



Tijeras Creek Times

September 21, 2026 to September 25, 2026

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

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

Principal Letter:

Here are a few reminders leading into the next few weeks.

- Our Trading Post will open up Thursday, 9/24. Students are doing great with earning their pawstives and will be ready to shop.
- We have "Be a Buddy Week" coming up starting on Monday, September 28th.
- **Buddy Week 9/28-10/2:**
 - **Monday is Wear RUNNING GEAR** (athletic gear) and we will "Go the Extra Mile for Kindness"
 - **Tuesday is Wear CRAZY SOCKS** and Every Step Counts.
 - **Wednesday is Wear your PJs day** and we will Pace ourselves with positivity.
 - **Thursday is Wear your Favorite Team/Jersey/T-Shirt Day** and we will gear up for Kindness.
 - **Friday is Wear TC Spirit Wear** and we will team up for Kindness.

Thank you for supporting Tijeras Creek ES with all your purchases at our first PTA Book Fair.

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

Food and Nutrition News

[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 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](#)

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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