

# Thomas Edison Charter Academy



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Dear TECA Community,

We are counting down to the first day of school and doing everything possible to get each and every student access to **distance learning** for the start of the school year. This week our teachers have been gathering virtually to continue collaborating on their plans for your children's academic, social emotional and physical growth and development. We are very much looking forward to reconnecting with our TECA students, families and staff!



## **Thank you TECA Community!**

While you were away... or more likely sheltering in place, there were a number of community members who worked from the end of June to August on planning for the reopening of TECA for the 2020-21 school year. Stakeholders were able to share ideas and give feedback through a weekly process of regularly scheduled meetings to focus on instructional models, curriculum development, social emotional learning, wellness and safety. We are very grateful for the dedication of the parents, community partners, support staff, teachers and administrators who worked tirelessly to put together a plan that will support each and every member of our TECA community.

## **Opening of School Activities and Events**

We want to remind you about some of the events coming up in the next week to prepare you and your children for an all distance learning approach to opening the school on AUGUST 17th. Please mark your calendars for these times:

## **Chromebooks Loaner Program - Other materials & resources are being prepared!**

- When: Tuesday, August 11th-Friday, August 14th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Why: Ensure access to learning materials and online resources.
- Where: 22nd Street Entrance (note this has changed from Dolores Street)
  - Due to the sewer construction work around TECA, parking is limited. Chromebook pick-up times are also available by appointment. Call:
  - JP Davis at 415-509-5795 for English
  - Rebeca de Villiers at 760-468-0996 for Spanish

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- Note that this is for chromebooks only. Other materials & resources are being prepared!

## Login Credentials for new students

- Login Credentials for new students will be sent via text or email to parents. If you do not receive a login credential by Friday at 2pm, please email [helpdesk@teca-sf.org](mailto:helpdesk@teca-sf.org) or call JP Davis or Rebeca de Villers.

## Back to School Student and Family Meetings

- When: Friday, August 14th at various times
- Why: To understand specific information about the 1st week of school.
- Where: Virtual Meeting Platform

**Please note that the virtual meetings will be recorded and posted for viewing if you are not able to make it to the actual meeting.**

It was great to see so many new and familiar faces during our virtual welcome back and informational meetings. If you were unable to attend, check out the presentations at our [TECA website](https://www.teca-sf.org) (<https://www.teca-sf.org>) or the video of the presentation [here](https://sites.google.com/teca-sf.org/video-library/home?authuser=1):  
<https://sites.google.com/teca-sf.org/video-library/home?authuser=1>.



## Welcoming New Staff!

We are so pleased to have had the opportunity to hold interviews throughout the summer to find the best candidates for all of our open positions. We welcome the following new staff members to the TECA's school family:

### **Credentialed (Grade Level):**

- Ms. Molly Baer, Kindergarten Teacher
- Ms. Claudia Almaguer, Kindergarten Spanish Dual Language Teacher
- Ms. Ariana Nickmeyer, 4th Grade English Dual Language Teacher
- Mr. Linsey Bailey, Physical Education Teacher
- Ms. Rosina Gelormino, Dance & Movement Teacher
- Mr. Khalid Johnson, School Counselor

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## Our Wonderful Returning Staff

We are so fortunate to have so many wonderful and much loved returning teachers, staff, and administrators. Please join us in warmly welcoming each and everyone of them back to TECA for the 2020-21 school year!

Certificated (Grade Level Order)	Classified
<p>Ms. Dafni Sahpazis, Transitional Kinder Teacher                      Ms. Amanda Cruz, Kinder. English Dual Teacher                      Ms. Michelle Phreaner, 1st Gr. English Dual Teacher                      Ms. Isabel Perez, 1st Gr. Spanish Dual Teacher                      Mr. Louie Ngo, 1st Gr. English Pathway Teacher                      Ms. Kristen Cahill, 2nd Gr. English Dual Teacher                      Ms. Angela Vicente, 2nd Gr. Spanish Dual Lang.                      Mr. Aaron Bickel, 2nd Gr. English Pathway Teacher                      Ms. Katy Corey, 3rd Gr. English Dual Teacher                      Mr. Jaime Gomez, 3rd Gr. Spanish Dual Teacher                      Ms. Amelia Clay, 3rd Gr. English Pathway Teacher                      Ms. Anjalee Beverly, 4th Gr. English Pathway Teacher                      Ms. Abby Laird, 5th Gr. English Pathway Teacher                      Ms. Ariel Epstein-Norris, 5th Gr. English Dual Teacher                      Mr. Jason Kushner, 5th Gr. English Pathway Teacher                      Ms. Jena-Lee Rogers, 6th Gr. Humanities Teacher                      Ms. Catherine Cook, 6th Gr. Math &amp; Science                      Mr. Michael Reekers, Junior Academy Social Studies Teacher</p>	<p>Ms. Carina Campos, Office Manager                      Ms. Rebeca deVilliers, School Secretary                      Mr. Andrew Johnson, Student Support Aide                      Mr. William Estrada, Student Support Aide                      Ms. Mikayla Deigan, Recreation Coordinator                      Ms. Monica Gomez, Food Services Coordinator                      Ms. Mariana Ortiz, SPED Paraprofessional                      Ms. Jazmin Arias, SPED Paraprofessional                      Mr. J.P. Davis, Informational Technology                      Mr. Hans Meimban, Informational Technology                      Ms. Sandra Huerta, Parent Liaison                      Ms. Cecilia Ibarra, Food Service Aide                      Ms. Sanne Bergh Resident Sub                      Ms. Francine Mays, Health Aide                      Ms. Andrea Mendoza, Bilingual Spanish/English Aide                      Mr. Alexis Cadenas, Bilingual Spanish/English School Aide                      Ms. Lucy Rodriguez, Bilingual Spanish/English School Aide                      Ms. Sandra Rodriguez, Financial &amp; Payroll Services                      Ms. Nora Vidurre, Custodian</p> <hr/> <p>Counseling:                      Ms. Maria Soriano, Head Counselor                      Mr. Khalid Johnson, Counselor</p>

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<p>Ms. Amanda Deigan, Junior Academy Humanities Teacher</p> <p>Mr. Jacob Polley, 7th Gr. Humanities</p> <p>Mr. Rick Tucker, 7 th Gr. Math &amp; Science</p> <p>Ms. Gaynor Lloyd, 8th Gr. Math &amp; Science</p> <p>Ms. Melissa Richardson, 8th Gr. Humanities</p> <p>Ms. Sonia Contreras, Intermediate Spanish Teacher</p> <p>Ms. Dana Rothermel, Language &amp; Literacy Teacher</p> <p>Ms. Rachel Wood, Art Teacher</p> <p>Mr. Kyle Blase, Music Teacher</p> <p>Ms. Jennifer Smith, STEAM Teacher</p> <p>Ms. Amy Anderson, SPED Lead Teacher</p> <p>Ms. Teresita Llovera SPED Teacher</p> <p>Ms. Cara Sternberg, Dual &amp; EL Teacher</p> <p>Ms. Madison Bruno, RTI Teacher</p>	<p>Administrative Support:</p> <p>Ms. Lupe Aguilera, Enrollment &amp; Reporting Teacher on Special Assignment</p> <p>Administrative Team:</p> <p>Ms. Heidi Leintz, Vice Principal</p> <p>Mr. Andrew Tuomey, Student and School Programs Director</p> <p>Mr. Kevin Chávez, Principal</p> <p>Ms. Rina Melendez, Director of Finance</p> <p>Ms. Anakarita Allen, Executive Director/Superintendent</p>
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## Class Lists

We have the class lists ready! Please use [this link](#) or go to this website:

<https://sites.google.com/teca-sf.org/teca2020classes/home> to find your child's class assignment for the 2020-21 year.

## Back to School Meetings

We're excited to see everyone this Friday, August 14 for Back to School Meetings with your student's teacher, and on Monday for the first day of school. Click on this link to join your ["Back to School Meeting"](#). Your child's teacher will share information about what to expect next week and how to access additional materials and resources for learning. Learning packets will be available on Monday, August 17th at 8:00 am **FOR ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ENGAGE IN ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING.**

Looking forward to seeing you all soon... virtually!!!

Kevin Chávez & Anakarita Allen