Tijeras Creek Times

November 23, 2026 to November 27, 2026

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

Principal Letter:

Here are some reminders heading into the next week.

As we head into Thanksgiving break, I want to share how thankful I am to be part of our Tijeras Creek community. I am grateful for our students, our caring staff, and the families who support our school in so many ways. I hope this break gives you time to slow down, enjoy time with loved ones, and appreciate the little moments together. Whether you are traveling or staying close to home, I wish you and your family a restful and happy Thanksgiving!

- **No School** the week of November 23rd for Thanksgiving Break
- Thank you for any donations you are able to provide in our **Week of Giving**! We are so thankful for your generosity. All items will be taken to RSM Cares.

We're excited to share that our PTA is bringing back the Penguin Patch® Holiday Shop to Tijeras Creek this year, happening December 7th–11th! This is a fun and meaningful opportunity for scholars to shop for small, thoughtful gifts for family and friends during school hours in a safe, supportive environment with parent volunteers.

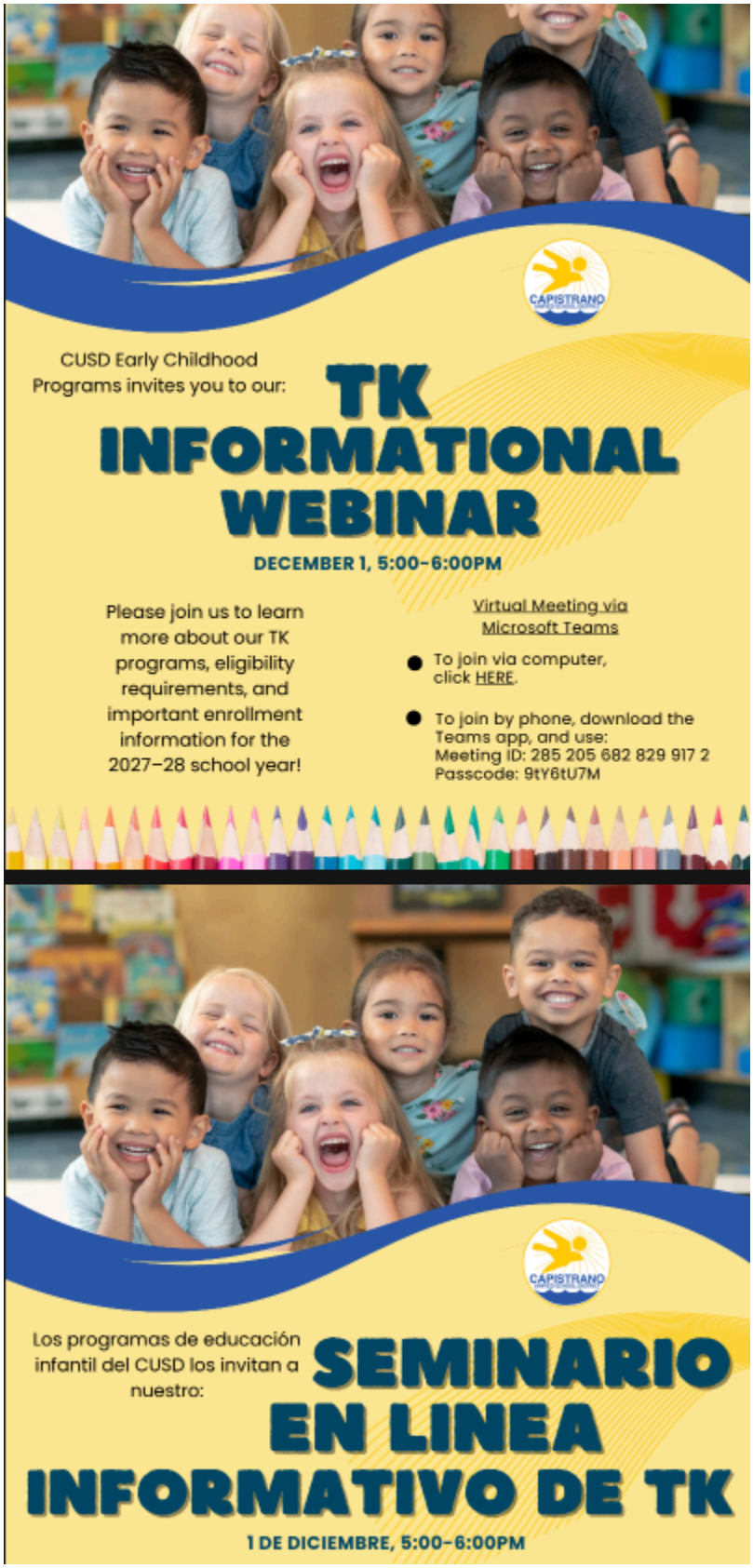
With Thanksgiving break coming up, it may be a good time to talk with your child about who they'd like to shop for and how they can plan their spending. If you'd like, simple chores at home can be a fun way for kids to earn and save a little money for the shop. Gift prices range from $0.50 to $15**,** and all items are kid-friendly and budget-friendly. More details will be shared 12/4 in Friday Folders.

We need volunteers for shifts everyday. Either 9:45 AM-11:15 OR 11:30-1pm. Please sign up for a shift at:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FACA82FA6FEC43-67342213-holiday

Thank you for helping our scholars experience the joy of giving and thoughtful decision-making. We're looking forward to a wonderful Holiday Shop week!

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..

📣ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chromebook Protection Plan Reminder

You may still sign up for the 2026–27 Chromebook Protection Plan. The plan helps protect families from eligible repair costs resulting from accidental Chromebook damage. For more information and sign-up instructions, please visit Chromebook Protection Plan Information and Sign-Up Instructions

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 Suzanne in the front office, sepope@capousd.org to reserve your spot and make the moment magical.

Food and Nutrition News

November Elementary Menu
December Elementary Menu

Vegetarian & Vegan Choices at Lunch Did you know students have a vegetarian choice every day? New vegetarian and vegan menu flyers were posted in elementary cafeterias last week to help students spot the choices available to them. Here's the quick guide to CUSD menu symbols:

- Vegetarian: no meat, poultry, or fish
- Vegan: no animal ingredients, including eggs, dairy, or honey

Students and families can find the daily vegetarian choice in the "Offered Daily" section of the elementary lunch menu. And one fun menu fact: our Kickin' Nuggets and Kickin' Sandwich are vegan, plant-based entrees – not chicken!

Families and staff can check the monthly menu for current choices and item availability. Flyers should already be posted in the cafeteria.

- Vegetarian & Vegan Flyer

📢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 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.

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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