



# TARA HILLS ELEMENTARY

*Home of the Shamrocks*

**Principal's Monthly Newsletter  
MAY 2022**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Tara Hills families,

The month of May is full of many exciting events. Please review the May calendar as there is a Junior Achievement Day planned, as well as a family technology night. We are continuing with our state testing so please try and make sure that students get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast in the morning. Breakfast is offered at school every day beginning at 8 am. Test dates for spring 2022 can be found on the May calendar.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Salinas

## REMINDERS

### School Attendance

Please report your child's absence/tardiness to Ms. Lozano at [tarahills@wccusd.net](mailto:tarahills@wccusd.net) or call the school at 510-231-1428. When reporting an absence/tardy, please include the following:

1. First/Last name of the student
2. Your relationship with the student
3. Name of the teacher
4. Reason of absence (doctor's note)

For appointments, please provide proof of appointments.



### Weekly COVID Testing

We are continuing weekly COVID Testing every Thursday here at Tara Hills. Thank you to all our families who have already signed up and are testing weekly. If you have not yet signed up, please go to <https://www.wccusd.net/Page/16337> and review the step-by-step sign-up, and log in to **gvp.app**

If you need assistance with the process, please contact Ms. Flores through ClassDojo.



## FROM OUR

### MAY 2022 CALENDAR

#### MAY 2-6

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

#### MAY 2, 3, 5, and 6

Math SBAC Assessment - Grades 3 - 6

#### MAY 3

Pinole Middle School

In-Person School Tour at 5 pm

#### MAY 9 and 10

Science SBAC Assessment - Grade 5

#### MAY 11

Pinole Middle School

In-Person School Tour at 4 pm

#### MAY 12

Last day to submit your photos of your posters for our 6th graders

#### MAY 17

WCCUSD African-American Site Advisory Team (AASAT) Meeting at 6 pm

#### MAY 18

Family Tech Talk Night at 6 pm

#### MAY 19

Pinole Middle School

In-Person School Tour at 6 pm

#### MAY 20

Junior Achievement visits Tara Hills  
8:30 am - 12 pm

#### MAY 26

WCCUSD Multilingual District Advisory Committee (MDAC) Meeting at 6 pm

#### MAY 30

No School - Memorial Day

#### MAY 31

Last day to turn in May Reading Log

## REMINDERS (Cont'd)



### May Reading Log Challenge

Over the next few weeks, we will make a special announcement with the names of our Shamrock Readers and give them their respective recognitions. Go to <https://www.wccusd.net/Page/16334> to view/download the May Reading Log. Continue reading with your child or independently for **30 minutes every day**.

### Social-Emotional Learning - April and May

The focus **Social Emotional Learning Theme for April and May is Empathy/Critical Thinking**. Students will learn how thoughts influence feelings and behaviors. They will also learn to nurture "caterpillar thoughts," which recognize that people can grow and make positive changes while avoiding "worm thoughts," which view people as unchangeable. These skills help students have a greater understanding of themselves and others. Students will have a better understanding of empathy and stereotypes. For more information about this particular unit and activities to reinforce at home, go to <https://www.wccusd.net/Page/16387>

## PARENT MEETINGS THIS MONTH



### African-American Parent Advisory Committee (AAPAC)

AAPAC meets virtually on the first Wednesday of the month at 9 am. Please mark your calendar. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 4. Check out ClassDojo for the Zoom link to join the meeting. Go to <https://www.wccusd.net/Page/13097> and learn more about AAPAC.

### English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)

ELAC meets virtually on the first Thursday of the month at 9 am. Please mark your calendar. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 5. Check out ClassDojo for the Zoom link to join the meeting. Go to <https://www.wccusd.net/Page/13098> and learn more about ELAC.



### School Site Council (SSC)

SSC will meet Wednesday, May 25. This meeting is virtual and everyone is welcome to attend. Check out ClassDojo for the Zoom link to join the meeting. Go to <https://www.wccusd.net/Page/11273> to learn more about SSC.

### Virtual Coffee Chat with the Principal

I will be having a Virtual Coffee Chat on Friday, May 27 from 9-10 am. Bring any questions or concerns you may have. I'll provide information about upcoming school events. Check out ClassDojo for the Zoom link to join the meeting.



## PARENT RESOURCES THIS MONTH

Please check our school website [www.wccusd.net/tarahills](http://www.wccusd.net/tarahills) and look for the **Activities** and **Students & Parents** tabs and learn more about what we will feature this month:

### **Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

**May is Physical Fitness Month**

**SBAC Testing and Practice Tests**

**Test-taking Tips**

**Information about Junior Achievement visit**

**Superintendent's Message**

## SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT



A BIG shout out to our amazing Tara Hills teachers and staff for your dedication and for being here for our students. Go Shamrocks!