



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 12, 2025

Dear Parents,

Our students, families and staff continue to deal with the aftermath of the Franklin and Palisades Fires. As we transition back fully into school and school activities, please reach out if you or your family needs anything. We know rebuilding will take time and we here at SMMUSD are here to support everyone, not just now but in the years to come.

Staffing:

Happy to report we continue to be fully staffed with special education teachers. We are starting to plan for the 2025-2026 school year. This means looking at the number of students we expect in each grade and program and allocating staff appropriately. Lately there have been several questions about para-educators. Para-educators are under the supervision of the school sites. If you have specific questions about para-educators please contact the administrators at your school sites.

SELPA Resource Fair:

Our SELPA Resource Fair will take place on February 22nd from 10-2 in the SAMOHI Cafeteria. There will be over 30 vendors that work with special education students and families including camps, tutoring centers, and resources for after students complete high school. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

PRN Meetings:

PRN members serve as resources for parents at each school. If you, as parents, have questions or concerns about IEP issues, resources in the community or want to talk to other parents with students with special needs, please reach out to them. The updated list of PRN contacts is on the website. We are still searching for a PRN rep for Olympic High School and Webster Elementary. Our next PRN meeting is via zoom on January 18th at 9:30 am via zoom.

Parent Workshops:

We had a fantastic parent workshop in January featuring Westside Regional Center and Santa Monica Community College. They presented on resources available to students post high school. On January 24th we will have our wonderful behavior (BCBA) team present on behavioral supports at school and how to support students at home. The presentation will be on January 24th at 10 am at Roosevelt Elementary (Rm. 28). Please see the attached flyer.

Progress Notes:

Secondary progress notes were to be sent out by January 6th, 2025. If you have not received a progress report and your child is in secondary school, please contact your special education coordinator. Santa Monica Preschool and Elementary Progress Notes are due to parents on

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February 14th. Malibu Preschool and Elementary Progress Notes are due to parents on February 21st.

ESY:

Summer school dates on the district calendar are incorrect. Extended School Year (ESY) will run from June 23rd to July 18th, 2025. If your child qualifies for ESY you should receive forms this week. Forms are due **March 21st**.

Coordinators:

Here is the current contact list for our coordinators, please reach out to them with any concerns.

Carmen Durand (cdurand@smmusd.org) (Elementary Schools in Santa Monica)

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Hilda Salas (hsalas@smmusd.org) (SAMOHI, OCLC, PBL)

Melodi Johnson (Malibu ES, Webster, Preschool, Private, RTC, and NPS students)

With much gratitude and respect,

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