



# The McKinley Weekly Mini-Messenger

For Schoolwide Info and Updates Each Week

Date: 1/17/22

## Important Announcements and Reminders

### Attendance

The first two weeks after Winter Break, all absences were marked as excused.

Starting on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, all schools will be returning to normal attendance marking:

Excused Absences: illness, medical appointments, quarantine, religious holidays, bereavement (1 day)

Unexcused Absences: unverified (no note), vacations, personal days, suspensions.

If you are concerned about COVID and do not want your child to return to school, you may enroll in the

District's Distance Learning "Independent Study Program" option, or contact  
[NoelleSandoval@smmusd.org](mailto:NoelleSandoval@smmusd.org) regarding possible short-term ISP packet options.

### Report Cards

The District's Report Card distribution date has been changed from 2/4 to 2/25. This will give teachers more time to assess students' progress, and give students who were absent in isolation or quarantine sufficient time to be assessed.

### Antigen and PCR Testing Hubs

Starting Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, an Antigen Testing Hub will be available at John Adams Middle School (JAMS) Monday-Friday from 8:30am-1:30pm. Pre-registration is not required.

McKinley has provided all students with an Antigen Test box that contains two tests. These tests are intended to be used by unvaccinated students in the case of exposure and a class quarantine, to have a shortened 5 day quarantine by testing on Day 5/6, in order to return to school on Day 6 with a negative test and no symptoms, and are recommended (although not required) for usage by exposed vaccinated students to check on Day 5/6.

By Monday 1/18 all exposed students, if they participate in the 5 day quarantine with negative test, will be back at school.

If parents have run out of the school-provided tests due to two quarantines, or they used the test for an unauthorized reason, or need an Antigen Test in the future, they may utilize the Antigen Testing Hub at JAMS or use a self-purchased Antigen Test. A PCR test taken on Day 5 or 6 will also be acceptable for a shortened 5 day quarantine.

The PCR Testing Hub at JAMS continues to be available as well. Pre-registration for PCR testing is required.

### Positive Students- Shortened 5 Day Quarantine

The last two weeks, students who tested Positive had a full 10 day isolation.

Starting Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, Positive students who have no symptoms and a negative Antigen Test or PCR Test on Day 5, may return on Day 6. If the student received a positive COVID Test on Day 5, they must complete the full 10 day isolation to return on Day 11.

A key difference from the exposure Antigen Testing, is that the Antigen Testing on day 5/6 for Positive cases must be laboratory verified. Therefore the Antigen Test must be done at a clinic or health facility, with a generated report. Parents may use the Antigen Testing Hub at JAMS for this purpose. Home tests will not be accepted. The laboratory verified report must be provided to the Nurse, and official return-to-school clearance provided in order to be cleared to return to school.

### **Students who Previously Tested Positive in Last 90 Days**

The county has released new guidance that those with laboratory-confirmed COVID in the last 90 days are exempt from quarantine. If your child falls into this category, and you have a laboratory report (home antigen tests not permitted, must be from a laboratory such as a PCR test, or a physician's note as proof of previous infection), you may email a copy of the report to [aortiz@smmusd.org](mailto:aortiz@smmusd.org) to be cleared from future quarantine.

### **Masking**

Staff and adults on campus are required to wear higher grade masks N95s, K95s, or surgical masks.

It is strongly encouraged children wear a well-fitting, non-cloth mask of multiple layers of non-woven material with a nose wire. The school has child-sized surgical/medical masks available, and can provide them to students if needed.

### **Quarantine/Isolation Teacher Support**

McKinley has adjusted staffing and schedules in order to help support the social-emotional wellbeing of students who are home in isolation or quarantine. Our Literacy and Language Interventionist, Ms. Tiffany Estrada, and our Intervention Teacher, Ms. Keri King, will offer 30 minute Zoom sessions daily for each grade level. The purpose is to give students at home an opportunity for live interaction, and to help students feel connected to the school family while at home. The teachers will lead a Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) activity, and will check in with students to see if they need any clarification on their assignments. Ms. King and Ms. Estrada will continue in their usual roles in the afternoon, providing small group pull-out intervention in literacy to 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Tier III students, and ELD instruction for long-term English Learners in 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades.

The Zoom sessions will begin Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to offer this opportunity until the Omicron surge passes and we resume to more typical attendance numbers. These Zoom sessions are optional.

Ms. Tiffany Estrada <a href="https://smmk12.zoom.us/my/tiffanyestrada">https://smmk12.zoom.us/my/tiffanyestrada</a>	Mrs. Keri King <a href="https://smmk12.zoom.us/my/keriking">https://smmk12.zoom.us/my/keriking</a>
TK/K- 8:30-8:55	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 8:30-8:55
1 <sup>st</sup> - 9:00-9:25	4 <sup>th</sup> - 9:00-9:25
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 9:30-9:55	5 <sup>th</sup> - 9:30-9:55

Also to minimize potential exposure, some of our supplemental enrichment has temporarily moved to Zoom. Students at home may join their in-person class during Art, STEM, and Theater (currently 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, lower grades start their session soon). The teacher will provide the links.

The teachers will also continue to provide academic assignments digitally or in hard-copy packets for pickup.

### **This Week**

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	1/17		No School- MLK Day
Tuesday	1/18	3:15pm	Site Governance
Wednesday	1/19		
Thursday	1/20		
Friday	1/21	8:45am	Special Ed Resource Group Meeting

<b>Next Week</b>			
Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	1/24		
Tuesday	1/25		
Wednesday	1/26		
Thursday	1/27	4:00pm	TK/K Roundup
Friday	1/28	8:45am	PTA Meeting

<b>Upcoming Dates and Events</b>
2/4 Room Parent Meeting

<b>Flyers Attached</b>
Site Governance
Special Ed Resource Group
Reflective Parenting Flyer
Boys and Girls Club
Jog-a-thon

**MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
2401 Santa Monica Boulevard  
Santa Monica, CA 90404**

**SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL (SITE GOVERNANCE) AGENDA**  
Zoom

January 18, 2022

3:15-4:15

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|----|------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. | Welcome                                        | Dr. Benjamin | 5 min.  |
| 2. | Approve Minutes                                | Group        | 5 min.  |
| 3. | School and SPSA Updates                        | Dr. Benjamin | 30 min. |
| 4. | Public Comment                                 | Group        | 10 min. |
|    | Comments are limited to two minutes per person |              |         |
| 5. | Agenda Setting                                 | Group        | 5 min.  |

Future Dates: March 15, May 17

ZOOM LOGIN INFO

<https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/84835945966>



# JOIN US IN A FREE 10-WEEK VIRTUAL RELECTIVE PARENTING WORKSHOP SERIES

**PARENTS 0 TEENS (13-18)**  
**FEBRUARY 15TH - APRIL 19TH 2022**  
**TUESDAYS 6:30PM - 8PM**  
**VIA ZOOM**  
**SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN-UP,**  
**OR FOLLOW THIS LINK:**  
**[HTTPS:// ORM.JOT-ORM.COM/220097072887160](https://orm.jot-orm.com/220097072887160)**



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McKinley Special Education  
Resource Group

# IEPs, Evaluations, and Services in a Pandemic

**Friday, January 21, 2022 at 8:45am**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/87914277164>**

Learn about what the IEP process looks like in a pandemic setting and how services may look during a quarantine.

Contact Hannah McMahon at [hannahmcmahon@gmail.com](mailto:hannahmcmahon@gmail.com) or at (408) 387-0021 to join our special education parent resource group distribution list.



# Calling all artists

## Want to design this year's Jog-a-Thon t-shirt?

*Pick up your pens, pencils  
and paintbrushes, and submit  
your design for this year's  
official Jog-a-Thon t-shirt.*



### Rules

Design must be one color

Design will appear on the  
front of the shirt only

No violent or inappropriate  
images or language

# DEADLINE EXTENDED!

FRIDAY

JAN. 21

2022

Submit your artwork to  
the McKinley Office by  
Friday, January 21, 2022

Questions? Email:  
[jogathonmck@gmail.com](mailto:jogathonmck@gmail.com)

