



# TOYON TIGER MONTHLY NEWS

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Toyon's Mission Statement : Toyon creates innovators, inspires leaders and sparks love of learning.  
Core Values: Toyon Tigers Lead with Ideas and Motivation

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## Welcome Back!

Dear Toyon Families,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you back to the 2018-2019 school year! I am thrilled to be your new principal at Toyon Elementary School! I hope you and your children have had a wonderful summer and are ready to come back to school, refreshed and ready to learn.

It is going to be a great school year at Toyon! I look forward to meeting and getting to know each and every one of you. The teachers and staff have been hard at work getting ready for your first day back to school and we are all excited to make this the best year ever!

Sincerely,

Krista Castellou  
Principal



## Kick off the school year by sticking to a morning routine

Get your child off to a great start this school year by creating a "morning routine". Part of the "morning routine" starts the night before. Each night, have your child:

- Pack their backpack with everything they will need for the next day.
- Check to make sure they have completed all of their assignments.
- Prepare their lunch, whether it's making a sandwich or getting out lunch money.
- Lay out the next day's outfit so time is not wasted in the morning deciding what to wear.
- Go to sleep at a regular time- every night.

In the morning, they should:

- Have a regular "wake up" time.
- Follow their own "getting ready" routine- shower, brush teeth, get dressed, etc.
- Leave time for breakfast. Kids who eat breakfast are better prepared to learn when they get to school.
- It may take a little while for your child to get used to their routine, but encourage them to stick to it!

## Class Schedules

1st – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades M, Tu, W, F

8:15 am – 2:30 pm

4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades M, Tu, W, F

8:00 am – 2:30 pm

Kindergarten

\*For the first 4 weeks of school:

8:15 am -1:00 pm

\*\*Beginning September 17th:

8:15 am – 2:00 pm

Transitional Kindergarten

8:00 am – 12:00 pm



EVERY THURSDAY IS A MINIMUM DAY.

Dismissal for **grades 1-5 is 1:10 pm.**

Dismissal for **Kindergarten is 1:00 pm.**



## The First Day of School

The first day of school has always been a very exciting and hectic day. Here are a few guidelines to help the day go a bit more smoothly.

- ❖ Try to give yourself plenty of time to get to school, park and find the classroom(s).
- ❖ Please remember the parking lot will be closed to everyone except staff members.
- ❖ When parking along the street, please do not block driveways and please cross with the crossing guards (do not jay walk).
- ❖ There will be staff members in the front and in the back of the school with class lists to help students find their teacher and classrooms.
- ❖ If you do not find your child's name on the list at the library, please come into the office. We will find out where your child belongs and direct you there.
- ❖ Please remember to send lunch money or a cold lunch with your child. **Breakfast is \$2.00 and hot lunch is \$3.00.** The reduced price lunches remain the same as last year: Breakfast is \$.30 and lunch is \$.40.

## CALENDAR AUG. - SEPT. 2018



Aug 20	School Begins	8:00/8:15am
Aug 31	Coffee w/ the Principal	8:15 am
Aug 31	Walk-a-Thon	2:30 pm
Sept 3	Labor Day Holiday- NO SCHOOL	
Sept 5	School Site Council	4:00 pm
Sept 5	PTA	6:00 pm
Sept 13	Back to School Night	6:00 pm

### First Day Packets

The first day of school we will be sending home a packet for each child. This is very important information that each family should go over together. Please take a few moments when you receive this information and make sure that you return the pages that need to be returned.

### Enrollment

Class enrollment is temporary until we create balanced classes. In order to create balanced classes, some students may be moved to other rooms and in a few cases, other schools.

### Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

Applications for free and reduced lunch will be coming home with students. Applications must be renewed every year. If you think you qualify, please fill out the application and return it to the office in an enclosed envelope. Please remember that filling out the applications does not qualify you for the lunch program. The district office will notify you by mail as to whether you qualify or not. If you do not receive an application, please stop by the district office or the school.

## We're Going Back To School



## Child Nutrition Services

### Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Is the lunch price the same for the 2017-18 school year?

A: Yes – full price lunch costs **\$3.00** and milk costs **\$0.50** if purchased separately. Reduced-price lunches costs **\$0.40**. Breakfast costs **\$2.00**. Reduced-price breakfast costs **\$0.30**. Please be sure your child's cafeteria account balance contains a sufficient amount to cover the cost of the meal(s). You may check your child's account balance at the [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) website. Alternatively, you may contact Child Nutrition Services at 408-923-1875 or 408-923-1879, or your school cafeteria.

Q: I'm not sure if I can afford to pay these prices. What can I do?

A: If you feel you may qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch, please complete the free and reduced-price meal application you received in the mail and submit it to your child's school. Alternatively, you may fill out an application at Child Nutrition Services in the District Office. We are located at 1376 Piedmont Road, San Jose CA 95132. If you have any questions, you may contact us at 408-923-1875.

Q: How do I use the [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) website?

A: It is free to set up an account. You will be asked to type in your child's name and student ID number. You can check your child's lunch account balance at any time. There is a \$1.95 flat service fee by [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to pay for meals using a credit/debit card. It will take at least 1 business day for an on-line payment to be processed and reflected in your child's account.

Q: Can my child still bring cash to the lunch line?

A: Yes, but we would appreciate exact payment, e.g. \$3.00 for full-paid lunch or \$0.40 for reduced-price lunch. We can provide small amounts of change, but exact payment would help keep the lunch line moving as quickly as possible.

Q: Can I pay ahead for lunches?

A: YES!!! We highly recommend that you pre-pay for lunches because it saves everyone time. You may pre-pay for any number of meals. For example, you may pay enough for a week, a month, or the entire school year. Whatever amount is left in your child's account at the end of the school year will carryover into the following school year, until your child leaves the district.

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### Please call the district hotline

923-1901 (Chinese)    923-1902 (Spanish)    923-1903 (Vietnamese)

Somebody will get in touch with you to deliver the essence of the document.

Por favor llame al teléfono de asistencia al 923-1902 y alguien se pondrá en contacto para darle la información esencial del documento.

Xin gọi số hotline của khu học tại 923-1903 và sẽ có người giúp quý vị để hiểu những điều cốt yếu của văn kiện

如果您需要更進一步的幫助，以便了解學校發回家的信件。  
請撥打學區中文熱線電話 923-1901  
有人會與您取得聯繫，為您解說文件上的重要內容。