

# TORREY PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MONTHLY UPDATE- FIFTH GRADE

September-October 2017

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear TPES Families,

Our 2017-2018 school year has started out with great success! You will be receiving three updates from our specialty teachers about all the wonderful instruction that is occurring each week. Please take the time to read through each specialty and discuss with your child what they are learning. We have amazing specialties that are unique to Torrey Pines and are a large part of your child's education. Another way to help your child's educational experience is staying informed. I realize that we send parents a lot of information about what is happening at school. Please take the time to read, discuss and participate as much as you can. Your child's elementary school experience goes by quickly; make sure you are involved with your child along the way!!

With warm regards,  
Principal Ott

## UPDATE FROM FIFTH GRADE ROTATION AND SPECIALTY TEACHERS

### Elementary School Counseling Focus with Mrs. Riney

Fifth Graders reviewed the nine strategies they were previously taught to help themselves manage conflict with other peers in a respectful, strong, and polite way. We watched a YouTube video titled: The Power of Words and discussed the importance of empathy, tone of voice, and word selection in helping to successfully solve problems.

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## FOUNDATION SUPPORTED PROGRAMS:



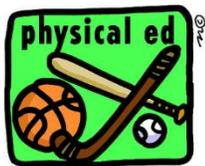
### with Ms. Isom

The last few months in Awesome Science have been out of this world as we studied about our planet Earth and its place in the Solar System! We started the year off with a review of how we use our five senses (even tasting Aloe Vera juice) to make observations and then we dove into the

study of Earth by:

- Discovering the **reasons for the seasons and the uneven heating of the Earth** due to our relationship with our star (the Sun), the Earth's tilt (23.5 degrees) and our yearly orbit.
- Determining why the **stars** appear to be moving. What causes this movement and allows us to experience the different **constellations** we observe at different times in the night sky.
- Experimenting with **mass, volume, density** and hot and cold water to understand the causes of weather/climate and **convection currents**.
- Experimenting with **surface tension** to revisit how scientist design and conduct experiments.

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### with Coach Sergio

All students will be learning the fundamentals of the sports and games we play at TPES including the rules and how to play safe and fair while having fun. We kicked off the year with soccer and are now transitioning to basketball. In both sports we focus on ball control including dribbling, passing, and shooting while playing different fun games!

Please dress appropriate for sports and games on PE days.

Any questions please feel free to ask, Sergio To contact Coach Sergio email him: [sergioatthey@yahoo.com](mailto:sergioatthey@yahoo.com)



### with Ms. Slavik

I love how often the younger students already know a song because their big brother or sister taught it to them! These kids are awesome. Your student explored music by:

- Singing age appropriate songs. Ask them about *Character Tango*, *Verbs*, *Over the River*, *13 Colonies*, *Hambone*, *To Stop the Train*, and our newest music game *Ram Sam Sam*.
- Playing 16 beat rhythm games with quarter notes, quarter rests, eighth and half notes
- Listening and recognizing Bach (Tocatta and Fugue in) *d minor*, Vivaldi *Spring*, and Beethoven *5<sup>th</sup> Symphony*, Haydn *Surprise*, Mancini *Baby Elephant Walk*, Mozart *A Little Night Music*, Williams *Harry Potter*, Tchaikovsky *1812 Overture*, Grieg *Hall of the Mountain King*, Liszt *Hungarian Rhapsody*

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### with Ms. Syeda

TPES artists have been making awesome art like crazy since we started in September! We have been studying art making techniques and concepts as well as master artists.

Our online art gallery is now up and running! Most of you have received permission slips and instructions on how to view your students' art online. I will be sending another round of permission slips in the next few weeks, in case anyone has lost the slips or did not get one for their child yet. This is also a fundraiser. Through the website, you can purchase items with your child's art on it, and 20 % comes back to the school. Check it out, the items would make great holiday gifts for family members!

Fifth grade students studied Pablo Picasso's blue period. Students are in the process of creating a guitar painting/collage, inspired by Picasso's painting *The Old Guitarist*.

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### With Profesora González

Hola, Fifth graders started the year

\*reviewing commands of the classroom, greetings, alphabet, days of the week, and months of the year.

\*learning the vocabulary of the objects in the classroom and using Quizlet.com for practice.

Just last week, we talked about their favorite holiday and the traditions that were part of their holiday. Following this discussion, students learned about the importance and traditions of Día de los Muertos and had the opportunity to honor a loved one by coloring their Calavera. Students also saw a video about Day of the Dead and the meaning of this Mexican celebration.

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oylZ8q2g\\_oQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oylZ8q2g_oQ)).

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