



# TIMBERWOLF TIMES

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*Welcome back to Terronez! We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with opportunities for our students to shine and achieve academically. There are many new programs and structural changes that have been made this year to optimize student success. We saw great achievements in academics last year with significant gains, make sure that you log on to our website at the start of every week and join all of our social media platforms to stay informed of everything thats going on. Go Timberwolves!*



**IN SEPTEMBER 1968, CONGRESS AUTHORIZED PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON TO PROCLAIM NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK. THE OBSERVANCE WAS EXPANDED IN 1988 TO A MONTH LONG CELEBRATION (SEPT. 15 - OCT. 15). AMERICA CELEBRATES THE CULTURE AND TRADITIONS OF U.S. RESIDENTS WHO TRACE THEIR ROOTS TO SPAIN, MEXICO AND THE SPANISH-SPEAKING NATIONS OF CENTRAL AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. SEPT. 15 WAS CHOSEN AS THE STARTING POINT FOR THE CELEBRATION BECAUSE IT IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF FIVE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES: COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA. IN ADDITION, MEXICO AND CHILE CELEBRATE THEIR INDEPENDENCE DAYS ON SEPT. 16 AND SEPT. 18, RESPECTIVELY. (COURTESY OF U.S. CENSUS BUREAU)**

# Just For Students

Hey Timberwolves! We hope you all have been logging onto teams to meet with your teacher and completing your assignments. Quarter 1 Progress Report Cards will be distributed in 2 weeks so make sure you're staying on top of your classes and work. Also know that your counselors are here to listen and support you. If you need to meet with a counselor you can contact them on teams, email or book your appointment online at

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/MsChiaSchoolSocialWorker1@fUSD.onmicrosoft.com/bookings>

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Starting September 8, 2020 students will be receiving SOS -Signs of Suicide Education during PE. I encourage all of you to step up and

ACT = Acknowledge, Care, and Tell if you or a friend needs help. Please tell an adult right

away if it is an emergency and you are worried about safety for yourself or a friend. If it is not an emergency you can make an appointment to meet with any support staff or counselor by:

Making an appointment using the bookings link

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/MsChiaSchoolSocialWorker1@fUSD.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

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E-mailing us

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Mr. Morgan - RCA ([Simeon.morgan@fresnounified.org](mailto:Simeon.morgan@fresnounified.org))

Ms. Vang – 7th Grade Academic Counselor ([Noumoua.vang@fresnounified.org](mailto:Noumoua.vang@fresnounified.org))

Mr. Stucki – 8th Grade Academic Counselor ([Tyson.stucki@fresnounified.org](mailto:Tyson.stucki@fresnounified.org))

In honor of Suicide Prevention Awareness, our school will be participating in a digital scavenger hunt. Students please check your student e-mail and participate. Scavenger hunts completed will be entered in a drawing for a Dutch Bros gift card. Yes, Dutch Bros! You're not alone and it's okay to ask for help.

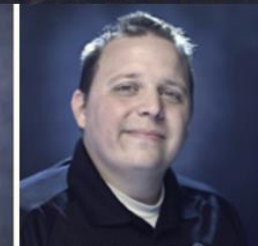
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number 1-800-273-8255

Text CONNECT to 741741



**MR. MORGAN**

**MR. STUCKI**



**MS. CHIA**

**MS. VANG**





# What's New

Hello parents and guardians! For this month's section of "What's New?" I'd like to share with you some important info and updates. We are still experiencing several students who are logging in to a class and leaving after a few minutes and therefore being marked absent. If your child has experienced difficulty in staying logged in, it is very important that you contact our office as soon as possible to clear your child's absence. We do need your assistance in helping to ensure and encourage your child to engage in their school work—our staff and our district stance is that no child will fall through the cracks and be missed or unaccounted for and right now, we are working to call each and every student to get them connected and logged in when our system shows that they are absent. Thank you so much to everyone who is helping us to get each and every student connected. It certainly does take a village!

Last month, we began our distribution of Student Meal Passes. Each Terronez student will be provided one (1) meal pass. While not every student is currently utilizing our 60+ meal distribution sites, we want to make sure that every student has a pass should their circumstances change.

The purpose of the card is to help food services track distribution of student meals vs. those of the adults they have been serving since March. While school sites remain closed, students are asked to show the student meal pass when picking up a meal between 7am-9am weekdays. In the event a parent picks up meals for their student, we ask that they have their child's meal pass with them and show our food service team at pick up. For example, if a parent/guardian has three students, then they would need to show three meal passes. Meal Passes can be picked up at the Front Office window. Thank you for your cooperation!

With our shift to distance learning, Fresno Unified has partnered with Gaggle--an online software tool to help ensure students have the same supports and online safety nets they would traditionally have on campus. This new safety tool supports students when using district email, Microsoft Teams chats and their district OneDrive. Gaggle looks for key phrases or words that identify inappropriate language, bullying and harassment, inappropriate sexual content and even situations that might lead to self-harm. Like it would on campus, when potential incidents arise, administrators are notified to provide necessary supports. As we all work together to support students in our online environment, we ask parents to take time to talk with regarding responsible technology use. While we are not together at school physically, should you feel your student is in need of social emotional supports, please contact our office so we can connect them to a member of our support team.

Just another quick reminder that Teacher Office Hours are from 8am-9am on Wednesdays and Friday and teachers can be reached via phone or email to clarify assignments or respond to any questions that you may have. If you need assistance contacting your child's teachers, please call our front office at 253-6570 and we will get you the information that you need.

As always, thank you for being a continued partner in your child's success at Terronez!



# Just For Parents



## *Parent and Student Family Connection Time*

Every Friday, our weekly UC Team and Admin videos will be posted to our school website. Please click the picture to watch our weekly update videos



## *Parent Website Training by Appointment*

If you would like training on how to navigate our school website, please call our front office at (559) 253-6570 to make an appointment with Mr. Ordunez



## *Food Distribution*

Our cafeteria serves meals daily (Monday–Friday) from 7:00 am – 9:00 am. Please make sure to present your Student Meal Pass.



## *Laptop Distribution*

Every Elizabeth Terronez Middle School student should have a district-assigned device. Students should not be using their smart devices or personal computers to engage in distance learning because they are not compatible with our district servers. If your student still does not have a district-assigned device, please call our front office at (559) 253-6570 to make an appointment with our Library Media Center.



## *Materials Distribution*

Every Friday students or parents will be able to pick up any needed materials for the following week in our Library Media Center. A teacher or administrator will communicate with you if your student has materials to pick up using School Messenger or a personal phone call. Please click [HERE](#) for our schedule.

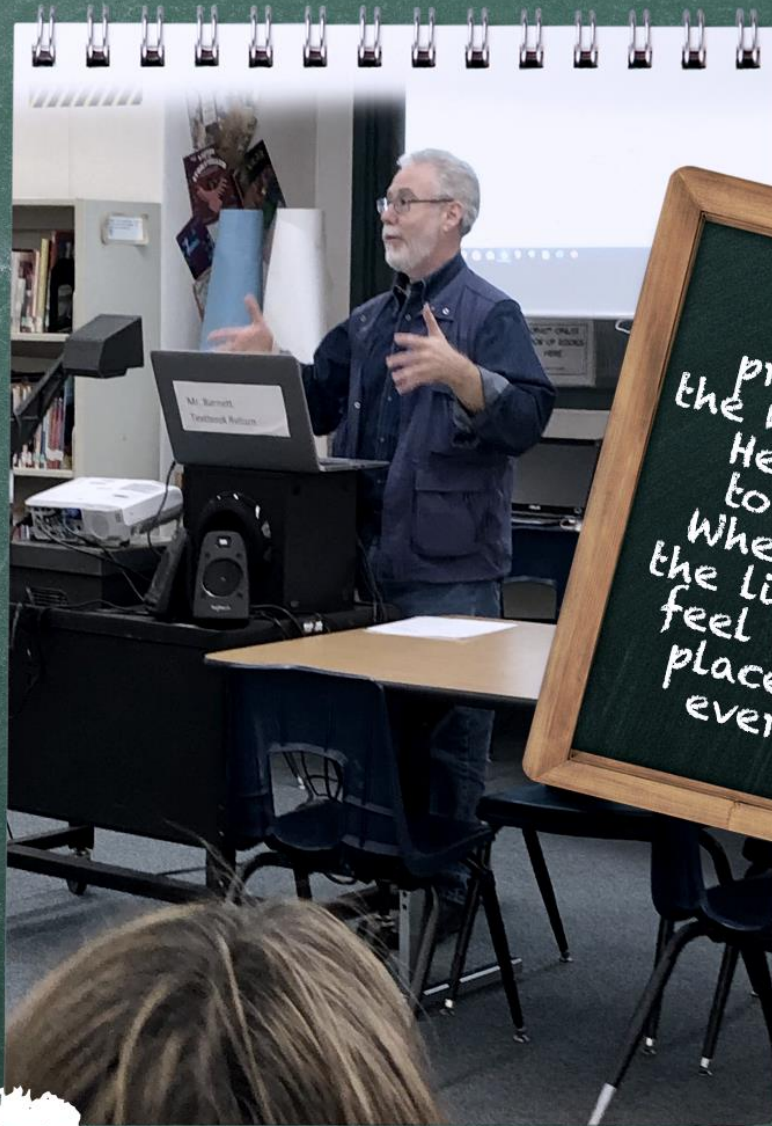


# WEST'S DEN



Here are a few helpful reminders for you and your child! School ends at 2:15pm every day and after lunch, students should be engaging with their teachers and getting additional support that will help them be successful at school. Each student should check in with their teachers and will not be excused unless they have an A in the course with no missing work. Face Time is also an important component of distance learning and students will need to access their cameras at appropriate times when prompted by their teachers. We appreciate your support and dedication to your child's education!

# Mentor of The Month



# Mr. Barnett





# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

## DISTANT LEARNING ALL-STARS

De Arcos Guzman

Jesmeen Kaur

Nathan Chavez

Fatima Correa

Xiaofei Huang

Valerie Deguzman

Sopath Keo

Jennifer Yang

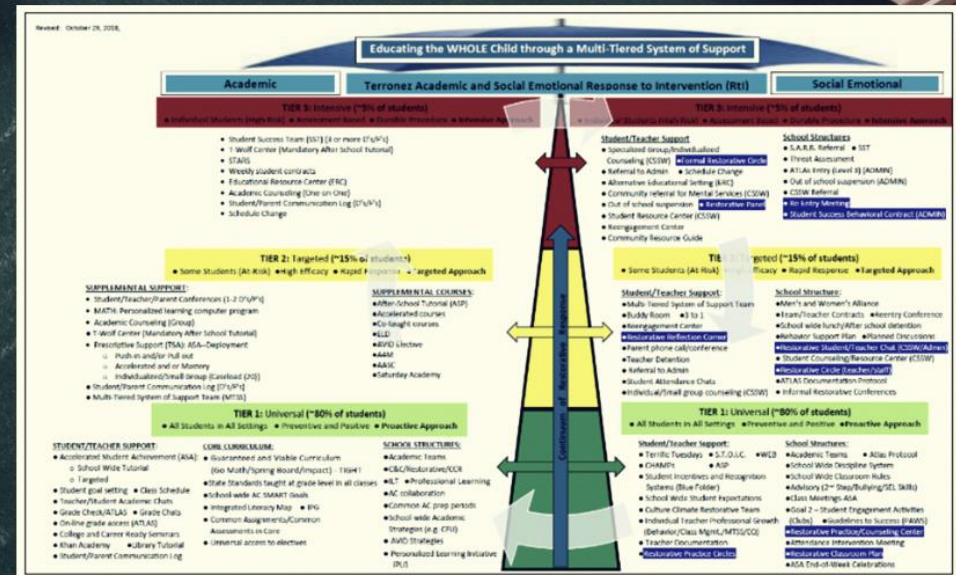
Jeremiah Smith-Ruiz

# MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT

Hello T-Wolves! What is a Multi-Tiered System of Support? Here is the answer in a nutshell: Response to Intervention (RTI) is a school's way of addressing academic needs of students at differing levels of need and intensity. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a school's way of addressing social-emotional needs of students at differing levels of need and intensity. Our Multi-Tiered System of Support is a school's way of addressing both academic AND social-emotional needs of students at differing levels of need and intensity.

At Elizabeth Terronez Middle School, we address this concept through a graphic of an umbrella over a triangle. The left side is academic interventions, and the right side is social-emotional interventions.

The triangle has three levels which increase with intensity of interventions. The first tier is green and is what we do for ALL students to help them succeed. The second tier is yellow and is for 15% - 20% of our students that have more specific needs. The third tier is red and is for 0% - 5% of our students that have the most need for intense interventions. We will be using this section of our newsletter to update you about our interventions!



# ATHLETICS

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS & MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

QUESTION FOR REOPENING OF ATHLETICS- WE HAVE TO MOVE FROM OUR CURRENT METRIC LEVEL OF 'WIDESPREAD' TO 'MINIMAL' OR LESS THAN A 6% POSITIVITY RATE FOR OUR COUNTY.

WE ARE TO REMAIN IN PHASE 1 UNTIL THE DATA BELOW MEETS THE STATE'S NEW PHASES WHICH WILL BE APPROVED BY OUR FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WE, OF COURSE, ARE IN BOTTOM CATEGORY WITH WIDESPREAD IMPACT. ONCE THAT CHANGES, I WILL INFORM YOU AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE BELOW...

THE WEBSITE BEING USED TO MEASURE OUR CURRENT RATE IS LISTED BELOW:  
[HTTPS://COVID19.CA.GOV/ROADMAP-COUNTIES/#TRACK-DATA](https://COVID19.CA.GOV/ROADMAP-COUNTIES/#TRACK-DATA)

## BELOW IS DATA FOR FRESNO COUNTY:

TO MOVE FROM OUR CURRENT STATUS FROM WHERE WE ARE TO MINIMAL, WE MUST DROP BELOW 6% POSITIVITY RATE- CURRENTLY, OUR COUNTY SITS AT 11%

WE HAVE A CURRENT STANDING OF 16.5 POSITIVE CASES PER 100K. WE MUST BE BELOW 10.9 PER 100K.

CURRENTLY MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS ARE PROPOSED TO START IN JANUARY 2021.

AT THIS POINT ALL OUR ATHLETIC TEAMS WILL PARTICIPATE AT SOME POINT THIS SCHOOL YEAR. SEASONS OF SPORTS ARE BEING DISCUSSED WITH CIF, FRESNO UNIFIED AND SCHOOL SITES. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY UPDATES.

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