

# El Semanario

**Edison Language Academy – Together Through Two Languages**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mindfulness for Parents** – A virtual mindfulness gathering for parents begins on September 23, and will meet each Wed. morning from 8:00-8:20 am., led bilingually by Edison parents experienced in the practice of Mindfulness. Link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3458948359?pwd=M0x6QWJW0EdpNGxZ1BLWkhnd1VmUT09> Meeting ID: 345 894 8359 -Passcode: aguilas

### **Supporting Children’s Social Emotional Needs**

**During the Pandemic** – Thurs, September 17 at 5:00 pm (Spanish) and 6:00 pm (English) join SMMUSD Behaviorist Gilda Panales (a member of our Edison Special Education Team) for tips about how to provide emotional support to children. Join us via zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/99106129769?pwd=ZlJBUIR5TEJaQWNIrTJjZ3RlNVA4UT09>. Meeting ID: 991 0612 9769; Passcode: Edison

### **To Donate to Edison Community Support**

**Network** and help families in need due to Covid go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/edison-community-support-network-202021>. Contact **Francine Ortega** at [francineortega@gmail.com](mailto:francineortega@gmail.com) to donate gift cards or items. **If you need assistance from the network**, contact **Yoly Gutierrez** at [ygutierrez@smmusd.org](mailto:ygutierrez@smmusd.org) (310)-828-0335, ext. 61-305. Your information will remain confidential.

**Common Sense Media** has many good resources in English and Spanish for parents on everything from how to keep students engaged in distance learning to modules on Google Classroom and See Saw for parents. It also has resources for establishing and monitoring rules for technology use and teaching kids how to stay safe on line. SMMUSD is a Common Sense Media District and our Edison teachers are using many of their resources during these first weeks of school to help students become responsible “digital citizens”. Resources include videos, newsletters, charts and other kinds of easy to access information. You can check out these really wonderful resources at [www.comonsense.org/education/](http://www.comonsense.org/education/)

**The Edison PTA** will have an important Association Meeting this Wednesday, September 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Come and hear about the PTA’s proposed budget and plans. And make sure you have taken the important step of joining the Edison PTA. Please try to join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85430025377?pwd=MUJublRYOUpBRUJ0SDdSZTBXVUJGdz09> Meeting ID: 854 3002 5377 Passcode: 931956

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK: SETTLING IN TO SCHOOL

In some respects, it’s a typical September at Edison -- students are settling into classes, ELAC and PTA, and Site Council are meeting, and formative assessments are underway. But the Covid-19 virus has also disrupted many of our community’s usual ways of being together – no Wed. morning Cafecito with friends, no family meals at school events, a virtual fall book fair, and no TK-K Tostada potluck for the 16 de septiembre to dance the Jarabe Tapatio and Chicken Dance.

In some ways, our classes look a lot like they do when school is held in the building. A teacher introduces and models a concept, the class practices together, concepts are clarified, and then students go to their whiteboards, notebooks or books to work on a problem, read a selected item or write something independently. Or students work in groups using blended learning using on-line and off-line tools. The instructional assistants are providing targeted small group reinforcement. We’re on track for core content at each grade level and there are lots of stretch breaks, songs and dances, games to keep the children active.

One of the unexpected positives for me about distance learning is that I can actually be in classrooms more often than when we are in the building. With a click, I can watch the lesson along with the students, visit breakout rooms, scroll through the gallery to how students are doing, or interact with students. As I’ve visited our virtual classrooms over the last few weeks, it’s been wonderful to see the rigor in teaching and the ways teachers are using technology as tools for teaching. I’ve also been so encouraged to see high levels of student engagement and participation.

Most students learning are adapting to the “new normal “ of school and are setting in. But students are dealing with more than just a different form of schooling. They’ve been quarantined at home since March and Covid-19 has turned many lives upside down. If your child is having difficulty, please let his or her teacher know and work with the teacher. You can also consult with our school counselor Cynthia Lua. Gilda Panales’ workshops Thursday this week and the Common Sense Media tools could also be helpful. And the parent mindfulness group might be a good support for you as a parent (see Announcements).

Wed, Sept. 16. 6:00 pm  
**PTA Association Meeting**

Wed, Sept 30, 4:00 pm  
**Edison Site Council Meeting**