



Wanna Get Involved!??

Here are some great ways YOU can help make Topanga Elementary the ***BEST*** possible experience for your child!!

Committees:

- ***Join TEP!*** (Topanga Enrichment Programs)
 - TEP is the **sole fundraising body** at TECS. TEP is comprised of parents with a child enrolled at TECS that have donated at least \$1 to TEP. All parents on TEP volunteer their time to assist in fundraising to provide the students with enrichment programs they otherwise would not get through LAUSD.
 - ***When:*** Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7pm
 - ***Where:*** Topanga Elementary Charter School (TECS)

- ***Leadership***
 - Leadership is the school's "PTA". Each year the stakeholders at TECS vote on the parent representatives to determine which parents will be on the leadership board. At the meetings the committees provide updates and all old/new business related to the school is discussed.
 - ***When:*** Meetings are usually held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 1:45pm
 - ***Where:*** TECS

- ***Committees*** (Science, VAPA, Safety, Technology and Curriculum)
 - Got a particular passion or interest? Parents are able to join several different committees. Each committee is responsible for making sure the students requirements/needs are being met in particular subject areas, and that changes/improvements are made as needed.
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Events: (in chronological order)

• **Coyote Run**

- As a fun way to raise funds the students are able to run laps and collect pledges based on the number of laps they complete. It provides an opportunity for the kids themselves to get involved in supporting the school and stay healthy! Parents are needed to cheer the children on, coordinate the run, and pass out lap markers.
- When: **9/27/19**
- Where: TECS

• **Variety Show**

- Your child's opportunity to *shine*! Students are given the chance to perform on stage — singing, dancing, reciting poetry, whatever! Parents are needed to help set-up, assist with lights, sound, and making sure the kids are ready to go on stage.
- When: **10/4/19**
- Where: TECS

• **Halloween Carnival**

- A favorite family event every year! Parents are needed to assist the coordinator with set-up, sales/cash register, and clean-up. Parents also will be needed to assist their class in creating/running the class booth.
- When: **10/19/19**
- Where: Topanga Community Club (TCC)

• **Book Fair/Holiday Boutique**

- Another family favorite event — purchase books, browse the holiday boutique, and enjoy music, book readings and food. Need parent volunteers to help organize and run the book fair; set-up, sales/cash register, possibly make/sell food or treats, and clean up.
- When: Kicks off **12/6/19** with a Holiday Boutique & celebration; continuing on **12/9/19-12/12/19**
- Where: TECS

• **Art Show**

- Each class creates beautiful, individual artworks and students have their art hung on a real gallery wall for all to see. Parents, at various times beforehand, will need to work with the Teacher to coordinate supplies, assist with the art making and preparation, as well as helping at the Gallery during the art show.
- When: **1/28/20-2/1/20**
- Where: Topanga Art Gallery

- **Spell-A-Thon**

- Students are provided with a list of words to spell and gather pledges. Based on the amount of words spelled correctly the child will then be able to collect the donations pledged. Parents are needed at school to help review the students completed spell-a-thon.
- When: **2/6/20 - 2/7/20**
- Where: TECS

- **Auction**

- Get a babysitter for the party of the year! Assist in gathering items (goods or services) to be auctioned off. Each class is asked to come up with a fun, covetable basket, as well as, a class creation to be auctioned. Help set-up and clean-up. Or join the auction committee and help plan the event!
- When: **Spring 2020**
- Where: TBD

- **Party Book**

- Do you like planning events/gatherings? Have a special skill you'd like to share/teach the other parents? Party book is an opportunity for parents to raise funds for the school by hosting a small fundraiser. Some examples of past events are: poker night, private chef-hosted dinners, sommelier night, kids outdoor movie night, etc.
- When: **Throughout the school year**
- Where: Location TBD based on event

- **Yearbook**

- Parents are needed to assist with gathering pictures and 5th grade pages.
- When: **March 2020 – June 2020**
- Where: TECS

- **Science Fair**

- Every child has the opportunity to undertake a project of their choosing, receive guidance on project development and presentation, then present to parents, families and classmates
- When: **April 2020**
- Where: TECS

- **Butterfly Day**

- Partnership with Bill Buerge and the Topanga Mountain Mermaid to produce a community event aimed at raising awareness of the broad and critical importance of pollinators to our lives on earth
- When: **May 2020**
- Where: The Mermaid

- **Teacher Appreciation Week**

- Work with the parent Coordinator on the following week-long activities; coordinate volunteers to bring potluck to Teacher's Breakfast; helping communicate (with Class Parents) to teachers/staff the sign-up for spa treatment time slots, etc.
- When: 5/4/20-5/8/20
- Where: TECS

- **Track & Field Day**

- For most kids, this is their favorite day of the year. And we need lots of help — on-site with the hosting of the event; bringing food and water; manning your class's station, and more. Event is June, the Friday the week before school is out.
- When: 6/5/20
- Where: TCC

- **Traffic Duty**

- Parents (preferably 2) from each class (if it's your class's week) are needed to stand in front of the school to assist other parents using the drop-off and pick-up line. Make sure cars and students are following the rules and the line keeps moving.
- When: Throughout the school year at drop-off and pick-up (**each class has a weekly assignment**)
- Where: TECS

Everyday Giving:

- **Amazon Smile**

- Did you know that you can contribute to the school by using Amazon Smile for all of your Amazon purchases?
- When: **All year long!**
- Where: Online https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_ext_ch_95?encoding=UTF8&ein=95-3924671&ref=smi_chpf_redirect&ref=smi_ext_ch_95-3924671_cl