



# 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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## Principal's Message

Welcome back from our weeklong Thanksgiving break. I hope you were all able to relax and enjoy some quality time with you families.

I wanted to thank the PTA for providing snacks for the teachers during Parent-Teacher conferences. The teachers felt appreciated and looked forward to their treats each day.

We have moved full swing into the holiday season. As the holidays come closer, I like to remember the importance of kindness. Mr. H, our school social worker discussed kindness at our last Coffee with the Principal and he reminded us that there are many ways we can model and teach kindness to our students; one simple way is to give a compliment.

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Principal

- Take advantage of mistakes.** When your child makes a mistake, be ready to praise them for their efforts, but not their efforts alone. Be sure to point out new ways of approaching a given problem, ones that point out the flaws or shortcomings of a previous strategy.
- Let kids fail.** The basic process of trial and error "is how children learn and make new discoveries about themselves and the world around them."

## CALENDAR



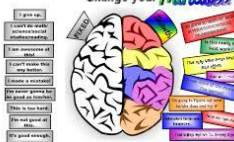
### December 2018

Dec. 5	Leadership Council	2:45 pm
De. 5	School Site Council	5:00 pm
Dec. 5	PTA	6:00 pm
Dec. 21	Spirit Day: Pajama Day	
Dec. 21	Minimum Day: Dismissal at for 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades Kindergarten	1:10 pm 1:00 pm
Dec. 24-Jan 4	Winter Break: NO SCHOOL	

### January 2019

Jan. 9	School Site Council	5:00 pm
Jan. 9	PTA	6:00 pm
Jan. 16	Leadership Council	2:45 pm
Jan. 18	PTA Movie Night	6:00 pm
Jan. 24	Walk n' Ride Assembly	
Jan. 25	Spirit Day: Favorite Author	
Jan. 25	Coffee with the Principal	8:15 am
Jan. 26	PTA Applebee's Pancake Breakfast	
Jan. 31	DELAC meet @ DO	8:30 am

Change your words  
Change your **Mindset!**



## Cultivate a Growth Mindset With These 6 Strategies

by *Jacquie Gerstein*  
(Excerpts from [www.noodle.com](http://www.noodle.com))

If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning.

- Work on yourself.** The first, and possible most important, step to helping your child establish a growth mindset is to work on developing one yourself.
- Go beyond the mindset jargon.** Take the time to encourage your children to embrace their own mindset, walk the walk instead of just talking the talk.
- Praise properly.** Praise the learning process and strategies your children use.
- Embrace the word yet.** Just adding the word "yet" to a despairing sentence like "I can't" changes its meaning and opens the doors for growth and opportunity.

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