

2026-2027

TULARCITOS SCHOOL
Welcome Bobcat Families



Mascot: Bobcat

Colors: Green & White

Bobcat Hall is the name of our multipurpose/lunchroom

www.tularcitos.org

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TULARCITOS SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

In this packet you will find important information for the school year. Please take the time to read through it so you know what to expect. We are excited for the school year, getting to know you and your child(ren), and improving on the already great things we do as a school and community.

At Tularcitos a bell will ring daily at 8:25, which alerts students and families that they are allowed on the playground. Students are not to be dropped off on campus before 8:25 a.m. There is then an 8:38 bell informing everyone on the playground to head to class. Class starts at 8:40 a.m. Anyone arriving to class after 8:40 is tardy and needs to check in at the office before going to class. At 10:30-10:45 we have a snack and recess break, and then our lunch and afternoon recess time is from 12:30-1:15. The first and second grade students eat from 12:30 to 12:50 and then have recess until 1:15 pm. Third - fifth grade students start with recess at 12:30 and then eat at the end of the lunch period, 12:55 to 1:15 pm. TK has lunch and recess from 11:55-12:40 and Kindergarten has their lunch and recess from 12:15-1:00. Please be sure to provide your child with a fabric zip up lunch box for their food as we strive to be environmentally conscious, and we have crows that get into lunch sacks and eat students' food. See the following pages for Lunch information which is free to everyone. To end the day, our TK and Kindergarten gets out at 2:00 pm each day, and 1st - 5th grade gets out at 3:00 p.m.

It is imperative that students arrive at school on time to promote responsible student behavior and to avoid disruptions to the learning environment. Make sure you do all you can the night before (get to bed on time, pack bags, make a lunch, set out clothes, etc.) to help students be ready in the morning and get out the door on time. We thank you in advance for ensuring timely student arrival, and supporting the school's goal of building your child's sense of responsibility.

You do not need to provide any instructional materials for your students on the first day of school (e.g. pencils, markers, paper, etc.). The school and our wonderful PTO provide such items for our students. All you need to bring is a backpack and whatever your child needs for snack and lunch. BE SURE TO PUT THEIR NAME ON EVERYTHING, especially sweatshirts and jackets. Every year, through various people's generosity, we receive donated backpacks with school supplies for families in need of one. Please contact our office or our counselor, Amy Bullas, to get a backpack and supplies if you need one for your child.

Bus routes will be in operation the first day of school and parents can pick up a copy of Tularcitos Bus Routes in our office. You can also view the carmelunified.org website under the Bus Routes button.

CUSD uses ParentSquare as its main source of communication and you will want to download the app to make school-home communication the most convenient to you (you can set your preferences on how you get the communication in the app to be text, email, notification, etc.) In addition to the teachers using ParentSquare to communicate with their parents, I send out a weekly communication every Friday that you will want to read to stay on top of school-wide events. There is more information on how to download the app in this packet.

The school's website is an excellent tool to keep informed of school programs, services and important and upcoming school events and activities. On our website (under For Parents tab) you will find the Student Handbook which you should read prior to the start of school as it is a valuable and informative resource for parents. Also on the Tularcitos website you will find Mr. Peterson's weekly Bobcat Bulletin as well as the teacher/classroom information and current events. Go to www.tularcitos.org

We look forward to seeing you and your children on the first day of school.

Stay Bobcat Strong and Tular Proud

Go Bobcats!

Ryan Peterson

Proud Principal, Tularcitos Elementary School

Nurturing Hearts, Expanding Minds, Inspiring Actions, Broadening Horizons.

TULARCITOS SCHOOL

Rules, Routines and Procedures

To help your child and the school have a healthy and productive school year!

Dear Tularcitos Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! The Tularcitos staff would greatly appreciate it if you would take a few minutes at home to read about our school's routines and procedures necessary to ensure student health and safety. We thank you in advance for adhering to the following rules that will help us achieve that goal:

Drop-off and pick-up policy

- As we all know, parking is difficult at Tular and therefore drop-off and pick-up times can be challenging. To help things go more smoothly we ask for everyone to abide by the following guidelines
- For student safety, do not drop students off or pick them up on the opposite side of the street as the school or in the middle of the parking lots. Please use one of the drop-off areas and pull up alongside the curb. If you have to park on the side of the street, make sure to accompany your child to school.
- Students can be dropped off and picked up along Via Contenta, CV Community Center, the Pilot Road Parking Lot, and in the bus lane (only if buses are not unloading students). Please follow the directions of the staff directing traffic to help drop-off and pick-up times go safely and smoothly.
 - TK and Kinder parents – park at Carmel Valley Community Center (CVCC) and walk your students to and from the classroom. Kinder parents and students must leave campus from 2:00 pm to 3:00pm.
 - 1st Grade parents – for drop off, either use the bus drop off zone which is open to 1st and 2nd grade parents only, or park at CCVC and walk your students to the door. For pick-up, park at CVCC and pick your child up at the classroom. All 1st graders need to be picked up at the classroom door so we can make sure they get home safely.
 - 2nd Grade parents – for drop off, either use the bus drop off zone which is open to 1st and 2nd grade parents only, or park along the street and walk your students to the door. For pick-up, park at CVCC and pick your child up at the classroom, or pick them up at the bus drop-off area.
 - When dropping students off at the bus zone, we will not be allowing cars in the area if the buses are loading or unloading students. After the buses have completed loading or unloading students we will allow cars to begin entering the bus zone again.
 - 3rd -5th Grade parents – drop your students off or pick them up using the Via Contenta drop-off area or the Pilot Rd Parking lot. If you choose to drop your child off or pick them up at the classroom, please park along the street or in the Pilot Rd parking lot.
 - If you have students at multiple grade levels – please use the zone for your youngest child
- Students and parents are not allowed on campus until 8:25 a.m. when we can provide supervision.
- TK and Kindergarteners need to be picked up at 2:00. 1st – 5th Grade Students need to be picked up by 3:00 p.m. There is no supervision after 3:00 p.m.
- If a student is not picked up by 3:00 p.m. they will be sent to the office to call their parent/guardian.
- Parents should communicate directly with teachers in the morning if an alternative pickup plan is warranted (e.g. student walking home, going home with someone different)
- Students may not play on the playground after school while awaiting parent pick up.

Attendance/ Tardy Policy

- Parents must call the school 831-620-8195, by 9:00 a.m. when a student is absent.
- Parents should email their teachers as well, but the office must always know for attendance purposes.
- If a student is absent because of a medical/dental appointment, illness, or other legal reason defined by CUSD Board Policy, the absence is considered “excused”. **All other absences are considered “unexcused” absences (e.g. family vacations, recreational events) and will trigger a truancy referral to the district attorney’s office if three or more “unexcused” days are accumulated during the current school year.** Once a student has accumulated 14 illness days (the average student misses a total of 7 days in a year) all future illnesses must be verified by school staff or a medical professional to be considered excused. If the illness is not verified, the absence is considered unexcused and counts toward truancy.
- If a student is going to be tardy due to a medical/dental appointment, please call the office by 9:00 a.m. so that your child’s absence is verified.
- All appointments need to be verified by an “appointment confirmation” note from the doctor/dentist and given to the office upon your arrival to school.

Celebrations / Nutrition policy guidelines

- Parents must coordinate food parties (e.g. holiday and birthday celebrations) with teachers prior to the day of the event in order to ensure that dietary food alternatives can be provided to students with allergies. Most parties are at the end of the day, 2:45 pm so instruction is not interrupted. Please clear this with your teacher. No balloons are allowed for birthdays or celebrations.

Lunchtime:

- We recommend your child has a fabric zip-up secured lunchbox so the Tularcitos crows do not get into your child’s lunch. We also recommend reusable containers and reusable water bottles. We do have a filtered water station inside Bobcat Hall to refill reusable water bottles.

Dogs/Pets

- There are no pets/dogs allowed on campus unless it is pre-approved by the principal for educational purposes. For classroom show and tell, check with the principal first.

For a more complete version and explanation of Tularcitos’s policies, programs and service, please refer to the school’s webpage at www.tularcitos.org.

Tularcitos Bell Schedule

Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	REGULAR SCHEDULE	1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	MINIMUM DAY
Recess	8:25 am - 8:40 am	Recess	8:25 am - 8:40 am
Instruction	8:40 am - 10:30 am	Instruction	8:40 am - 10:15 am
Snack Recess	10:30 am -10:45 am	Snack Recess	10:15 am -10:30 am
Instruction	10:45 am -12:30 pm	Instruction	10:30 am -12:10 pm
❖ Lunch Recess	12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch Recess	12:10 pm- 12:30 pm
Instruction	1:15 pm - 3:00 pm		

❖ 1st - 2nd Grade - Lunch 12:30

Recess is 12:50

❖ 3rd - 5th Grade - Recess 12:30

Lunch is at 12:50

Kindergarten	REGULAR SCHEDULE	Kindergarten	MINIMUM DAY
Drop-off	8:25 am - 8:40 am	Drop-off	8:25 am - 8:40 am
Instruction	8:40 am - 10:30 am	Instruction	8:40 am - 10:15 am
Snack Recess	10:30 am -11:00 am	Snack Recess	10:15 am -10:45 am
Instruction	11:00 am -12:15 pm	Instruction	10:45 am - 12:00 pm
Lunch Recess	12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch Recess	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Instruction	1:00 pm- 2:00 pm		

TK	REGULAR SCHEDULE	TK	MINIMUM DAY
Drop-off	8:25 am - 8:40 am	Drop-off	8:25 am - 8:40 am
Instruction	8:40 am - 10:15 am	Instruction	8:40 am - 10:00 am
Snack Recess	10:15 am -10:45 am	Snack Recess	10:00 am -10:30 am
Instruction	10:45 am -11:55 pm	Instruction	10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Lunch Recess	11:55 pm - 12:40 pm	Lunch Recess	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Instruction	12:40 pm -2:00 pm		

TULARCITOS SCHOOL

DRESS CODE

Clothing and accessories must be in line with our Character Pillars and may not display “uncaring” words (stupid, dumb, idiot, checked out, etc.) or present images that are crude, sexually suggestive, violent, use profanity, express prejudice, or refer to drugs, alcohol or tobacco.

Clothing/Shoes:

- Students are to wear clothing that covers the torso, tummy, upper thigh, and underwear.
- Shorts should be worn under skirts. We highly recommend having girls at the K-2 level wear shorts under all skirts and dresses as they are very active in their play.
- Tennis shoes are highly recommended every day, and required on PE days.
- Flip flops, slides, or roller shoes are not allowed.
- All footwear must have a strap on the back.

Headwear:

- Hats, caps, and sweatshirt-hoods are not to be worn indoors unless granted permission from the teacher or adult in charge for a specific event.
- Current student sports team uniforms and caps may not be worn at school (example: Carmel Valley Baseball/Softball uniforms, All Star uniforms, etc.)

P.E. Swimming:

- Girls swimming suits must have straps that go over the shoulders.
- Street clothes (cut-offs, t-shirts) may not be worn for swimming.

Consequences for not conforming to the Dress Code:

- Consequences for not conforming to the dress code may include wearing school-provided clothing for the remainder of the day or until parent contact is made and appropriate clothing is brought to school.

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SCHOOL SNACKS & LUNCHES

(Offered everyday)

Tularcitos Lunch	\$ FREE
Recess snacks	\$ FREE
Milk / Chocolate Milk	\$ FREE
Filtered Water Dispenser (in Bobcat Hall)	Reusable Water Bottles encouraged

MONTHLY MENUS are available in the school office and online at www.tularcitos.org - See "Meal Menus"
We also post them on our window in the front of the office every month. Snack / Lunch are both on menus.

Special Dietary restrictions, please call Director of Food Service Alexis Supancic at 624-4515.



Taking care of our environment and reducing our waste is very important to us at Tularcitos!

REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES: we have a filtered water dispenser in Bobcat Hall.

We recommend students bring **reusable food containers, reusable water bottles** and **fabric zip up or secure lunch boxes** so the Tularcitos crows cannot get into their backpacks and fly away with their lunch.

Be sure to use a permanent marker and put your name on everything!

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SPIRIT WEAR



Our Tularcitos colors are Green & White

Our cheer is Gooooooooo Bobcats!

EVERY FRIDAY IS A SPIRIT DAY!

We encourage the students to wear Green & White or Bobcat Wear!

You will also see our entire Staff wearing spirit wear every Friday!

To Purchase Spirit wear:

Go to the PTO page linked on the Tularcitos website
Scroll down & Click on the Bobcat Spirit Wear Box

Be sure to use a permanent marker and put your name on everything!

We do have a **Lost n' Found** that is inside of Bobcat Hall.
If your child loses any items, check there first.

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FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

We would like to emphasize the importance of working together so that all our students stay as healthy as possible. If one child comes to school sick, the illness spreads quickly to other students, the staff as well as family members. If your child does not feel well and is not going to be productive at school, keep them home.

Please keep your child home if he/she has any of these symptoms and seek medical care if problems persist:

- Fever, vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- A cough which is severe or persistent
- Less than 24 hours on an antibiotic
- Nasal discharge that is profuse or colored
- Red, inflamed eyes
- Body rash, unless determined non-infectious by a doctor



Reminder: Your child must be “fever free” or “vomit free” for 24 hours without medicine such as Motrin, Tylenol or Advil before they can return to school.

If a physician diagnoses your child with a contagious disease such as chickenpox, strep throat, or pink eye, please keep your child home and *notify the school as soon as possible*. This information will help us identify new cases early and reduce the spread of illness.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ:

Students cannot administer *ANY TYPE* of medication to themselves at school (cough, headache, prescription, epipens, inhalers, etc).

If your child needs to have medication at school Go to the CUSD website – click on the Forms Tab – Print out the form: *Authorization for Medication Administration at School – Elementary*
This form must be filled out and signed by a physician. It can be faxed to Tularcitos: 831-659-1049
Contact the School Nurse for any Q & A at 831-620-8195, and let her know if a form is coming.

Thank you for your cooperation.
CUSD Nurses

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Volunteers

Tularcitos loves their volunteers! We cannot provide the level of education we do without the kindness, love and dedication of our wonderful volunteers.

What do I need to do to volunteer in the classroom?

1. Let your child's teacher know that you would like to volunteer and that you did complete the volunteer form, usually it takes a week or so for the teachers to get in touch with you after school starts when they have a schedule in place.
2. Come into our office and pick up the **Volunteer and Field Trip Chaperone form**.
3. Complete the form and give it to Kristen Bartoli, secretary.
4. Check into the Office, and have your ID ready to be scanned upon your arrival.

You make a difference! Whether you have a few minutes, a few hours, or an abundance of time, you can help! Here are some examples:

- Volunteer in a classroom
- Attend the PTO meetings
- Buy or help sell Spirit Wear
- Help run your class's booth at Fall Festival
- Plan / help organize our Spring Fling
- Become a Room Parent or Co-room parent
- Scan receipts in Box Top App
- Sign up for Amazon Smile
- Consider serving as a PTO Committee Chair
- Volunteer in our Bobcat Garden
- Volunteer in our Library
- Chaperone on Field Trips



At Tularcitos, we follow a program called Character Counts!™ At Tularcitos, we believe strongly that it is not enough to simply educate our students in the mind. We want them to be good people too, a person of character!

Character Counts!™ is based on six core values that define good character. These values are called “The Six Pillars of Character.” They are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Throughout the year at Tularcitos, we have grade level assemblies, where each grade level will focus on one of the pillars. The six pillars are woven into our daily behavior expectations and in our curriculum through a variety of ways.

We are confident that by implementing Character Counts!™ at school we will continue to increase students’ awareness of what it means to be a person of character, and the importance of making positive choices. We want our students to know that Character Counts!™

The best way to teach Character is through the T.E.A.M. approach—Teach, Enforce, Advocate, and Model. So please, help support us at school by discussing, modeling, encouraging, and providing opportunities to teach your child about how important having good character is.

SIX PILLARS OF CHARACTERS

CHARACTER	COLOR	DESCRIPTION	
TRUSTWORTHINESS	Blue: Think True Blue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat or steal • Be reliable--do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a good reputation • Be loyal--stand by your family, friends and country
RESPECT	Yellow/Gold: Think the Golden Rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements
RESPONSIBILITY	Green: Think being responsible for a garden of finances; or as in being solid and reliable like an oak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do what you are supposed to do • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act--consider the consequences • Be accountable for your choices
FAIRNESS	Orange: Think of dividing an orange into equal sections to share fairly with friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't blame others carelessly 	
CARING	Red: Think of a heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need 	
CITIZENSHIP	Purple: Think regal purple as representing the state	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authorities • Protect the environment