

# TORREY PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MONTHLY UPDATE- FOURTH 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 FOURTH GRADE ROTATION AND SPECIALTY TEACHERS

### Elementary School Counseling Focus with Mrs. Riney

Fourth 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 discussed each problem solving strategy, acted them out, role-played, and watched a video of kids managing conflict successfully.



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## FOUNDATION SUPPORTED PROGRAMS:

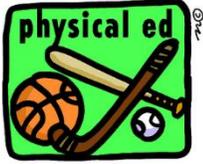


### with Ms. Isom

The last few months in Awesome Science have been really *rocking* as we delve into the world of **Geology**. Studying the Earth and its rocks and minerals is so fun and exciting because it's all around us. To ensure thinking like geologists we:

- Activated our **five senses** (even tasting Aloe Vera juice) by reviewing how scientist make observations.
- Investigated about the **Earth's four layers** using a hardboiled egg as our model.
- Discovered how **plate tectonics** and related **earthquakes and volcanoes (i.e. Ring of Fire)** have helped to and continue to help shape the Earth's crust.
- Learned there is a **rock cycle** and how it is responsible for the **formation** of the **three rock classifications; Igneous, Metamorphic and Sedimentary.**
- Used science tools and observation skills to make our own "**mock**" **sedimentary rocks.**
- Experimented with **erosion and weathering** to change our "mock" sedimentary rocks back into sediments
- Observed and recorded data about our "mock" **rocks physical properties (mass, circumference, color, texture, etc.) and crystalline formation.**
- Used geologist skills to make hands-on observations of the 3 rock classifications; **Igneous, Metamorphic and Sedimentary.**

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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

These students learned so much in just a few weeks. We had fun learning a song about the California Gold Rush. Your student explored music by:

- Singing age appropriate songs. Ask them about *Clementine*, *Do the Good You Know*, and *Hambone (with motions)*
- 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*, Foster *Oh Suzanna*

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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!

Fourth grade students are just beginning to create mandala designs. We are using radial balance to create an intricate, detailed circular design. We will be using watercolor paints to finish.

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## With Profesora González

Hola, Fourth 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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