



Tara Hills Elementary School

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Greetings Families,

On behalf of the staff at Tara Hills, I am happy to welcome new and returning students and families to the 2021-2022 school year! We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead, learning and growing together with our students. The year ahead is filled with opportunities and we are excited to instill in our students a love for learning. As the school year begins, we would like to start it with a healthy and positive attitude. We ask our families to work closely with us to help our students flourish at school.

I am honored and excited to come to Tara Hills as the new principal. I am originally from Southern California and spent most of my career working in the Compton Unified School District in Compton, CA. I moved to the area last year and was the Vice Principal at Vallejo High School. I know that I have a lot to learn from my wonderful new colleagues, students and community members at Tara Hills, and in WCCUSD and I look forward to meeting all of you.

I have an open door policy. I will be posting my virtual office hours soon, and I will also have monthly principal's chats. Please feel free to meet with me, contact me, and we can talk about how the school can help your children and ways to support the school. Also, remember that if you have concerns about your child's class, you can always reach out and communicate with the teacher. I always want to respect the teacher's authority in the classroom, and it is vital that they be aware of any concerns. That said, if you need to discuss any concerns, please know that you can reach out to me as well.

How can you help your child and the children at Tara Hills?

Please help us by talking about our school being No Place for Hate. We are an inclusive public school that accepts all races, religions, languages, cultures, genders, abilities, types of families, and ways people love. We celebrate this and do not discriminate.

Attendance

Students arriving after 8:30 am must check in with the office to avoid being marked absent for the day.

Parents picking up their children early must also check in with the office so that the office can sign them out. Front doors are locked for safety reasons, parents please call the office for assistance.

Please make attendance at school a priority for your child. Schedule doctor and dentist appointments after school, on weekends or during school holidays. Build relationships with other people in the community, so that if you cannot bring your child to school, someone else can.

School Lunch

At Tara Hills, we promote healthy eating. We believe that students benefit strongly from a healthy diet. It is important to instill good habits and a healthy relationship with food from a young age. Kids pick up habits from their peers and adults in their lives. Please consider having students eat school lunch. Also, whether or not you are considering having your children eat school lunch, **we need all families to fill out the lunch application**. It is more than simply a lunch application. Having 100% lunch forms turned in may help the school immensely with its funding. Please make sure that you fill out the lunch application by clicking [HERE](#).

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School and Home partnership

Work with your child's teacher as a teammate in your child's education and please remain in communication with them. Make sure students read. Often students' homework will just be to read so please make sure they take the time to read. Then, talk to them about what they read. Talk to your students about what they are learning in school in the areas of self-control and regulation. Help students be healthy so they can be their best selves. Remind them to leave toys and junk food at home. Put hats and cell phones away in their backpacks.

Parent Committees

Please consider joining some of the parent and community groups at the school such as the African American Parent Advisory Committee (AAPAC), the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), School Site Council(SSC), or Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

Dress Code

Please follow Tara Hills and the district dress code. Students must wear:

- Clean neat shirts, long or short sleeves free of references to alcohol/drugs, adult language/content, or negative language (For example, avoid shirts that say something like "I'm Not Listening")
- Clothes should be clean, and in good condition
- Please make sure pants have no rips and do not sag
- Shirts have sleeves
- Length for skirts and shorts should be no shorter than one inch above the knee
- Students should be able to safely run in shoes, so closed-toed shoes with good treads, such as athletic shoes
- Avoid: sandals, heels, and especially no roller skate shoes
- No color red, red striping, red shoes, red accessories

We now have a new Tara Hills School Spirit Wear company available to order from. Please click on the link- [Tara Hills School Spirit Wear](#) if interested. All items are ordered online and delivered directly to the home.

Student drop off and pick up

Please do not drop off your children any earlier than 8:00 am as there is no supervision until that time. All students need to be dropped off in front of the cafeteria. Do not pull into the side parking area to drop off your children as this is where staff parks and it is a very busy area in the morning. After school, please pull all the way to the front and all the way over to the right side next to the curb. As cars leave, continue to pull all the way up. This will ensure that all parents are able to pick up their children quickly and safely. Please do not leave cars unattended in the loading zone. If your children need help unloading (help to put on their backpacks or lunch pails), getting into the car, or you would like to say a long goodbye to them, please park your vehicles. In addition, do not load and unload children next to the school buses as that is a hazard and an impediment for buses to leave on time.

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Please complete the Daily Home Health Screening

We are asking all parents to monitor their child’s health on a daily basis and to complete a “passive health screening.” This includes temperature checks and monitoring for any of the symptoms related to COVID-19. Prior to coming to school each day, parents must review the following questions. If answered in the affirmative, please call the office and keep students at home. If “no,” then please proceed to school.

1. In the past 10 days, have you or anyone in your household had close contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
2. Are you currently experiencing any of the following symptoms: Fever, Headache, Cough, Sore Throat, Runny Nose, Shortness of Breath, Chills, Muscle Aches, New Loss of Taste or Smell, Nausea, Vomiting, or Diarrhea
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

COVID-19 Weekly Testing

Important- As of 10pm last night, GVP has updated the consent form in the registration process. This means that anyone who schedules an appointment as of 9/26 or after, will not have to schedule an appointment again. One last appointment must be made this week and then will not have to be done anymore. These individuals will simply have to arrive at the testing location and provide their name to be tested each week.

Please note that everyone must schedule one more time from 9/26 or after to be able to never have to schedule again. Anyone who is having difficulty registering online, please attend one of the following Zoom meetings and they will provide one on one support and guarantees that anyone who attends will be registered by the end of the Zoom training.

COVID-19 Testing Registration Support Zoom Room Information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2849220915?pwd=UURucTNVdWVxYUVveWU1KzYvQWV1QT09>

Meeting ID: 284 922 0915

Passcode: 5aCgUz

One tap mobile

+12532158782,,2849220915#,,,,*284030# US (Tacoma)

Dial-in

+1 253 215 8782 US

Meeting ID: 284 922 0915

Passcode: 284030

Schedule:

Thursday 9/30/2021 5:30pm

Saturday 10/2/2021 9:00am

Tuesday 10/5/2021 5:30pm

Thursday 10/7/2021 5:30pm

Saturday 10/9/2021 9:00am

Tuesday 10/12/2021 5:30pm

Thursday 10/14/2021 5:30pm

Saturday 10/16/2021 9:00am

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Agenda:

- Review the COVID testing registration and one-time scheduling process (start to finish)
- QA

LSA COVID testing instructions: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/10a4WqzWOhdFz-295Cr2x6lRQUoihN8yF/view>

Review this video and learn how to register - <https://youtu.be/gEpaLiwiwn8>

Our link to create an account or log in

https://gvp.app/servlet/com.gvp.site.welcome?G1mI7DriehwPBdrwsB1SMv3+_GVWxPp3Wi+b0GoEm0=

Covid testing resources - <https://www.wccusd.net/domain/3388>

Our testing day is Thursday from 8 am to 4 pm

At this time, on-site Covid testing is only for students and staff.

Please note:

- You will be asked to upload a photo of your child's insurance card when you register
- When you log on to make an appointment you will only see 4 pm - 4:01 pm as an option. Please choose this option but know that your child will be tested during the school day.
- If you are having difficulty registering, LSA will have an additional person on site each Thursday who will sit outside of the main office to assist you.

Click [HERE](#) for the District's Frequently Asked Questions

Beginning Monday, September 13, the district has partnered with Laboratory Services of America (LSA) to administer weekly rapid COVID-19 tests to students and staff. These tests produce results in around 15 minutes and families will be notified of results within 15-30 minutes, which will significantly reduce the time to identify a positive test.

Important upcoming dates:

- COVID-19 Testing- Every Thursday during school hours. Those students who have been pre-registered with a weekly appointment will be tested during their assigned class time during the school day.
- Make-up Picture Day will be Tuesday, October 5, 2021
- September 15-October 15 is Latinx, Chicanix, Hispanic, Afro-Latinx Heritage Month. Teachers will have special activities and lessons celebrating history and heritage over the next few weeks.

Thank you Tara Hills community for your welcome. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.
Have a wonderful year!

Mrs. Salinas

Principal