

The Muir Monthly

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Dear John Muir Families,

Happy February! This month marks report card season. First semester report cards were distributed on Friday, February 7. At this point in the year, we want to see that students are making progress toward mastery. Not all areas have been addressed up to this point, and mastery is not expected until the end of the school year. Please be sure to read the teacher comments on the report card. Feel free to reach out to your child's teacher by email or phone to ask questions or share concerns.

Another way that we track student progress is through our work toward our site goal. We continue to focus on student use of evidence and academic language to support claims. Through the guidance of our School Leadership Team, we are in the midst of our second cycle of inquiry using math tasks to measure student progress. Grade-level teacher teams are implementing specific tools and strategies and will measure their effectiveness as it relates to students' ability to use evidence and academic language to explain their thinking on a common error analysis task in March. The student outcome data will be analyzed and compared with baseline data gathered in November 2019.

On another exciting note, all SMMUSD schools are launching new and improved websites this Friday, February 14! These enhanced sites will include colors and graphics reflective of the school site and buttons that link to our social media accounts and Peachjar flyers. The new sites will be responsive to various devices. Our Muir website will still be accessible by visiting www.muir.smmusd.org/. The district website address remains the same, www.smmusd.org/. Please be sure to check them out!

Sincerely,

Paula Lytz-Principal

John Muir Said...

"Only by going alone in silence, without baggage, can one truly get into the heart of the wilderness."

Upcoming Events

February 3

Monthly Assembly 8:30am

February 6

PTA Math Night 5:30pm

February 7

Report Cards go home

February 13

PTA Meeting 8:30am

February 17

NO SCHOOL-Presidents Day

February 19

Site Council Meeting 7:30am

February 21

Tie Dye Day

February 24

Coffee w/Principal 4th gr 8:30a

February 26

ELAC Meeting 8:30am

February 29

PTA Pancake Breakfast
10:00am

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2020-21 school year is underway! Once all documentation has been received in the Main Office, enrollment packets will be available to fill-out. Registration appointments are taken between the hours of 9:00-11:00 Monday-Friday. Please contact Nancy at 310.399.7721 or nnavarro@smmusd.org. Please spread the word to all incoming families!

What is our PTA up to?

The best way to find out is to come and be a part of a PTA meeting. The next meeting is Thursday, February 13, at 8:30am in the Music Room. Please come and make your voice heard. PTA is sponsoring the Community Pancake Breakfast on 2/29. There will be food, a student talent showcase, live music, and a petting zoo. Please join us for this awesome fundraising event that links our school and Ocean Park communities!

Congratulations to...

Mr. Ramirez's class for having the best attendance during the month of December! His students were present 96% of the month! They were recognized at the February Monthly Assembly. Henry the Attendance Hippo will spend the month with the class and bring every child awesome prizes. In other positive attendance news, 44 of our John Muir students have Excellent Attendance at this point in the 2019-20 school year! These students, and their families, have shown their dedication to school by being present every school day or only missing one day so far this year. Every day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning. Studies show that too many absences will affect student achievement and graduation rates. Missing too many days could lead to a student who struggles to read, fails courses, or even drops out of school. Thank you for making it a priority to send your child to school "every day, all day, and on time."

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Santa Monica Education Foundation. Our school participation percentage exceeds that of the district-way to go Muir! Because of your generosity, we have been able to fund programs and staff like PS Arts, Miss Betsy's Music, Instructional Assistants, and PS Science. Thank you for helping to provide a well-rounded experience for our students.

SMMUSD Code of Conduct

Our school district is committed to ensuring a safe, secure and respectful environment for EVERYONE-students, employees, families and visitors.

It is our expectation that all individuals will demonstrate civil and responsible behavior while on our premises.

We expressly prohibit:

- abusive language including threats and slurs
- sexual harassment
- physical assault
- weapons

To maintain a safe, secure and respectful environment for all, we reserve the right to take appropriate measures to address abusive, disruptive, inappropriate or aggressive behavior.

Thank you for doing your part to maintain a positive, respectful environment on our John Muir campus!

Make Every Friday "John Muir Friday!"

Show your school pride by wearing Muir gear/colors to school

...and your Tie Dye on 2/21