2/1-2/5.](#)

### **Weekly District Notices and Agendas**

Please see attached.

### **Information Worth Repeating:**

#### **TPES School Handbook 2020-2021**

Our handbook remains online this year, and we are not collecting the Home Compact at this time. The beginning of 2021 is a super time of the year to review the handbook with your students. The handbook is reviewed by the SGT, SSC and school staff; students, teachers and parents are expected to follow the guidelines.

#### **CAASPP State Testing Will Occur for Grades 3-5**

Our District's Assessment Department has let us know testing will occur this year. Students can expect a total of 3.5 hours of assessment for ELA and 2.5 hours for math. [This link contains FAQs about COVID-19 and Assessments for students in grades 3-5.](#)

#### **GATE Testing Update**

GATE Testing will not occur this year until all students have returned to site. [Please click here for more information about the Gifted and Talented Programs in SDUSD.](#)

#### **Breakfast and Books**

Join Ms. Richard on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 - 8:30 AM for a read aloud and short chat with students at breakfast time, before the school day begins. Tuesdays will be geared toward a TK-2 audience. Thursdays will be oriented toward grade 3-5 students. Each session has a social-emotional focus.

Zoom link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/91548369892>

The password is: book

#### **Kids Body Connection \*New Zoom Link as of January 2021**

Please check out the new Kids Body Connection Zoom Link. Join Mrs. Juju every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-1:00 PM.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77376229089?pwd=cUdaZElydXF3cDdNZk14WWhVWWtjdz09>

Meeting ID: 773 7622 9089

Passcode: KBC

### **Distribution Days**

Future Distribution Days to the end of the school year are tentatively scheduled for Feb. 24, April 7 and May 5.

### **Student Council Playground**

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

Use this link to find out all happenings kid-created! Thank you to our student council for organizing this virtual space. Password: TPES

### **TPES New Telephone Number**

With the upgrades in technology, our new phone number is 619 605 3700.

Our old phone number, 858 453 2323, will continue to forward to our new line until May 2020. Remember that at this time staff are working from home and are unable to answer the phone. Please continue to email office staff and teachers.

### **School Site Council and School Governance Team**

The next SSC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3 from 7:45 to 8:25 AM.

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

The next SGT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11 from 7:15 to 8:00 AM.

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

### **Technology Tips**

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

### **La Jolla Cluster Meetings**

Save the dates! These are a great way to hear more about issues that are affecting other SDUSD schools in our La Jolla community. The meeting dates for 2021 are scheduled for 2/18, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20. All meetings run from 4:15-5:30 PM.

Cluster Meeting Zoom Link: <https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/82879953442>

***Thank you for being an important part of our school.***