



Welcome to  
**Harriet Tubman  
Village Charter School**



## THE SCIENCE FAIR WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

We would like to congratulate all of our students on their amazing Science Fair projects! There were so many great projects, it was very hard to decide on winners. Thank you to all of the family and community members who came to see their hard work. Tiger pride!!!

### Dates to Remember-

**CAASPP  
TESTING STARTS  
FOR 3RD-8TH  
5/1!**

Testing starts on Tuesday, May 1 for 3rd-8th grade. Testing runs from 5/1-5/15 and make-up testing runs from 5/16-6/1.

**THE TK-5TH  
SPELLING BEE  
IS 5/4!**

Families are encouraged to join us for the TK-5th grade Spelling Bee in the school auditorium from 8:45am-10:45am.

**NO SCHOOL ON  
MEMORIAL DAY  
5/28!**

There will be no school on Monday 5/28 due to Memorial Day. Students return Tuesday 5/29.

**WORLD  
PLAYGROUND  
OPEN HOUSE IS  
5/30!**

All students, families, and community members are welcome to our around the world themed open house.



## CAASPP TESTING STARTS THIS MONTH!

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) testing starts on Tuesday, May 1 for 3rd-8th grade.

### WHAT IS IT?

CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and career. The CAASPP includes computer-adaptive tests and performance tasks in English-Language Arts and Mathematics. It also includes a computer-based test in Science for 5th & 8th grades (this year is a field test so scores will not be reported).

### HOW CAN STUDENTS PREPARE?

- Come to school and be on time
- Get plenty of sleep
- Eat a balanced breakfast
- Manage stress- relax, exercise, practice self care
- Visit [CAASPP.org](http://CAASPP.org) for resources and practice tests.

## Awesome Learning Opportunities Happening at Tubman!



As usual, we are coming up with exciting ways to educate our students by exposing them to interesting experiences. We have big plans for both our primary and middle school grades that will help inspire our students to explore their personal interests, discover new subjects, and open the door to higher education exploration.

First, our students have been given the opportunity to take part in a 6 week after school course with Play-Well Teknologies. We have recently partnered with Play-Well Teknologies to assist one of our 5th grade teachers, Ms. Chan, with our STEAM/Robotics after school programs. In these sessions, the program focuses on real-life engineering challenges. Students explore concepts in physics, architecture, mechanical and structural engineering. They work together to find inventive solutions in a fun-filled context that supports the growth of young minds through hands-on, minds-on learning. The students work individually, in teams, and as a group throughout the sessions. A short discussion and demonstration of the day's topic starts each meeting and then students are given a design/building assignment to do for that session. The Play-Well instructors have varied careers and educational backgrounds (mechanical engineering, architecture, biology, art, geology, education, civil engineering, etc.). The instructors and Ms. Chan all share a common enthusiasm for kids, engineering, and LEGO. We are so excited about this new partnership!

The middle school grades are focusing on higher education at the end of this school year!

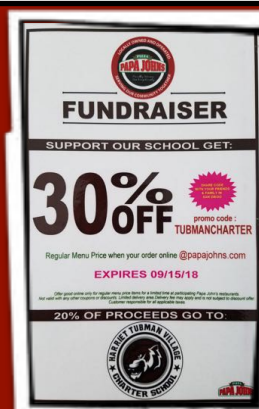
We are following up with our College and Career Week in April with three different college trips for their 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. The 6th grade class is scheduled to spend a half day at SDSU on May 10th. The college's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) will be giving a guided tour to the students- providing them with information and answering their questions. The 7th graders are excited to visit UCSD on May 3rd. They will be receiving tours of the campus, dorms, and dining facilities. They will finish off their trip with lunch in the dining hall. This will give them a great opportunity to see what life is like for a college student and imagine themselves doing the same thing one day.

Lastly, the 8th graders will be taking a combined trip on May 14th to UCLA and Knott's Berry Farm. They will start by taking a bus to UCLA and touring the school while meeting current UCLA students. After they receive the tour and ask questions about the college experience the 8th graders will head over to Knott's Berry Farm for some fun with their peers. Our hope is to get our students thinking about college and higher education as soon as possible. By exposing them to the college experience, students will have a better understanding of what college is, what it takes to get to get there, and the variety of ways a student can achieve their educational goals through higher education.



### Thank You Papa John's!

We have a partnership with Papa John's! Papa John's has agreed to work together with our school to help support teachers, encourage students, and help us fundraise! Everyday you can save money while helping us earn money towards our school by ordering Papa John's online! Go to @papajohns.com, use the promo code TUBMANCHARTER and you will receive 30% off your order while 20% of the proceeds go back to our school! On 4/18 we hosted our first PTC Flyer Night, where Tubman families could come see Principal Woodard make pizzas at the El Cajon Blvd. location. Mr. Slice was here after school to promote the event! Keep an eye out for our next Flyer Night coming soon!



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