

THE LION'S ROAR

The McKinley Monthly Newsletter

Emergency Preparedness

Students and staff have regular emergency drills so everyone knows what to do in the case of an emergency. We have 1 fire drill a month, 3 earthquake drills a year, and 2 lockdown/shelter-in-place drills a year. Also all staff have participated in an Active Shooter training. Parents can find information about the school and SMMUSD Comprehensive School Safety Plan at <http://www.smmusd.org/aboutus/SchoolSafetyPlan.pdf>



Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

McKinley staff gave thanks to all our amazing parent volunteers who help make McKinley great!



Comedy Night



We had 160 parents, staff, and community members come out for a night of fun at the hip lounge Senator Jones. There was tasty food from local vendors, comedy acts from our own McKinley parents, and an exciting live auction. Comedian Paula Poundstone headlined the event with lots of laughs. This community building adult event was fun for all and we raised a lot of money for the school.



Student Assemblies

This month students saw a Mexican folklorico dance performance by Pacifico Dance Company. With traditional music and costumes, students “travelled” around Mexico via different songs and dances.



Fourth and fifth graders learned about cyber safety from the group SafetyNet. Parents also enjoyed a presentation about this at a PTA sponsored parent workshop a few nights before.



Spiritwear

New Spiritwear is in! There are a variety of adorable options in our school colors of blue and gold. You can purchase kids and adult sizes in the front office. Remember to wear your McKinley gear on Fridays!



Open House is Coming Up!

At the beginning of the year Back-to-School Night is a time when parents go to their own child’s classroom to meet the teacher and learn about the expectations, standards, and projects their child will learn in that class. Back-toSchool Night is for adults only, and is a more structured evening with information provided.

Open House at the end of year is a casual event when parents and students get to walk around the school and explore every classroom to view student projects and work, just like the format of a real estate “Open House.” Open House will be **May 24th from 6:00-7:30pm**. Classrooms will open at 6:30, and starting at 6:00m you may stop by the Book Fair in the library, the PS



Arts Interactive Gallery in Room B5, and see STEM Fair projects in the auditorium. Please be aware that the playground will be closed, and any students/children on campus must be supervised by their adult at all times. Open House is not a good time for individual conferences with teachers; if you want to meet with a teacher to discuss concerns or specific questions

you can contact him/her to set up an appointment. The playground will be open for parking. We look forward to seeing you at Open House!

4th/5th Spring Music Concert

Student showed off all the skills they have learned this year at our Spring Music Concert. Our students are so lucky to have such talented music teachers in winds, strings, brass, and choir. At the end of the month 3rd graders will get to see the 5th graders perform so they can think about what instrument they will want to play, of if they want to sing, next year.



End-of-Year Dates for May-June

ELAC Meeting- May 4th, 8:45am, Auditorium

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week- May 7-11

Bike It/Walk It Days- May 10-11

AASG Meeting- May 11, 8:45am, Cafeteria

HSA Awards Breakfast- May 17, 7:45-8:30am, Auditorium

Site Governance Meeting- May 17, 3:15pm, Auditorium

Special Ed Resource Group Meeting- May 18th, 8:45am, Auditorium

STEM Fair- May 18, 6:00-7:30pm, Auditorium

Minimum Day- May 24, 12:30 Dismissal for TK/K, 1:35 Dismissal for 1st-5th

Open House- May 24 6:00-7:30pm

Outdoor Assembly- Student Council Presents PRIDE, May 25, 8:35am, TK/K Yard

PTA Meeting- May 25, 8:45am, Auditorium

No School- Memorial Day- May 28

Classroom BBQs- May 29-June 5th

5th Grade Awards- June 1, 8:45am-9:45am, Auditorium

5th Grade Party- June 1, 3:30-5:30pm, Auditorium

5th Grade Culmination- June 6

Last Day of School, Minimum Day, and Report Cards- June 8

Santa Monica-Malibu Wine Auction!

Sunday, May 6- Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows

Full details and tickets at smmwineauction.org

30+ unlimited tastings- Live and silent auctions- Dessert and dancing

All proceeds from this annual Ed Foundation event fund essential staff and programs for students in our Santa Monica-Malibu public schools. Purchase your tickets today!