

Topeka Tigers


Topeka Charter School for Advanced Studies

PTA



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TOPEKA DRIVE PTA

Welcome Newsletter for Parents

Welcome

Topeka PTA would like to extend a warm welcome to all families for the 2020-2021 school year.

PTA Executive Board

- President** - Shelly Bedig
- Executive VP** - Laura Solorzano
- VP - Membership** - Crissy Silva
- VP-Ways & Means** - Adriana Scollo
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- Historian** - Bonnie Icenbice
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- Tiger Fund** - Kathy Kim-Ho
- Green Team** - Emily Crooch
- Hospitality** - Naza Holliman
- Room Parent Coordinator** - Jennifer Grooms
- Website/Social Media/Cashback Coordinator** - Gabriela Knutson
- 5TH Grade Committee Chair** - Tiffany Osborne

PRINCIPAL - Josephine Stevens

Topeka Website/Social Media

For the most up to date information about Topeka Charter including the Parent Portal (a great resource for parents) please visit us at www.topekadrive.com.

Never miss an event, a fundraising effort or any activity by following us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/topekacharter) and **Instagram** (www.instagram.com/topekachartersas)

PTA Membership

Make your voice heard! Join *Topeka's PTA* and help us continue to support academic needs as well as maintain safety and quality of education for our children at Topeka. For only \$10 you gain membership, voting privileges, and recognition as a Topeka PTA member. Joining the PTA is quick and easy. Just scan the QR code or access the link here:

<https://jointotem.com/ca/northridge/topeka-drive-pta>



If you have any questions, please contact Cris Silva, VP of Membership at c.dasilva@lausd.net.

Tiger Fund

Tiger Fund is Topeka PTA's direct donation appeal. Your donation helps fund and support the educational components within our Charter Plan: Computer Lab, Librarian, Psychomotor (PE), Art/ Music Enrichment and other educational opportunities. The School District is unable to fully fund all of these programs which our students need in order to thrive.

Another way to help is to ask your Corporation for Company Matching opportunities.

For more information, please visit <https://topekadrive.com/topeka-charter-tiger-fund> or contact Stephanie Heisler or Kathy Kim-Ho at: tigerfund@topekadrive.com.

Room Parents & Volunteers

A big part of the success of our children are *Room Parents* and *Volunteers*!

Room Parents are the liaison between the PTA, parents, teachers, and students. Keeping parents informed of activities and encouraging their participation ensures that all children enjoy and benefit from the many classroom activities and special programs planned for the year.

To become a *Room Parent*, please fill out a Room Parent application or contact Room Parent Coordinator Jennifer Grooms at PTARoomparent@topekadrive.com.

There are many opportunities to volunteer as well. To *volunteer*, please sign-up on the <https://topekadrive.com/volunteer-signup>.

Other Ways to Help

Organizations such as Amazon and the Kroger Company offer community partner contribution programs.

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support Topeka every time you shop, at no cost to you.

Ralphs and *Food for Less* make it easy too. Once you link your card to Topeka Drive PTA, all you have to do is shop and swipe your Shopper's Card.

For more information, contact Gabriela Knutson at gabrielaknutson@gmail.com.





TOPEKA CHARTER PTA

Dine Out

Come join us at our first DINE OUT of the year at CHIPOTLE!
Mention "Topeka Drive" when you order and we will receive 20%
back from all purchases. A fun way to raise money while enjoying
a family meal with great food!



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST **5PM - 9PM**

CHIPOTLE - NORDHOFF PLAZA
19332 Nordhoff St
Northridge, CA 91324

www.chipotle.com

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Topeka Drive PTA and California Credit Union Presents: "Topeka's Virtual Tiger Trot" on Wednesday, October 7, 2020!



Topeka Drive PTA will be holding its annual "Tiger Trot", a virtual student-led fitness FUNdraiser on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. This fundraiser is to involve students, staff and the community, to encourage student's physical fitness and exercise virtually, while raising money for our school's new enrichment program: Computerwise Kids. All students will have the opportunity to benefit from this program which will teach Digital Citizenship, Coding, STEM, along with the basic skills needed to interact with various digital devices: computer, iPad or chrome book. While, focusing on the individual child's initiative and independence, allowing them to progress through an orderly series of structured learning activities at their own pace. We rely on school fundraisers and the generous donations of outside supporters, to supplement the educational and enrichment programs we have at Topeka. Parent permission is needed in order to attend and obtain virtual "Tie Dye" dance party log-on information; we must have the child's parent authorization prior to logging on (signed permission slip).

Fundraising Goal: \$20,000

100% of every dollar donated, stays here at Topeka and is tax deductible

Every student will have the option to warm-up, complete their favorite fitness activity and cool-down.

The virtual "Tiger Trot" fitness event will take place via pre-recorded video on Wednesday, October 7th from 3-6pm. All pledges will be submitted online via Paypal on Topekadrive.com.

Please contact us with any questions at Tigertrot@Topekadrive.com and we hope that you can join us virtually on October 7th!

The Tiger Trot Committee

Jennifer Grooms, Michelle Himelfarb, Rebecca Avazian, Mrs. Khayatpour & Ms. Tran

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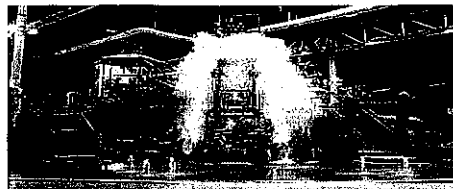
Students ask family and friends to sponsor you, either per/fitness activity or a one-time pledge. There will be prizes raffled at the \$75 and \$150 pledge level:

Collect \$75 in pledges (per/student) and receive:

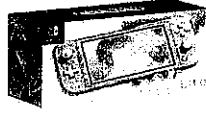
- **1-BJ's Restaurant Child's Meal Certificate.**
- **Attend virtual "Tie Dye Dance Party" on Friday, October 23rd; link will be sent to student.**
- **Your name will be entered for the following raffle prizes: a Mini Sega Genesis (1), Jamba Juice (2), Robeks (2), \$25 Whole Foods Gift Card (2), Ubatuba Acai (3), Wireless Headphones (4), Yogurtland Certificates (25) and Islands Restaurant (65).**

Collect \$150 in pledges (per/student) and receive:

- **1-BJ's Restaurant Child's Meal Certificate.**
- **Attend virtual "Tie Dye Dance Party" on Friday, October 23rd; link will be sent to student.**
- **Your name will be entered in the \$75 raffle and for the following raffle prizes:**
- **1-\$500 Great Wolf Lodge Gift Certificate**



- **1-Nintendo Switch Lite (Yellow)**



- **2-Tickets to Universal Studios**



- **2-Tickets to Six Flags Magic Mountain**

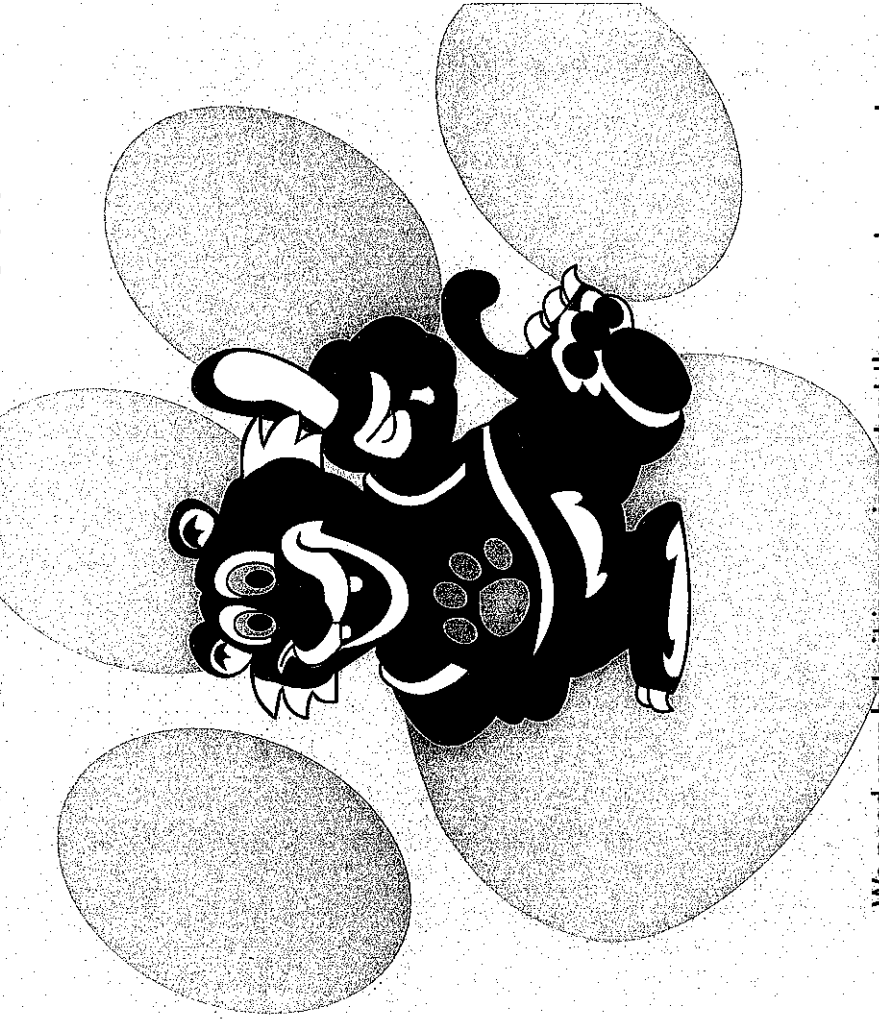


The Tiger Trot Committee
TigerTrot@Topekadrive.com

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TOPEKA CHARTER SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES

TIGER FUND DIRECT DONATION



We need your help, it is more important than ever to support
Topeka Charter School for Advanced Studies.

PLEDGE FORM

Complete the Pledge Form and return to the school office with your payment, Thank you!

PARENT/DONOR'S NAME

STUDENT'S NAME

RM #

ADDRESS

CITY

ZIP

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

OCCUPATION/COMPANY

Payment can be made with cash/check
(made payable to Topeka Drive PTA)
or via online at: <https://topekadrive.com/tiger-fund>

Payment Installment Plans Are Available

PLEDGE AMOUNT: \$

PLEASE CHECK ONE BELOW:

ONE TIME DONATION

\$70/MO 5 Installments payable by December (Topeka Tiger (v))

ONLINE DONATION

9815 TOPEKA DRIVE NORTHRIDGE, CA 91324

PH: 818-886-2266 FX: 818-885-7682

WWW.TOPEKADRIVE.COM

95-4354453 Tax Deductible Donation

Stephanie Heisler - Tiger Fund Chairperson
tigerfund@topekadrive.com

Kathy Kim - Tiger Fund Co-Chairperson
tigerfund@topekadrive.com

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THE POWER OF TIGER FUND

100% of your investment will go directly to pay for the following criteria: (this is not a complete list)

For a detailed description, please visit our website at:

www.topekadrive.com

Psychomotor (\$20,000)

Software/School Programs (\$11,000)

Computer Lab/ PCs/ Hardware (\$18,000)

School/Teacher Instructional Supplies (\$13,500)

Transportation for Field Trips (\$10,000)

TOTAL... \$72,500

Fact #1: No School District is able to fully fund all the services and programs that our students need in order to thrive in school.

Fact #2: Most Schools (public & private) rely on direct donations such as Tiger Fund to maintain the quality education we want for our children.

Fact #3: Consider what you would be paying if you went to private school or continued to pay for preschool. Many Schools ask for more -- OUR suggested donation amount of \$350 per child is a modest ask.

Question: What is TIGER FUND?

Answer: TIGER FUND is Topeka PTAs direct donation appeal. 100% of your tax-deductible donation is kept here at Topeka.

Question: Since we're an Affiliated Charter, don't we have plenty of funds?

Answer: The answer is NO. The TIGER FUND helps raise funds to support the educational components that are within our Charter Plan.

Question: Is a payment plan available?

Answer: Monthly installments are available. All we ask is for your full donation by December, thus it breaks down to \$70 per mo. from August - December.

Question: I can't afford the suggested amount but I'd like to help, how can I?

Answer: **The \$350 per child is a suggested donation amount.** If this does not fit within your budget, we kindly ask that you donate whatever you can afford.

Any size donation helps! We are striving for **100% Participation**.

Question: Can I ask my company for support?

Answer: YES, many companies offer direct match grant programs.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

TIGER FUND PARTICIPATION LEVELS

TOPEKA TIGER \$350 \$70 per month/per child from August - December.
Child T-Shirt, Spirit Button & Pin.

BRONZE \$500

Child T-Shirt, Yearbook, BMX Bike Show Entry

SILVER \$750

Child T-Shirt, Yearbook, BMX Bike Show Entry,
Family Entry to 1 additional Topeka Event.

GOLD \$1000

Child T-Shirt, Yearbook, BMX Bike Show Entry,
Family Entry to 2 additional Topeka Events &
Principal of the Day recognition.

PLATINUM \$2000

Family T-Shirts, Yearbook, BMX Bike Show Entry,
Family Entry to ALL Topeka Events, Principal of the
Day recognition & Lunch with the Principal!!

HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT

Complete the Pledge Form and return it to the school office along with your payment. Monthly installments are available. We've provided easy online payments at:

<http://topekadrive.com/tiger-fund>

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Topeka Drive PTA Membership 2020-21

Hello Topeka Families!

It's time for another exciting school year and an important part of **TOPEKA DRIVE CHARTER SAS**, is our **PTA**.

Topeka Charter School's PTA supports critical academic needs, is an active voice on decisions that impact your child's health, safety and quality of education, and builds a stronger, more inclusive school community. We invite you to join **PTA** for your child because increasing our membership, even by one, makes it possible a difference.

- **PTA** means **Parent Teacher Association**. It is a partnership between parents and educators who strive to enhance student learning and enrich the lives of the students within the school.
- Becoming a member of the **Topeka Drive PTA**, gives you voting rights and a voice on how our money is spent.
- Becoming a **PTA** member works towards improving and enhancing the life of the students and the school as a whole.

There is no wrong or right way to be involved- anything you can give, whether it's time or money, will support your child's potential. We invite you to join because we can do more together than apart. It only take 5 minutes.

** Due to COVID-19, this year we won't be able to run a traditional membership drive on campus, so we'll be utilizing the tools that California State PTA has made available to us and its called **TOTEM**. On the link below, you'll find a form to fill out to join the Topeka Drive PTA or you can use the QR code:

<https://jointotem.com/ca/northridge/topeka-drive-pta>

If you have any questions please contact me at topekamembership@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

Cris Silva
Topeka Drive PTA
VP Membership



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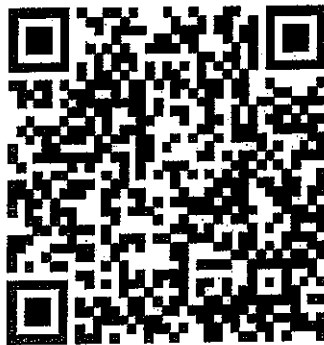




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Hello Topeka Families! It's time for another exciting school year and an important part of TOPEKA DRIVE SCHOOL is our PTA.

Join Topeka's PTA today and have a voice to help us continue to support academic needs, maintain safety, and quality of education for our children at Topeka. Scan the QR code below or access the link to become a member.



<https://jointotem.com/ca/northridge/topeka-drive->

If you have any questions or concerns, please email topekamembership@gmail.com
Thank you for your support!

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