



Tijeras Creek Times

August 18 , 2025 to August 22, 2025

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AUGUST 19th

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Mission Statement: "Together we strive to ensure all students will achieve at or above grade level."

Principal Letter:

Welcome Back, Tijeras Creek Families!
"Together We Rise"

Dear Tijeras Creek Families,

Here is some information for you for the beginning of the year.

Teacher assignments

At approximately 3:00 pm, Monday August 18th, all elementary sites will have a personalized email message sent by the District office to all families notifying them of the following:

Site's Name

- Child's Teacher
- Grade Level

****Please note that all class assignments are tentative until after the 10th day of school. Classes can be over or under-enrollment at the beginning of the year due to student adds/drops. Any changes to enrollment may result in class adjustments needing to be made. We thank you for your understanding.**

You may also access teacher assignments in the Parent Portal on Monday, August 18th after 3:00 pm (if for some reason you don't receive an email from the District). We are trying to avoid the system crash when everyone goes online at 3:00 pm. Try waiting after 4:00 pm to allow the system to accommodate the load. To access this information, you will need to ensure that your Parent Portal is updated. The [Data Confirmation Portal](#) is now open. If you have not already created an account, please do so ASAP. If you have an account, please be sure to log in and update all the information. Once you have completed the update, click on the Data Confirmation tab, print and sign the form. Teachers will be collecting these forms when school starts. If you are unable to print and/or need support with Data Confirmation, you can call our office at (949) 234-5300.

First Day of School for Kindergarten

For the first day of Kindergarten, **Tuesday, August 19th**, school will be from **7:45 a.m. to 8:58 a.m.** Parents will attend with their students, so please come to class with your kindergartner.

Drop-off/ Pick Up at Tijeras Creek

This year, there will only be one pick-up and drop-off area for grades 1-5 and that will be at the front of the school. **THERE WILL NOT BE A BACK DROP-OFF/PICK UP AREA** follow the cones and it should lead to a nice orderly dropoff/ pick-up.

Students will continue to line up grades 1-5 on the blacktop. Kindergarten and TK will line up at their rooms. Students may be on campus no earlier than 7:30 am.

TK/Kindergarten parents may walk on campus to drop off their child by their classroom but then will need to exit the campus without hanging around classroom hallways, talking with others, or walking around campus. It will be quick on and off campus so we can secure the campus quickly in the morning.

You may enjoy your conversations with friends out in front of the school.

TK - Transitional Kindergarten

TK Early Birds will line up by their classrooms for drop off between 7:30 - 7:45 am.

TK Late Birds will meet/line up by the TK gate for drop-off between 9:10 - 9:15 am (except Wednesdays, all students come at 7:45 am and meet at the classroom). . If you are late for drop-off, please check in at the office.

Dismissal/Pick up at 11:38 (Early Bird) & 1:08 (Late Bird)

Parents will meet staff at the gate by their classroom. After waiting 5 minutes, all students that have not been picked up will walk to the office to contact their parents.

PE at Tijeras Creek

We're excited to let you know about a new part of our K-5 Physical Education program called Rhythm and Movement. Our scheduled day is Wednesday. This new program helps students build coordination, timing, and body control through fun, active experiences that involve music, patterns, and creative movement. Whether it's clapping, stepping, jumping, or moving in sync with others, students will explore rhythm in ways that support their physical development and confidence.

Every activity is designed to be inclusive, age-appropriate, and aligned with national learning standards for physical education. Most importantly, it's all about helping kids stay active, build skills, and enjoy moving their bodies in new ways.

We're looking forward to sharing this with our students and seeing them thrive through Rhythm and Movement!

Tijeras Creek Times/ PTA newsletter

Our Tijeras Creek Times will continue to be our weekly newsletter that will be sent out in two different avenues. It will be sent through email and text. I will send a voicemail

out also with some highlights from the newsletter. PTA will have a separate newsletter that shares about their activities and events. Staying in communication is key.

Cell Phones

Students may use the school telephone only in an emergency. Parents are asked to plan ahead with their children regarding any changes to procedures for students to follow after school. Changes such as not riding the bus should be communicated to the student's teacher by written note.

CUSD policy permits possession of cell phones on a school campus but requires that they are turned off and stored in a locker, backpack, purse, pocket or another place where it is not visible during the instructional day. Depending on the specific campus policy, the device may be used before the first bell and after the school day ends. Only students in high school may use cell phones during the lunch period.

If a student uses a cell phone inappropriately on campus, school officials have the authority to confiscate the device. If the device rings, or is visible during exams or is used for cheating, it may be confiscated and the student may be removed from the situation. Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the site administrator for purposes relating to the health or educational needs of a student.

If the device is found connected to the CUSD network without permission, it will be determined that the student has violated the Student Acceptable Use Policy and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

This will occur only in cases where the device is used in a manner that disrupts the learning environment.

The District assumes no responsibility under any circumstances for the loss, destruction, or theft of any cellular phones, or any other electronic signaling devices that are brought to school at any time or to any extracurricular or after school activity. School and District office personnel are not required to investigate lost or stolen devices.

Pictures or recordings taken on campus or at school events will not be posted on the Internet or shared without the written permission of the Administration. The District is not liable for any inappropriate actions, content, or materials accessed or shared on personal devices (see BP 6163.5 and AR 6.7). If there is reasonable suspicion, the administration reserves the right to hold onto the device and search content on any personal device, including but not limited to blogs, text messages, images, etc., during an investigation.

No student shall be prohibited from possessing or using an electronic signaling device that is determined by a licensed physician to be essential for the health of the pupil and the use of which is limited to the pupil's health.

The use of camera functions on electronic devices is prohibited on campuses.

Thanks for your support in this area and your cooperation is appreciated.

On behalf of the entire staff and community WELCOME to Tijeras Creek Elementary.

“A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen.”
– Denise Witmer

Andrew Klinkenberg

Principal, Tijeras Creek Elementary



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food & Nutrition News

In an effort to decrease added sugar, Food Services will no longer be serving chocolate milk and will only serve white milk in all schools. Food Service is also switching to reduced sugar versions of some favorite entrees (ex. Maple Waffle, Blueberry Muffin, French Toast Sticks).

Interactive menus with allergens, pictures, and nutrition information can also be found on the Food & Nutrition website capistrano.healtheliving.net

[August School Breakfast & Lunch Menu](#)

Birthday Shout Out on Marquee

Celebrate in style! Make someone's birthday unforgettable with a personalized marquee shoutout. For just \$35, surprise them with a special message that lights up the day! Payable by cash or check to TC Boosters. (Only 2 spots available per week) Contact Heidi, helbrie@capousd.org to reserve your spot and make the moment magical.

Recycling

We hope you have been saving up your summer recycling! We are having classroom contests for the "most recycling" winners.

- **Accepted:** CA CRV aluminum cans and plastic bottles pre-sorted
- **Not Accepted:** Glass or trash recycling
- Use white/clear bags and write the teacher name and number of bottles or cans donated. (Cans and bottles bagged separately)
- Make sure you email your teacher the number of bottles/cans you donated.

We can **ONLY** accept **CA CRV aluminum cans** and **plastic bottles pre-sorted**. Please NO glass or trash recycling. Please use white or clear trash bags.

YMCA

Are you looking for a safe, fun-filled program? Enroll in the Tijeras Creek YMCA today! The YMCA program is located right on your school campus, offering TK-5th grade students full-time and part-time options to fit your family's needs.

Program Highlights

- Hours are 6:45am-6:00pm
- Full Time and Part Time options available
- Located on school campus
- Highly-qualified staff
- Academic enrichment
- STEM curriculum/ Student Clubs (e.g. Cooking, Art, eSports, Photography)
- Service learning projects
- Financial assistance available!

Each day the Y provides homework support, opportunities to participate in arts and enrichment activities, health and wellness programs, Clubs, S.T.E.A.M., and so much more.

For more information or to reserve your child's spot contact:

Mayra Reynoso, Director
mreynos@ymcaoc.org
949-635-9622

Before and After School Enrichment | Session 1

Session 1: September 2nd - October 30th.

Registration: [Saddleback BASE Before & After-School Enrichment](#)



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REGISTER TODAY! *Subscribe to our [Newsletter](#) to get direct notifications from our team!*

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Full program details? Visit our [website](#), type the Class ID in the search bar, click on the class title for descriptions and more!

Class ID	Start Date	Location	Class Name	Daily Class Times
19590	Sep 02	Tijeras Creek ES	Strategic Kids: LEGO®: Bricks In Motion	Tue 2:10 PM - 3:10 PM
19591	Sep 03	Tijeras Creek ES	Academic Chess	Wed 12:55 PM - 1:55 PM
19592	Sep 15	Tijeras Creek ES	Kidcreate: Art Tricks & Techniques	Mon 2:10 PM - 3:10 PM

Register Today!

1. **View classes online:** <https://saddleback.augusoft.net>
2. **In-Person:** Visit us at the [Saddleback College Community Education Building](#)
3. **Call us at** (949)582-4646 for more information about our programs.

Saddleback College Community Education

M - Th | 8:30AM – 4:00PM

F | 8:30AM -12:30PM

Follow Tijeras Creek PTA on Social Media!

The Tijeras Creek PTA is hard at work on creating some awesome new events for our school community! Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates and save the dates! We are updating regularly with PTA and school events so you won't want to miss it!

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