



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

Dear Families,

I enjoyed the opportunity to meet many of you at our recent Back to School Night. It was great to see so many families engaged in learning about what their children's day at school is like. I appreciate you taking time from your busy lives to spend an evening with us to get to know your teachers just a little bit better.

The procedures and daily activities of your child's classroom should be familiar and comfortable to them by this time in the school year. If you or your child have any type of concerns, please contact your child's teacher. We are here to help- please don't hesitate to contact us.



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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 7th, 9th, 13-14th, and the 16th. We will be on a Minimum Day schedule during Parent-Conference Week. Parent-Teacher conferences give you an opportunity to increase communication between school and home, keeps you informed about your child's progress- both academic and social-, and develop a plan for your student's future.

Here are a few tips to help prepare for a successful Parent-Teacher Conference:

- In the weeks ahead of a conference, check in with your children about how they're doing on homework.

- Ask if there are questions or issues your child wants you to discuss with the teacher.
- Plan to bring something to take notes with (paper and pen or a laptop or other device).
- Share a few things about your child with the teacher- interests, strengths, favorite subjects- to help the teacher know your child better.
- Write down questions or topics you would like the conference to cover.

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

(by: Attendance Works)

Send me to school if



- I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.
- I haven't had a fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.
- I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.

Keep me home if . . .



- I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after I take medicine.
- I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.
- My eyes are pink and crusty.

Call the doctor if . . .



- I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.
- I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

- I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.
- I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



Developing a Growth Mindset- 5 Tips for Parents (by: Oxford Learning)

1. **Pay attention** and verbally praise kids for skills that don't sound predetermined: hard work, persistence, rising to a challenge, learning from a mistake, etc., rather than being "smart", "brilliant" or "gifted".
2. **Be a growth mindset role model.** Be honest: how often do you say, "I can't (cook/ sing/ balance my bank account)" or "I'm terrible at (sports/ spelling/ public speaking)" as if there's no hope for you? Make sure you're sending the right message- maybe even take on something new!
3. **Encourage your child to forget taking the easy route** (where little learning is done) and instead embrace challenges. A sheet full of questions he already knows the answers to won't "grow the brain" like a deeper problem to solve (even if he doesn't get the correct answer).
4. **Remember growth mindset isn't just academic;** it applies to many areas of life (athletic, musical, social). Having trouble getting the basketball into the net? Keep making mistakes on a guitar chord? Tried to initiate play with someone but it didn't go well? Discuss the next step for improvement.
5. **Discourage envy of peers,** and talk to your child about what he or she can learn from others who appear more successful. While skills may come more easily to some, most often there's a (possible unseen) element of practice, persistence, and hard work which leads to achievement.

CALENDAR

October 2018

Oct. 3	Student Council Meeting	2:30 pm
Oct. 3	ELAC	3:30 pm
Oct. 3	School Site Council	4:00 pm
Oct. 3	PTA	6:00 pm
Oct. 19	Coffee with the Principal	8:15 am



CALENDAR continued

Oct. 20	Parent University @ Northwood Elementary School	8:00-12:00
Oct. 26	Early Release	1:10 pm
Oct. 26	Harvest Festival	4:00 pm
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade	8:45 am
Oct. 31	Early Release	1:10 pm

November

Nov. 7	School Site Council	4:00 pm
Nov. 7	PTA	6:00 pm
Nov. 7-16	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1:10 pm release
Nov. 12	Veteran's Day	No School
Nov. 16	PTA Movie Night	6:00 pm
Nov. 19-23	Thanksgiving Break	No School
Nov. 26-30	Book Fair	
Nov. 28	Winter Wonderland	
Nov. 30	Coffee with the Principal	8:15 am



Come join Toyon Elementary at our annual Harvest Festival on October 26th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. There will be plenty activities for the students and families to participate in, such as: Bouncy Slide, Chamber

of Horrors, Carnival Games, Photo Booth, and much, much more! We will have Hot Dog Dinners, desserts and drinks available for purchase, too! Toyon will also be hosting a silent auction along with a Basket Raffle!! You can pre-purchase your tickets to get a discount or purchase tickets the day of the event.

We look forward to seeing all our Toyon families come join the fun!!

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。