The McKinley Mini-Messenger



For Schoolwide Info and Updates Each Week Date: 12/14/20

Important Announcements and Reminders

During Winter Break, K-5 classrooms will receive <u>new 21st century flexible furniture</u> such as soft and hard student seating, individual and group student desks, storage furniture, and more. Check your 12/11 email for a "look book" of the furniture as well as a link to a video showing pics of the furniture pilot and the benefits of the new furniture. The new furniture is funded by the 2018 Bond Measure SMS for 21st century schools. We look forward to the future return of students to their exciting new classrooms.

Thursday is the deadline for students to post holiday messages on our Flipgrid page.

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This Week					
Day	Date	Time	Event		
Monday	12/14		Spirit Week- Spiritwear Day (McKinley Shirt or Blue/Gold)		
Tuesday	12/15		Spirit Week- Friendship Day- Wear Grade Level Color (TK/K Red, 1st Orange, 2nd Yellow, 3rd Green, 4th Blue, 5th Purple)		
Wednesday	12/16		Spirit Week- Crazy Hair or Hat Day		
Thursday	12/17		Spirit Week- Sports Day		
Friday	12/18		Spirit Week- Pajama Day		
			Holiday Messages Flipgrid Page Shared with Families		
			Minimum Day- Dismissal 12:30pm TK/K 1:35pm 1st-5th		
			No live instruction after lunch, asynchronous only (1-1:35ish) No live synchronous or asynchronous after dismissal (12:30/1:35)		

Next Two Weeks					
Day	Date	Time	Event		
M-F	12/21-		No School- Winter Break		
	12/25		Happy Holidays!		
M-F	12/28-		No School- Winter Break		
	1/1		Happy New Year!		

Upcoming Dates and Events

1/4/21 Student Work Day- Morning Meeting 8:30-9am then Asynchronous Learning

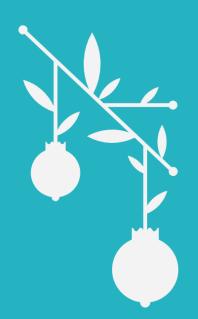
Flyers Attached
Holiday Message Flipgrid Flyer
Spirt Week 12/14-12/18
Resources for Winter Break
1/4/21 Student Work Day Letter and 12/11 New Furniture Blast



Share a festive message with our McKinley Family!

Record a 1-minute video on Flipgrid to share. Video Ideas: spoken message, sing a song, read a winter poem.

Enjoy videos from your friends at McKinley.



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Click link →

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- Password: MckinleyHoliday
- Record your video. 2.
 - Select the record button on the bottom of the camera to start and pause the camera. Add fun stickers, filters, text, and more. Tap the arrow on the bottom right to continue.
- Review your video. 3.
 - Trim, rearrange, or add more video clips. Tap the arrow on the bottom right to continue.
- Submit your video!
 - Edit your cover image, name, or add a title. Then submit!

McKinley Elementary Spirt Week!

Monday 12/14

Spiritwear Day!

Wear a McKinley shirt or the school colors of Blue and Gold.



Tuesday 12/15

Friendship Day!

Each grade level wears a color of the rainbow.

- TK/K: Red
- 1st: Orange
- 2nd: Yellow
- 3rd: Green
- 4th: Blue
- 5th: Purple



Wednesday 12/16

Crazy Hair/Hat Day!

Wear a fun hairstyle or hat.



Thursday 12/17

Sports Day!

Wear your favorite sports team jersey/shirt or sports uniform/attire.

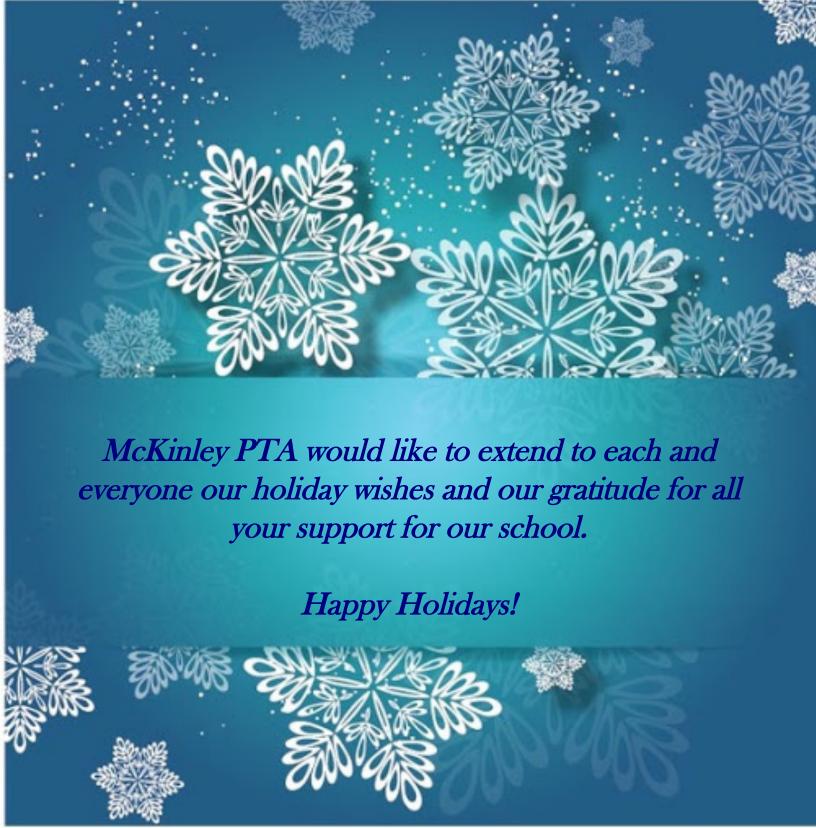


Friday 12/18

Pajama Day!

Wear your comfy pjs to class.





Winter Break Resources for Students and Families

With the holiday season this year looking different due to the pandemic, our school counselor has put together some wonderful posters, activities, and resources for students and families to use during Winter Break. Click here to download over 50 resources:

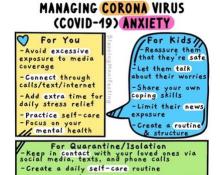
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-Keep yourself busy: games, books, movies

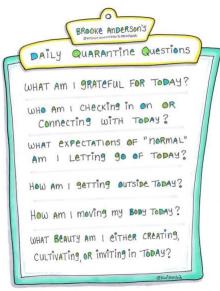
-Focus on new relaxation techniques



silence is also totally ok.

ROLL SOME BRAIN BREAKS
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latches the number you civile on the die. For example, if you not a 1-24-25 you
outly perform the following brain breaks: 10 jameling jacks, 5 wat push upus, 10 Twist
the waist, 10 jamps over a pencil on the floor and 10 windmills.







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December 14, 2020

RE: Student Work Day on 1/4/21

Dear McKinley parents and guardians,

The Santa Monica Malibu Classroom Teachers Association (SMMCTA) Union collaborates with the SMMUSD (District) to negotiate various contractual agreements. Several Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements were developed regarding the 2020-21 school year; if you'd like to read these detailed documents, they can be found here.

As part of the school reopening agreement MOU, all TK-12 school sites have one "Student Work Day" first semester, and three Student Work Days second semester. Student Work Days have limited daily live interaction, with students engaged in asynchronous learning for the majority of the day. Distance Learning instructional minutes of combined synchronous and asynchronous learning will still be met (TK/K 180 minutes, 1st-3rd 230 minutes, and 4th-5th 240 minutes). The purpose of these days is to provide teachers time to prep, plan, and meet with individual students as needed.

In the fall teachers selected a day at their discretion to conduct one-on-one assessments with students. In the spring, the first **Student Work Day is scheduled schoolwide for Monday January 4th**, the first day back from break. On this day students will join their class from 8:30am to approximately 9:00am for a live Morning Meeting for social emotional learning. For the remainder of the day students will engage in asynchronous learning assignments provided by their teacher. The asynchronous assignments will be designed to review first semester learning to reactivate students' knowledge for the spring semester.

The weekend prior to January 4th teachers will email the zoom link for the Morning Meeting at 8:30am, directions for how to access the asynchronous assignments, and their weekly schedule.

The Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) and Site Leadership Team (SLT) of teachers and admin selected January 4th so that teachers have time to setup their classroom materials after the new furniture install that will occur over Winter Break. Also, this day occurring immediately following the two-week break will help students ease back into the routine of school. It is also the same day as the middle and high school pupil free day.

The <u>next Student Work Day is scheduled for January 29th</u> to work on Report Cards, and the final day is TBD and will be scheduled towards the end of the school year.

Thank you. Have a wonderful Winter Break. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Dr. Benjamin

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Email Blast 12/11/20
See email for attachment and video link

Good morning McKinley lions,

I'm pleased to share that McKinley will be receiving new 21st century flexible furniture! During Winter Break, K-5 classrooms will receive new furniture such as soft and hard student seating, individual and group student desks, storage furniture, and more. Attached is a "look book" with some of the items we expect to receive. Preschool and TK classrooms will continue to have their recently purchased Reggiobased furniture. The new furniture is funded by the 2018 Bond Measure SMS for 21st century schools.

McKinley and Will Rogers are the first two elementary schools in Santa Monica to receive the new furniture. Last school year some of our teachers participated in a furniture pilot to try out furniture options with their students, and give feedback to the District about purchases. Thanks to their hard work and effort we get to receive the selected furniture first. More information about the pilot can be found at the District's Facility Improvement Projects webpage.

For a video introduction to the McKinley furniture please click here: (private link not for posting on the website via the mini messenger- check email for link) (This link is an unlisted private link for the McKinley community only, and not available to the public. For student privacy please do not share this link on personal social media or public sites).

The District has contracted with a furniture recycling company so that the old furniture will be donated and reused by organizations in need. Prior to donation, some of the old furniture will remain to create outdoor classroom areas for an eventual COVID reopening Hybrid/Distance Learning Plus model.

We look forward to our students returning to their exciting new innovative classrooms!

Dr. Benjamin Principal

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