



Toluca Lake Elementary

Mr. Jeffrey Daniel, Principal

March-April 2022

Message From The Principal



Although required masking is coming to an end, continuing safe and responsible practices is still more important than ever. Mask wearing will be optional for any student or staff member who wishes to continue. The school will continue to have hand sanitizing stations throughout the campus. And the increased cleaning protocols by our cleaning staff will also continue. The best way to stay healthy is to wash hands often. Studies show that consistently washing your hands throughout the day greatly decreases illness-related absenteeism during influenza season. Be sure to talk with your child about washing his/her hands throughout day, both in school and around the community. Remember, reduced student illness leads to improved academic performance.

Vaccination has also been proven to reduce the effects of Covid-19. A high percentage of our Toluca Lake students are already vaccinated. The more who do, the safer our campus will be. The district offers free vaccinations at Mount Gleason MS and Telfair ES in Local District Northeast. You may schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment at <https://dailypass.lausd.net>. For help, please call the Los Angeles Unified Helpdesk at (213) 443-1300, Monday-Friday 7:30 am-4:30 pm.

Our 8th Annual Move-A-Thon is on April 1st (no "fooling"). As of this printing, the PTA has raised \$19,811 towards the goal of \$40,000. Both our music classes with Education Through Music LA and the Garden Ranger Program are funded mostly by the proceeds of this fundraiser. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Always remember, it's great to be a safe and educated Tiger!



This fundraiser is the reason we have our Garden Ranger Program, an outdoor class held in our own school garden where we learn about the environment and science, AND our school music program! Education Through Music LA provides weekly music class all year long to all students! It ONLY HAPPENS because of this fundraiser, so your support is crucial!



<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/Toluca2022>

COLLEGE & CAREER 

READY  **Attendance Matters**
...every school day counts!

 **Spring Break**

No School: April 11 - 15
Enjoy the week off!
School resumes **Monday, April 18**
Read a good book.

 **Open House**

May 24 - 5:00pm-7:00pm
(*Tentatively scheduled to be in-person assuming allowed by Covid protocols.)
5:30-6:30 - Classroom Visitations



Statewide Testing Notification **April 25 to June 3**

Every year, California students take several statewide tests. When combined with other measures such as grades, class work, and teacher observations, these tests give families and teachers a more complete picture of their child's learning. You can use the results to identify where your child is doing well and where they might need more support.

Your child may be taking one or more of the following California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC), and Physical Fitness Test assessments. Pursuant to California *Education Code* Section 60615, parents/guardians may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse their child from any or all of the CAASPP assessments. This exemption does not exist for the ELPAC or Physical Fitness Test.

CAASPP: Smarter Balanced Assessments for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Math

Who takes these tests? Students in grades 3–8 and grade 11.

What is the test format? The Smarter Balanced assessments are computer-based.

CAASPP: California Science Test (CAST)

Who takes the test? Students take the CAST in grades 5 and 8 and once in high school, either in grade 10, 11, or 12.

What is the test format? The CAST is computer-based.

ELPAC

Who takes the test? Students who have a home language survey that lists a language other than English will take the Initial test, which identifies students as an English learner student or as initially fluent in English. Students who are classified as English learner students will take the Summative ELPAC every year until they are reclassified as proficient in English.

What is the test format? Both the Initial and Summative ELPAC are computer-based.

PLEASE JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL:

SCHOOL TOUR



**Monday, April 25 -
8:00am**

Curious if Toluca Lake Elementary is right for your family? Come take a tour. Our next tour will be on:

Monday, April 25 at 8AM
(meet at the front office)



Summary of Important Dates

3/22 & 3/24 - [YMCA Water Safety Classes](#)

3/24 @ 6pm - [Community of Schools Town Hall mtg.](#)

3/28 - Cesar Chavez Day (no school)

4/01 - 8th Annual [Move-A-Thon](#)

4/02 (Saturday) - [TL Family Night @ Cabrillo Marine Aquarium](#)

4/11-4/15 - [Spring Break YMCA Camp](#) (see flyer)

4/25 @ 8:00am - [School Tour](#)

Ongoing (Tues. & Thurs.) - [Play Sports Academy Soccer](#)