

Tara Hills Elementary

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Dear parents,

We had a great start to the school year. Our students are beginning to adjust to the new expectations of their teachers and grade levels, and have already begun bonding and establishing new friendships. We thank you parents for your patience at drop off and pick up. We encourage you to continue following our drop off/pick up procedures and also appreciate our students for following our school dress code. Please remember to make every effort to schedule doctor and dentist appointments outside of school hours. Your child needs to be at school at all times to learn, so please do not pull them out unnecessarily. Please remember to always check in at the front office and sign in. Our wonderful office staff will be more than happy to assist you. We are looking forward to a fantastic year here at Tara Hills. Thank you so much for your support!

Marina Flores
Tara Hills Community Outreach Worker

Parent Newsletters and School Communications

We believe communication is key for a better joined partnership between families and school. Bi-weekly parent newsletters will be available online. Please access our website at <http://www.wccusd.net/tarahills> for events, to view the school calendar and important announcements. We will also feature them in our school ClassDojo account. Please talk to your child's teacher if you haven't gotten an account. Every Wednesday we will be sending home with your child a folder with paper flyers or other important information. When you get a chance, check our school bulletin boards located outside the main office or by the main hallway and our PTA announcement board by the cafeteria. And of course every Sunday afternoon, you'll receive a special phone call from our principal Mr. Mendoza with the week's school highlights we don't want you to miss.



This month, Tara Hills will focus on being safe and playing safe with each other. This will also remind us to make the right decisions and think of the consequences of our actions. Please encourage your child to play safely and to ask for help to an adult when necessary.

Upcoming Events

9/4/18 – 9/7/18

Welcome Back – Spirit Week

Tuesday: Pajama Day

Wednesday: Crazy Hat/Hair Day

Thursday: Spirit Wear Day

Friday: Dress your best

9/3/18 – 9/11/18

Welcome Back – Book Fair

During recess and afterschool

9/4/18

PTA Association Meeting

5:30pm – Multipurpose Room

9/6/18

Back to School Night

5:30pm-7pm

Meet in the Multipurpose Room

9/7/18

School Picture Day

All Day

9/7/18

PTA Welcome Back BBQ

2:30pm-5:30pm

Kinder playground

9/27/18

PTA Movie Night

5:30pm – Multipurpose Room

Reminder about our Regular and Minimum Day Dismissal

Preschool students are released at 1:30pm every day.

Kindergarten students are released at 1:55pm everyday by the Kindergarten playground area.

Grades 1-6 are released at 2:40 every day except Wednesdays.

On Wednesdays, we follow a minimum day schedule and students are released at 2:05pm



Congratulations to Ms. Kaplan's Class

★ Ms. Kaplan's 1st Grade class has turned all their emergency cards and has won a popsicle party on August 31, 2018. Special thanks to our awesome school secretary, Ms. Erica Guerra, for providing these refreshing treats for our students.

Emergency Cards

Parents, please return your child's emergency card to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Remember to complete both sides. Extra copies are available at the main office.

Apply for a free or reduce school lunch

Breakfast and lunch are offered at no charge for all students who qualify for free or reduced meal. Please visit the following website <https://www.myschoolapps.com/> and apply for free and/or reduced meals. Eligibility paper forms for free and reduced meals are available in the main office. Every month you will receive a calendar of the daily meals they will be serving for the month. You may also view our monthly [breakfast menu](#) and [lunch menu](#) at our school website. If you have any questions about the school lunches and eligibility you can call Food Services at 510-307-4580.

Get Ready for Picture Day Friday, September 7th

Use these tips to help your child [get ready for school pictures](#).

1. Help your child pick out clothes and colors that look good on them. Avoid slogans, logos, and big patterns. Small jewelry and accessories are fine but nothing too big or distracting.
2. Glasses are okay! Lifetouch photographers know all the tricks to reduce glare.
3. Any hairstyle works for Picture Day.
4. Keep kids relaxed and ready to be themselves.
5. Don't worry about "perfect"! That hair that always sticks up or a missing tooth shows your child just as they are right now—and you'll enjoy looking back on that for years to come. On Picture Day, teachers and volunteers will help straighten collars and check posture. And, if you like, we have retouching options for scrapes and blemishes.

Extra ordering forms are available at the front office. Make sure to order your school pictures today.

In the Community



Every Kid In A Park

Now any fourth grader in the nation can have a chance to [visit any national park for free](#). They've chosen fourth graders because research shows that kids ages nine to 11 are beginning to learn about the world around them. They're open to new ideas, and they are likely to connect to nature and our history.



West Contra Costa Unified School District
Community Engagement Department
1108 Bissell Avenue Richmond 94801
510-307-4526



FREE
Volunteer Fingerprinting for Parents
Saturday!

Become a volunteer

Research shows that when parents are involved in their children's education, the children are more likely to do better in school, have better social skills, graduate and continue their education. We encourage you to obtain a volunteer badge. These are the next fingerprinting parties in September from 9am – 12pm in their Multipurpose Room

9/8 Collins Elementary

9/15 Harding Elementary

Complete your application before you arrive: www.beamentor.org/now

If you have any questions, please contact me at

510-231-1428 ext. 24803



Free Eye Exam at the San Pablo Library

Also free glasses if needed. Parent consent is required.

September 6th and 7th at 3pm.

We appreciate your support

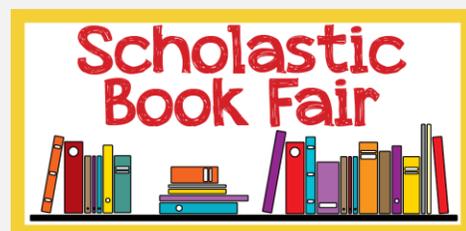


Special Education Fundraiser

Ms. Wu is organizing a T-shirt fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards her special education music class. Let's support our students by checking out this website www.3elove.com/tarahills and purchasing these great t-shirts. A flyer will soon be going out for more details.

It's Book Fair Time!

Our wonderful office staff has organized a fabulous **Welcome Back to School Book Fair**. We hope you can support our school. We will be open during recess time and afterschool until Tuesday, September 11th. Don't miss out the great variety of books and fun surprises!



PTA Welcome Back BBQ

Our amazing PTA has planned a Welcome Back BBQ for Friday, September 7th beginning at 2:30 pm in the Kindergarten playground area. We would love volunteers to help us out with the event. Please sign up at <https://tarahillspata-2018bbq.eventbrite.com>

Tara Hills Spirit Wear for sale

Please stop by the main office and see Ms. Erica or Ms. Belem to purchase spirit wear.



Cool to be Kind Students

Students are given Cool 2 Be Kind tickets when an adult at school observes them being kind, and acting responsibly. We praise students who make positive and right choices. When the student receives a ticket, he/she will write their name on it and place it in the corresponding grade C2BK box (located in the main office). We will do a drawing every Friday and one student is picked from: K and 1st, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade and 6th grade. Once the winners are announce, they'll stop by the front office to receive a special recognition and a picture will be taken with our principal, Mr. Mendoza.

August Month Cool to be Kind Students

Emilio Boyd in Ms. Norgaard's class
Brescia Porras in Ms. Erickson's class
Mya Morales in Ms. Manchouk's Class
Christopher Wilson in Ms. Chakkalake's Class
Katie Gonzalez in in Mr. Keough's Class

