

Superintendent/Founder's Welcome!

Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten-8th grades

Welcome to Today's Fresh Start, a school of choice, where commitment to education excellence for TK-K-8th grades is the only goal since 2002. **Looking for a good, safe school?** You found it! Register at Today's Fresh Start; where your child receives a rigorous academic education and builds on a future career for life. **Here's why.** We start training early at Transitional Kindergarten.

Founder, Dr. Jeanette Grattan Parker is **"the visionary,"** starting TFS in 2002...has been educating children since 10 years old, tutoring children in the housing projects in Birmingham, Alabama. I understand the importance of education. It's in my blood. Dr. Jeanette and Dr. Clark, are committed educators in the inner city more than five decades, working together as a team. Dr. Clark is TFS' Advisor and Construction Manager of TFS' Inglewood site which includes a \$20,000,000 state of the art gym and auditorium, a dream of Dr. Jeanette. TFS was recently awarded a new 61 passenger electric bus to be used for field trips, another dream of Dr. Jeanette, who manages the rigorous day to day school operations with a wonderful Board of Directors, Administrative staff, committed Teachers, Clerical, Maintenance, Supplemental Staff, Consultants and Volunteers.

Your scholar uses **state of the art technology** led by well trained, caring staff. TK-K-8th grades have individual laptops for school use, Promethean Smart Boards and other technological resources. **What is TFS' mission?** From TK-kindergarten through 8th grades, scholars are taught: **Parents are responsible to have their young, minor aged scholar at school everyday on time!** They say: **"I'm excited to learn. I'm going to finish college!"** **Our mission: We're raising the bar and closing the achievement gap aiming to be the best school in the United States!** We teach each scholar individually to their highest level of achievement to meet **State goal of MET/EXCEED** and teach socially and emotionally through social skills groups. The TFS program is rigorous. For your scholar to achieve the most, parent involvement is required. We teach reading, writing, math, critical thinking and guides to success for life. We are refining our **STEAM** program: Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Mathematics.

Adhering to strict, rigorous academic culture, scholars are taught intrinsic self worth, self discipline, personal responsibility, learning to get along with others while resolving conflict with words. We have everything to work with; we just need **YOU, the parent, the** critical component in full commitment to your scholar's progress. You're vital for your scholar's success. We anticipate your willing cooperation. Why? We have the same goal: achieve success in this society. Please come to all conferences, school visits, and fund raising. All parents are invited to participate in School Site Council and English Learners program. TFS scholars are taught rigorously in core subjects, reading, writing and mathematics. The saying, "It takes a village to raise a child is valid." We cannot do it alone, but must work together tirelessly toward our common mission: success in navigating in this complex society. TFS has small class sizes, small group instruction, individualized instruction, tutoring after-school until 4PM, Saturday enrichment (as funds available) and Expanded Learning After School Program (ASES) (as space available). Students have nutritious 7:30AM breakfast in the classroom, lunch, snacks and supper (ASES) students. Dr. Jeanette writes a weekly column for the **LA Sentinel**, a reading source for parents. Articles are online under "Ask Dr. Jeanette."

Weekly Professional Development keeps staff knowledgeable of TFS' system of protocols and TFS Tracking and Monitoring Academic Achievement System **TMAAS™**. Through more than a 7 year collaboration with UC San Diego, TFS sponsors our teachers for advanced credentials through UC San Diego's customized classes. Our goal is to have parent classes too. Scholars are encouraged to develop their gifts and talents (we look for each child's "glow") to prepare for successful life adult career intrinsic self worth. We build lives, teach and grow "scholars." Today's Fresh Start's registered API Test Scores of 836 and 840, higher than the State of California API scores during that time of use. TFSCS uses MAP/NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) growth data system for all scholars to inform individual instruction and CAASPP Smarter Balanced State mandated tests and presently TFS test scores rank higher than surrounding public schools. With these data driven assessment systems, we know how your child is doing, where your child needs help and we tell you. After school tutoring and Saturday enrichment is required. Accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and a member of the National Elementary Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society brings TFS to prestige. **Thanks for reading!**

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We welcome your registration in person or online.

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