



## **Tijeras Creek Times**

**August 31, 2026 to September 4, 2026**

**Back to School Night**  
**Thursday, Sept. 03**  
**5:00-6:30PM**

Follow us on our **NEW** Instagram: [@tijerascreekelementaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/tijerascreekelementaryschool)

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

### **Principal Letter:**

This week, students began earning and turning in "Pawsitives" when they were caught demonstrating our Tiger expectations and making positive choices around campus. Beginning this Friday, we will draw winners for our weekly raffle prizes. Good luck, Tigers!

Students also participated in a fire drill this week. Our staff and students did a wonderful job listening carefully, following directions, and practicing our safety procedures. We are proud of how calmly and responsibly our Tigers responded.

We are looking forward to seeing our families at Back to School Night next Thursday, September 3. This is a parent-only event and an opportunity to hear directly from your child's teacher about what students will be learning this year, classroom expectations, and ways you can support learning at home. The following school day, 9/4 is a minimum day for students. Please keep that in mind when planning your pick up from school. It is also **PICTURE DAY!!!!**

### **Back to School Night Schedule 9/3:**

- TK-3: 5:00-5:45 PM (Levy, Morrison, Brady (2/3))
- Grades 4-5: 5:45-6:30 PM (Stanley (3/4), Mann, Rodda)
- **5th Grade Science Camp** Meeting in the MPR at 6:30-7:00pm. A representative from Pali Camp will join us via livestream to share important information and answer questions about camp.
- Please make sure to stop at the PTA tables outside the MPR!

**We hope to see you there!**

Warmly,

**Amanda Soboleski**

Principal, Tijeras Creek Elementary School

## Spirit Fridays

Join us every Friday morning for our **Spirit Assembly** on the blacktop from **7:45-8:00 AM**. All families are welcome to join us as we celebrate our students and build our school community.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **BTSN Schedule**

#### **Thursday, September 03, 2026 - Parent Only Event**

5:00-5:45 Grades TK- 3rd grade (Levy, Morrison & Brady (2/3))

5:45-6:30 Grades 4th-5th grade (Stanley (3/4), Mann & Rodda)

6:30-7:00 Outdoor Science Camp Meeting in MPR

Make sure to stop by the PTA Tables outside the MPR before or after your classroom visits.

**\*\*YMCA Childcare Available - Contact YMCA directly \*\***

Mayra Reynoso, Director

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949-635-9622

Back to School Night Childcare **5:50PM-7:00PM**

Back to school night is a parent only event, the YMCA will offer childcare for the night!  
CALL: 949-635-9622

**Cost is \$15 per child and \$10 for siblings**

**All attendees must be potty trained,** no food will be provided. Photo ID or receipt required for pick up (all families will pay that evening and receive a receipt, students will receive a green wrist band that will correspond with receipt). Cash (exact change only) or check payable to YMCA of Orange County.

**Space is limited.**

Students may be dropped off no earlier than 10 minutes prior. (5:50pm)  
Location will be in our YMCA classrooms. All parents are required to sign students in and out of the classrooms.

Check in will take place in YMCA Portable - Y1.

Please complete the [Back to School Night registration](#) link return to the YMCA or email Mayra at [Mreynoso@ymcaoc.org](mailto:Mreynoso@ymcaoc.org). For more information call 949-635-9622

## **BTSN Weekly Dismissal Times**

### **Monday, August 31**

- Regular Dismissal

### **Tuesday, September 01**

- Regular Dismissal

### **Wednesday, September 02 (ACE Day Dismissal)**

- **11:38 am** – TK (Early & Late Birds Together)
- **12:40 pm** – Kindergarten
- **12:50 pm** – Grades 1–5

### **Thursday, September 03 Back to School Night**

- Regular Dismissal

### **Friday, September 04 (Minimum Day & Picture Day)**

- **11:20 am** – TK (Early & Late Birds Together)
- **12:05 pm** – Kindergarten
- **12:15 pm** – Grades 1–5



## **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 in the front office, [helabrie@capousd.org](mailto:helabrie@capousd.org) to reserve your spot and make the moment magical.

## **Food and Nutrition News**

[August Elementary Menu](#)

[September Elementary Menu](#)



**Annual Mandated Reporter Training (SB 848) required for Tier 1 Volunteers**

Under the provisions of Senate Bill 848, all Tier I volunteers are now required to complete Mandated Reporter training on an annual basis. The requirement is for both current and new volunteer applicants. Tier 1 volunteers may have unsupervised contact with students and can include coaches, field trip chaperones/drivers, and tutors. Tier 1 volunteers undergo a more rigorous process before being approved. This process includes getting fingerprinted through the Department of Justice/FBI and completing Mandated Reporter training annually.

**NEW Tier 1 Volunteers, please follow the steps outlined below:**

Register Online: Complete initial registration through the [district website](#).

1. Get Fingerprinted: Obtain fingerprinting via [Live Scan](#).
2. Complete ASCIP Online Training: Finish the required Mandated Reporter online training module (detailed ASCIP Self-Registration Instructions below).
3. Verify Clearance: Check directly with the school site to confirm clearance status before beginning service.

**ASCIP Self-Registration Instructions**

1. Click on the following link: [ASCIP E-Learning Self-Registration](#)
2. Under **Member District**, click the drop-down arrow, select **Capistrano Unified School District**, and click **Next** (*selecting a site/location is optional*).
3. Enter your **First and Last Name**.
4. Click the box titled **New Hire** and select **Volunteer**.
5. Enter your personal email address in the **Primary Email Address** field and click **Save**.
6. Your account will be reviewed by a district administrator. Once approved, you will receive a welcome email from [ehelp@ascip.org](mailto:ehelp@ascip.org) containing an activation link (**active for 24 hours**).
7. Click the link to set up your password (minimum 8 characters; must include 1 uppercase letter, 1 lowercase letter, 1 number, and 1 special character) and acknowledge the terms.
8. On **My Dashboard**, complete the assigned **Mandated Reporter** course. (*Note: The course includes audio, so please ensure your speakers are turned on.*)

Contact Information for Questions

- Volunteer Process Questions: Kristen Osterfeld at 949-234-9380
- ASCIP Registration Questions: Rebecca Evenson at 949-234-9341

The training must be completed by September 30, 2026. We will update your volunteer profile to ensure your school site knows you are cleared and ready to help. You can check in with the front office to confirm your clearance. Volunteers who have not completed the training by September 30, 2026 will have their Tier 1 status suspended until it is complete.

We truly appreciate your cooperation in keeping our students safe.



**E-Bicycle/Bicycle Districtwide Safety Program**

CUSD is committed to ensuring the safety of students who commute to and from school on e-bicycles and bicycles. The District is continuing its partnership with the California Highway Patrol and with Providence Mission Hospital on a proactive approach designed to address student safety concerns, align with District [Board Policy 5142.2](#), and promote responsible riding practices.

We need ALL Tijeras Creek students who are wanting to ride their bikes to school to complete the CUSD E-bicycle/bicycle Safety Course & Presentation + Permit Application 26-27.

Tijeras Creek has a unique Google form/attestation link. Click on the link to complete the form and get your e-bicycle license. (the requirements for the license are on the attestation form.) [Tijeras Creek link](#)

- Students in grades 3-5 may complete the CUSD e-bicycle/bicycle safety course in order to obtain a permit to ride an e-bicycle to school. Students in grades K-2 may complete the CUSD bicycle safety course in order to obtain a permit for a traditional pedal bicycle. For younger students, riding to and from school **with adult supervision** is strongly recommended.
- Class 3 e-bicycles are not permitted for students under 16 years old. Only Class 1 and Class 2 e-bicycles may be ridden to school for students under 16 years old. Additional information about class 1, 2, and 3 e-bicycles can be found [HERE](#).
- No elementary students may ride a powered scooter/e-scooter to school. You must have a valid driver's license in order to operate an e-scooter. [California vehicle code](#) requires operators of motorized scooters to possess a valid driver's license.
- All students riding an e-bicycle and/or bicycle must wear a helmet at all times. Helpful safety tips for e-bicycle/bicycle riders can be found [HERE](#).

Additional information can be found below:  
[CUSD E-Bicycle/Bicycle Safety Introduction](#)  
[E-Bicycle/Bicycle Progressive Discipline](#)

### **Before and After School Enrichment | Session 1**

REGISTER TODAY! Subscribe to our Saddleback's [Newsletter](#) to get direct notifications on classes!

#### **Tijeras Creek**

Session 1 : September 8th - October 29th

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

Strategic Kids: LEGO®: City Planners - 20439  
Start date - Tuesday, September 8th  
Location - Tijeras Creek ES  
Tues 2:10 - 3:10

Academic Chess -20440

Start date - Wednesday, September 9th

Location - Tijeras Creek ES

Wed 12:55 PM - 1:55 PM

## **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:

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