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### Parent Info Sessions Planned for Seaside Preschool

Three Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District elementary schools have sessions planned in December for parents to learn more about Seaside Preschool. Grant and Edison elementary in Santa Monica and Juan Cabrillo Elementary School in Malibu are now accepting registration for both programs for the 2017-18 school year. The program is Reggio-inspired and supportive of equity and access to all students.



Seaside Preschool parent information sessions are as follows:

- Juan Cabrillo – December 14, 2016 at 9 am and 6:30 pm in the Cabrillo Library.
  - Please RSVP to the school: 310.457.0360
- Grant – December 8, 2016 at 5:30 pm.
  - Please RSVP to the school: 310.450.7651
- Edison – 90/10 English / Spanish Dual Immersion Program
  - Please contact the school for an orientation and tour: 310.828.0335

This current school year was the first year of pilot programs at Grant and Edison, and Cabrillo has been added for the 2017-18 school year. The district is working on expanding the program to additional schools in the future. The program has been extremely successful with waiting lists formed for each location this inaugural year with plan to expand to other sites in the future.

There is a \$100 Seaside preschool registration fee and students must be born between December 3, 2012 and September 2, 2014 to be apply. Priority is given to older children in this range. Preference is given to families within the school boundaries of each school, then if space is available to students residing within the SMMUSD boundaries. Check with school site for application deadlines.

Seaside is a 10-month program during the traditional SMMUSD school year, including school holidays and breaks. 2016-17 tuition \$1,353 per month for 8:30 am – 2:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Extended daycare is available from 7:30 am – 5:30 pm for an additional \$164 a month. Tuition pricing for 2017-18 will be announced soon. Financial assistance is available.

The Early Learning Pathway program is centered on the idea of providing neighborhood preschool and transitional kindergarten (TK) programs to all students living in Santa Monica and Malibu by establishing this program at all SMMUSD elementary sites.

Providing an early learning pathway at a child's school of residence fosters relationships between families, community and educators, limits transitions from school to school for the youngest students and ensures kindergarten readiness.

Additionally, SMMUSD oversees a Child Development Services (CDS) program at several locations that serve preschool-age students from throughout the district and outside the district. This program includes students supported by Head Start and the state and also accepts students on sliding tuition scale. These programs will continue and are open for enrollment as well. For more information on the CDS sites visit: <http://www.smmusd.org/CDS/index.html>

Bridges Transitional Kindergarten (TK), also in the first year of a pilot at Grant, Edison and Cabrillo will continue in the 2017-18 school year, as will other SMMUSD TK programs at additional schools. Registration for TK will be held in conjunction with Kindergarten Roundup in February 2017. More information will follow in January.

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