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TUSD NEWS

Tracy Unified School District



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Superintendent's Office



Dr. Rob Pecot, Superintendent

Board Meetings:
October 24

ERMs: *October 2, 16, 30*

Minimum Days:
October 6: All schools

October 25, 26, 27:
For K-5, K-8 and 6-8 only

Fall Break: *October 9-11*

Red Ribbon Week:
October 23-27

P/T Conference: *October 23*

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Students and staff are not able to maximize their learning if they do not feel that they are in a safe environment. The Tracy Unified School District (TUSD) continues to strive to make our district more secure for our Tracy Community. Our commitment is manifested in our actions as we have spent millions of dollars on additional school safety measures in the last 3 years. This Fall we have facilitated numerous safety projects that will enhance the overall safety of our schools. Some of those projects include additional or changed fencing, creating one access entrance, cameras, updated audio/alarms and locking mechanisms. The physical safety of our campuses is just one element of school safety, training and emergency response preparation continues to be a focus in TUSD.

In collaboration with the Tracy Police Department (TPD) TUSD held an Active Shooter Training at West High School. This collaboration partnered law enforcement with students, teachers, and other school district staff to simulate emergency response. Emergency response is paramount to keeping our schools safe. Our staff goes through various trainings and drills to prepare for an emergency. In the past few weeks alone our school's ability to respond has been challenged. I am happy to report that on both incidents our schools performed admirably.

One incident involved a student who had a major medical emergency on campus. The principal was able to perform CPR and the staff and students followed safety procedures that allowed for rapid medical response. On the second incident a man attempted to abduct two students upon school dismissal. Parents and staff noticed the odd behavior of the man, confronted him, and then notified school administration. A parent and school administration followed the man and cornered him until law enforcement arrived and arrested the individual. Both of these incidents demonstrated our school communities implementing past trainings and working with local law enforcement and emergency response.

It is unfortunate that as a school system and community we have to be on such a heightened alert, but it is necessary for the wellbeing of all parties. As a school district we will continue to strengthen our school security, partnerships with local agencies, communication, response, and training. This focus will allow our students and staff to feel safe and give them an opportunity to focus on their educational objectives.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES



In the Spotlight

Please take a moment to read through our school's learning activities and exciting events below! Follow this link:

[In the Spotlight page](#)



GATE Program: Flyers are posted to all school websites, mailers have been sent out to over 30,000 homes in Tracy and the surrounding area, and we have started the Messenger email, text, and phone calls to all TUSD 1st grade families advertising the 2024-2025 enrollment. Additionally, we are advertising the GATE Parent Information meeting at Monte Vista Middle School on November 16, 2023, at 6 pm, where GATE staff will be available to present and answer any questions regarding the K-5th grade

Fall Break: New to this year's calendar is a Fall Break which is scheduled for October 9-13! Enjoy the week off!

Human Resources

The Human Resources department will be hosting a certificated hiring fair on Saturday, **November 4 from 9:00 to 12:00**. The event will be held in the board room at the District Office, 1875 W. Lowell Avenue, Tracy, CA.

Calling All Alumni!



Did you know? We have an [ALUMNI PAGE](#) that can be found from the District's homepage in the upper right-hand corner. We need your help so that we can provide the latest information. If you know of a reunion or class event that your class is having, please [SEND INFO](#) and we will post it on the Alumni page.

School Readiness Program

Currently, we have registered and enrolled 125 preschool students and over 200 transitional kindergarten students to TUSD this school year. Since students are still enrolling and we are near capacity, we are making plans to open our next TK classroom early! Villalovoz Elementary School will open a new TK classroom by the end of October to help support this enrollment boom. Our School Readiness Family University has started, and we have 11 families actively participating. Parents are participating in "Abriendo Puertas". Parents are learning skills to support their child's academic and developmental growth.

Informational Links

Keeping you in the Know

Superintendent's Office

[Board Meeting Info](#)

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STAFF ONLY:

[2022-23 Staff Calendars](#)

[Bell Schedules](#)

[E-forms](#)

[Phone Directories](#)

and middle school GATE programs. For more information, please visit our [GATE PAGE](#).

Important Dates to Note:

11.17.23 GATE Applications Open

01.04.24 GATE Applications Due

01.27.24 GATE Testing

Does your child seek academic challenges?

Gifted & Talented Education Program Meeting:

November 16, 2023

MONTE VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL
751 W LOWELL AVE
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM & LIBRARY
6:00PM - 7:00PM

PDF Applications Available Online
November 17, 2023 - January 4, 2024
<https://www.tracy.k12.ca.us/gate>

MEET OUR GATE TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATION STAFF WHO WILL DISCUSS:

- INTRODUCTION TO GATE
- PROGRAM CRITERIA
- OVERVIEW
- APPLICATION PROCESS
- STUDENT ASSESSMENT

GATE Programs modeled after Stanis-Hart-Fassett Programs for grades 2-5th

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LCAP: Student Advisory Committee: Thank you for supporting our efforts in advertising and recruiting for the new TUSD Student Advisory Committee. Notifications went out to students and their families, and our first meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2023, in the TUSD Boardroom. This will be another opportunity for our students to help inform the 2024-25 TUSD Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

COUNSELING SERVICES FOR TUSD COMMUNITY



Tracy Unified School District and Community Medical Centers are partnering to make behavioral health services available to TUSD students & community.

- Counseling for youth, individuals, & families
- Assessment, case management, and care coordination
- Substance use disorder services



*You do not need a referral from your health care provider to receive behavioral health services.



Student Wellness Center Opens

TUSD is excited to announce the opening of the TUSD Student Wellness Center in partnership with Community Medical Centers. The TUSD Wellness center will provide virtual and in person mental health services to Tracy Unified students and their families as needed in year one. In the future, the Wellness Center will look to expand in providing additional services to meet the needs of TUSD students and families.

TUSD INFO PAGE

The latest updates

Superintendent's Office

Check out the [TUSD INFO PAGE](#) for important information including TUSD Programs, Bell Schedules, Calendar and Heat Risk Assessment.

Please also remember that each of our school sites have their own website and Facebook pages. From the District [HOME PAGE](#) you can use the drop-down list of schools in the upper right-hand corner to find your site!

Work for TUSD!

Current Job Openings

Human Resources

Are you looking for a new job opportunity? Check out our current openings: [JOB OPENINGS](#)



COME JOIN OUR TEAM!!

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