



# PRINCIPAL SALINAS' WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Week of January 17, 2022

Dear Tara Hills Families:

I know that these past couple of weeks have been challenging for many families and we are working hard to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for our students. I thank you for working with us together in preventing the spread of Covid by reporting your child's at-home Covid test results, keeping your child at home if they are not feeling well and keeping us updated.

Below are a few reminders for this week:

**No School- Monday, January 17 in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr.**

## **Vaccination Status Documentation**

Parents, please confirm your child's vaccination status 5 years and over and upload vaccination cards or a medical exemption doctor note into the PowerSchool Parent or Student Portal (browser, not the app). This information will be housed in our Student Information System (SIS), PowerSchool, where the records will be securely maintained like other student data. For students who require a Medical Exemption, the family or student will go through the [CAIR website](#) and register for an account. An account code is created, which is provided to the physician. The student's physician will use the student-specific passcode to go through the CAIR-ME website to issue the exemption. The physician will provide a copy of the exemption to the parent, who will upload it to PowerSchool or provide a hard copy to the school. As of January 2021, this is the only valid method to obtain a medical exemption for required vaccinations for students 12 and above. If you are not able to upload the vaccination card, please bring the card to the main office and we will make a copy.

Here is the how-to doc for parents/students [Instructions in English](#) | [Instructions in Spanish](#)

Here is are the video instructions for parents/students [Instructions in English](#) | [Instructions in Spanish](#)

## **COVID-19 Weekly Testing**

We have weekly Covid testing at school which happens every Thursday. We want to encourage *all* parents/caregivers to register their children for Covid testing. You can click the following link to get started <https://bit.ly/THCOVIDNEWACCOUNT> **The more students that are tested, the better we are able to minimize the chance of Covid infections among our students, teachers/staff, and their family members.** Click the any of the following links for the step-by step instructions

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## COVID-19 Testing Sites

You and your child can also get tested for Covid at the following district testing sites that are open Monday-Friday from 8am -5 pm (also open on Monday 1/17/2022)

- ✓ Alvarado Adult School Parking Lot: 5625 Sutter Ave, Richmond, CA 94804
- ✓ WCCUSD District Office Parking Lot: 1108 Bissell Ave, Richmond, CA 94801
- ✓ Ohlone Elementary School 201 Turquoise Dr, Hercules, CA 94547

Please remember that in order to go to any of these sites, you must register and make an appointment through the GVP website <https://bit.ly/THCOVIDTESTING>.

## Community Resources and Events

Please continue to periodically check the school website for updated community resources and events:

[Family Zumba with BBK](#), and other resources you don't want to miss out on and be a part of. Click [here](#) to learn more **Tara Hills School Website - Parent/Community Resources**



## January Reading Log

The January reading log is [here](#). Continue reading with your child or independently for **30 minutes every day**. Remember that the Reading Club Log is not homework or in-class lesson reading, but instead leisure/bedtime reading.

**Parents/guardians please remember to date and initial the log for every 30 minutes your child reads.** Thank you for encouraging your child to participate in the Reading Club.

## Dental Clinic- SAVE THE DATE Friday, February 11

Big Smiles Dental Clinic will be at our school site on February 11. They provide in-school dental care for any students that have Medi-Cal. Paper applications were sent home a couple of weeks ago. You may also register online at [www.MySchoolDentist.com](http://www.MySchoolDentist.com) or call (855) 481-8639.



Thank you and have a great week!

Mrs. Salinas  
Principal