



# HICKORY NEWS

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"An Adventure in Learning~ A Place in the Sun for Everyone."

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## Hickory Happenings...

Welcome Back to School! We hope all of our Hickory Families enjoyed a wonderful Winter Break with family and friends.

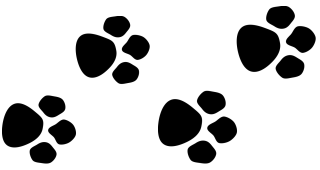
Welcome 2018!


LOOKING BACK....

The first trimester at Hickory went very well with a record enrollment! Students participated in engaging classroom activities and interesting projects. The PTA, Student Council, and teachers at Hickory provided educational as well as community focused events and activities. Many students were recognized for doing their best at school and for coming to school prepared and ready to learn! We are very proud of our students who consistently put forth a positive effort to do well in school. We congratulate them, we also congratulate all of our students who had perfect attendance during the 1st trimester! Keep up the good work Hounds!

I want to thank our parents for taking time to meet with your child's teachers to discuss his/her progress during parent conference weeks. Conferences provide a great opportunity for you and your child's teacher to share information about the progress your child is making. Thank you for helping us make education a priority.

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| <p><b>Important Upcoming Dates</b><br/> <b>January</b><br/>                 11 PTA Board Meeting<br/>                 15 Martin Luther King Day- No School<br/>                 19 Progress Report Go Home<br/>                 14 PTA Association Meeting<br/>                 23 PAW Patrol Training<br/>                 25 Family Math Night Gr. 4-5<br/>                 29 Student Awards Use A Positive Attitude<br/>                 Feb 1 Family Math Night Gr. 2-3</p> | <p><b>Flyers</b><br/> <a href="#">techakids</a><br/> <a href="#">Kinder Enrollment Forms</a><br/> <a href="#">Open Enrollment Forms</a><br/> <a href="#">Parent Workshops</a><br/> <a href="#">Active Parenting Classes</a><br/> <b>Links</b><br/> <a href="#">Hickory Website</a><br/> <a href="#">Raz-Kids Login</a><br/> <a href="#">ST Math Login</a><br/> <a href="#">Titan K-12 Lunch Account</a><br/> <a href="#">Torrance Unified School District</a><br/> <a href="#">California Department of Education</a></p> |  |
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| <p><b>PAW Patrol</b><br/>                 Thank you to the many students who applied to be part of Hickory's PAW Patrol! PAW Patrol is a group of peer mediators who are specially trained to help students talk about their conflicts and find peaceful solutions resolve them. This is an integral part of our implementation of Positive Behavioral Intervention Systems (PBIS). Our goal is to be a school where doing the right thing is the norm! PAW Patrol members will be introduced at our assembly on Jan. 29, 2018.</p> |  |
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## Family Math Festival at Hickory...

Our Hickory teachers will sponsor the annual Family Math Festival on January 25, 5:00-6:30 p.m. for all 4th, and 5th grade students and their parents and on February 1 for all 2nd and 3rd. Kinder and 1st grade families will have Family Math Night on Feb. 8. Our school cafeteria will be transformed into a mathland for all to enjoy! The teachers and 5th grade students will set up "math centers" for students and parents to enjoy exploring the world of numbers and problem solving. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to interact with a focus on mathematical thinking. Math is all around us and how we think about math, and articulate our thinking about math, is key to our success in tackling mathematical problems. We want our students to be comfortable and confident with numbers and number concepts. This is an opportunity for parents to experience math alongside their child. We hope you join us for our Family Math Festival! More detailed information is being sent home this week.

## Open Enrollment January-February 2018...

Each year TUSD offers Open Enrollment to our Torrance Residents. This is a way for parents to select a school other than their home school, for their child to attend. If you are at Hickory as an overflow student, or a TK student from a different home school, if you have moved out of the Hickory attendance

area, and you want to remain at Hickory, you MUST apply for Open Enrollment. Schools accept OE applications based on school enrollment. Please see the TUSD website or the flyer in this week's Communicator for more information on the Open Enrollment process. You can also contact the school office or the Family Welcome and Enrollment Center. The deadline will be strictly adhered to. Here is the link to the [form](#).



### Hickory Chorus...

The Hickory Chorus had a very successful Fall Session which concluded with a wonderful Winter Concert! The Winter Session will start up again next week, January 17. Flyers are now available, [click here](#) for more information.



### HONORARY SERVICE AWARDS NOMINATIONS...

It is that time of year for Hickory parents to consider nominating an individual or organization in our community who has made a significant impact on our school and our children. Please click on this link for more information- [HSA Nomination Form..](#)

### CAFETERIA NEWS

You may have noticed that the menu has had to change periodically over the last couple of weeks. A letter from Nutrition Services was sent home via email earlier this week. Please [click here](#) for a copy of the January Menu, subject to change, depending on our supplier. Thanks!

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Remember our school day starts at 8:50 with the upper grade bell. **The park gate will continue to be locked at 8:50. Please do not leave your child in or near the park if you are arriving after the 8:50 bell. Students and parents arriving after 8:50 will need to use the front entrances to the school.**

While Hickory Park is a nice meeting place for some families, please remember that there is no supervision in the park. It is not safe to simply let your children play for 30-45 minutes after school. Accidents do happen and the park is not supervised. If parents run late, students do not know what to do, this is an unsafe situation we do not want your child to be in. Please, if you use the park for pick up, go over a contingency plan just in case you are late.

**Remember January 15, 2018 is a school holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.**



Please see our Hickory Website for more school news and information... <http://w1.hickory.tusd.org/>

*Mrs. Schumacher*