



Tynes Elementary Tuesday Letter



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Welcome back to a new school year! We are proud to offer you well balanced educational experience and a rigorous academic program as a **Gold Ribbon and Title I High Achieving School!** As always, our staff is enthusiastic about beginning the new school year and are collaborating about how to best serve our students. As you read in our summer letter, our theme this year is **“Green Beans and Ice Cream...The Power of Positive Reinforcement.”** Our goal this year is to continue to raise the bar while making a significant impact on your children and their future. Thank you to our our community for your continued positive support and engagement. This year will be the year to take time to get to know each one of you and understand how we can work together for student success. 😊

We are happy to report that our students did well in mastering state standards last year. Our state testing is projected to show that 60% of our students met or exceeded standards for language arts at their grade level while it is projected that 54% of students met and exceeded in mathematics. The scores are an improvement over last year and are approaching district averages. Once again, we outperformed several surrounding schools. In addition to state tests, our district multiple measure assessments from the end of the year indicate that **68% of students at Tynes met standards on iReady, 85% passed their math goals, and 88% passed the district writing task. We are very pleased with these results and know we can continue to improve!** Congratulations to all students, staff, and parents who helped us achieve these good results. I am confident that we are on an upward trend 😊

Currently our enrollment is **883 students, slightly lower than last year.** This is our second year of announcing class assignments electronically in our Aeries system. We encourage you to sign up in the system to monitor updates throughout the year. **Classroom assignments are always tentative** for the first two weeks of school until the enrollment stabilizes. Students may need to be changed from one classroom to another in order to keep class sizes equal and balanced or to form a combination class if numbers shift. Parents will be contacted before their child is reassigned during the equalization process. **Please remember, there are no teacher requests as we have a professional staff and must balance classes to maximize instruction. This affords all children an equitable and high quality education regardless of class placement or school. We are very confident in our exceptional team!**

Thank you for your help in keeping our parking areas safe. Please remember the following guidelines:

- Yellow curbs are for loading and unloading only. **(PARENTS MAY NOT LEAVE THEIR VEHICLES WHEN STOPPED AT THE YELLOW CURB).**
- Pull all the way forward to ensure more cars can enter the drop off line.
- Parking stalls are available in both parking lots for parents that would like to escort their child to class (using our crosswalk) or any other time when they need to physically leave their vehicle. Please do NOT walk through the moving traffic line. Use designated walkways at all times.
- Do not double park or allow your student to leave the car and walk between cars. You must pull alongside the curb to have your child exit your vehicle safely.
- Always use designated crosswalks to enter school grounds.

Mark your Calendar

Dismissal is 2:47 M, T, Th, Fri and on Wednesdays: Dismissal is 1:47

AUGUST

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| Tues | 28 | 8:22 | First Day of School –Principal’s coffee-Title I meeting |
| Wed | 29 | 1:47 | Early Release Dismissal- Teacher Staff Development |
| Fri | 31 | | NO SCHOOL |

September

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| Mon | 3 | | Holiday-Labor Day |
| Tues | 4 | | PTA Membership and Reflections go home |
| Wed | 5 | 1:47 | Early Release Dismissal- Teacher Staff Development |
| Thurs | 6 | 6:30-8 pm | Back to School Night- PTA Mtg and Classrooms |
| Fri | 7 | | Patriot Day Celebration-Wear Red, White, and Blue |
| Thurs | 20 | 12:00 – 1:00 | PTA Board Meeting-Conference Room |

Please review the information inside the Tuesday Envelopes weekly, sign and return on Wednesdays.

Return white and yellow cards as soon as possible.

Here are a few additional reminders for the beginning of the school year;

- **NEW!!! Visitor Badges and Sign In – This year we are introducing electronic sign in!** Any time you visit or volunteer on campus, you need to check in electronically/sign in at the office and wear a badge. This is for the protection and safety of the students. We will be asking for an identification card to be scanned into our new machine and logged into the computer. This ID will be used to pick up a child or volunteer in a classroom as scheduled by the teacher. You will need to obtain a volunteer badge with your picture on it to enter the school for any purposes.
- **PYLUSD Parent Information Handbook is online at pylud.org. Please review it and ask for a copy if you need one. You will find additional information about our school and our parent manual on our school website at johnotynes.org.**
- Please **call in absences** (child’s name, teacher, date/s of absence, reason) to **714-996-5550 by 8 a.m. Press 2 to report the absence or extension 45032. Legal, excused absences are illness, medical, or bereavement** (immediate family). Unexcused absences include family vacations, or reasons other than the legal reasons listed above. **Remember, more than three absences per trimester and six absences per year are considered excessive. Regular attendance is important for students to learn. Our goal is 98% attendance. We appreciate your support.**
- **PTA Membership** is very important. We really want you to **join our team of volunteers** and learn about your child’s education. This is NOT a commitment to head a committee! ***When you join the PTA by sending in your \$11 donation, you sponsor assemblies, field trips, instructional materials in the classroom, and new technology. Every dollar you send benefits your children in one way or another***☺
- The parent portal for elementary is OPEN! You can receive information by accessing the student portal using your student’s ID number. The directions and ID numbers were sent to you through email. This can keep you informed throughout the year.

Thanks to our Superintendent, Dr. Greg Plutko for our new electronic marquis!!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT-THURSDAY, SEPT 6TH!