



Tijeras Creek Times

August 24, 2026 to August 28, 2026

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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!

What a great first week of school! It has been wonderful welcoming our Tigers back to campus, seeing our classrooms come to life, and watching our students reconnect with friends, teachers, and our school community.

This week, all students participated in our PBIS stations and learned and practiced our schoolwide expectations. Our Tigers did an amazing job, and we are so proud of the positive start they have made!

Thank you to all of our families who joined us for our first Friday Flag. It was wonderful to see so many of you on the blacktop celebrating our students and kicking off our first Friday together.

Next week, students can begin earning and turning in "Pawsitives" when they are caught demonstrating our Tiger expectations and making positive choices around campus. We'll begin collecting those tickets, with our Friday Raffles coming soon!

Thank you for helping us start the year with such a strong sense of community. We are looking forward to another great week of learning together!

Warmly,

Amanda Soboleski

Principal, Tijeras Creek Elementary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer! We can't wait to welcome our students and families back for an incredible year of learning, growth, and leaving our legacy together.

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

Under the provisions of Senate Bill 848, all Tier 1 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 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](#)

Food and Nutrition
August Elementary Menu

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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