

EL SEMANARIO

Edison Language Academy
October 4-8, 2021



Announcements

Needs Assessment and Briefing on Site Plan –

All parents and guardians are invited to Join us this Tuesday evening for an update on student achievement and attendance data at Edison, the needs to be addressed in the Site Plan, and strategies to maximize student achievement. Translation will be provided.

Tuesday, October 5 at 5:00 pm via zoom. Use this link: <https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/5851786538?pwd=UVlwQ0hPRkttNDVlc25iY9CVG9HQOT09>

ELAC Meeting – The English Learners Advisory Committee will meet for a special meeting on Wednesday, October 6 at 4:30 p.m. to review achievement data and programs for English learners and provide Site Council with input for the site plan. Join us via zoom:

<https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/5851786538?pwd=UVlwQ0hPRkttNDVlc25iY9CVG9HQOT09>

Parent Connection Gathering – Friday, October 15 from 8:30-9:00 am in the preschool parking lot. Until we can more easily be together again on campus, come to the monthly Parent Connection to gather with fellow parents, talk about fall festival, and just check in.

Free Covid-19 PCR Testing for Parents at

Clover Park – Appointment-only free Covid-19 testing is available in the offices in Clover Park (2600 Ocean Park Blvd.) You can make an appointment for testing Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – assistance on site in English and Spanish. For an appointment, visit covid19.lacounty.gov/testing. L.A. County residents without digital access can call 2-1-1, where operators can assist with appointments.

Supporting your Students with CLEVER and

Google Classroom – Clever is the portal for many different technology programs used in SMMUSD. You can learn how to use this program to support your student by reviewing this guide: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1HifkPu2j1Bqr7_xboPQ60Vv3a0BLd168WGIyAiY1C-U/edit#slide=id.p1. To learn more about Google Classroom and how to help your child use it, check out this guide: <https://4.files.edl.io/94c6/04/07/20/233007-0628d6fd-7314-4b4c-b097-78a961decf20.pdf>

PTA Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 pm

From the Principals Desk

Fall assessments are now almost done and teachers are analyzing those scores and other reading and math assessments to match students to texts, see which skills need to be reinforced and which skills are strengths. Teachers will be sharing those results with you. We've also started reading intervention groups this week, to accelerate the progress of students whose growth wasn't as robust as we would like to see. Our reading intervention programs are led by Maestro Ellis and Maestra Naranjo-Badillo.

This week we welcomed Maestra Jacqueline Fuentes back to campus and kicked off the 2021-2022 Música en Español program for our Pre-School through 2nd Graders (Thank you Santa Monica Education Foundation -- SMEF!). The students will also begin seeing Maestra Martha Ramirez-Oropeza again soon – virtually this fall and in person with spring semester. We didn't want to wait until 2nd semester to begin visual arts with the PS Arts program sponsored through the SMEF, so we're also using some of our SMEF Stretch Grant to reprise the Recorrido por América Latina and Maestra Martha will be leading our students in exploring and creating visual art from several different areas of Latin America. The first leg of our journey is to Oaxaca in Southern Mexico where we will be learning about the famous alfombras created in the streets for important holidays and Oaxacan traditions for the celebration of Día de los Muertos. Each classroom will also be reflecting on the different traditions in our diverse cultures for remembering the dearly departed and will begin preparing their "ofrendas" for the Edison Día de los Muertos celebration on October 30.

Fall Festival will be a little different this year with all the different rules to stay Covid safe, but PTA and the school staff have been working hard to create a gathering that continues some of our traditions. There will be more than 20 altars or *ofrendas* set up outside, another gorgeous sawdust carpet (*alfombra de aserrín*) and displays of student art. Our fifth graders are preparing a special presentation of the *Thriller* dance, and we're holding the **school's annual costume parade** on Saturday at the festival – so that parents can come and enjoy this special day with us. Other surprises are still in the planning phase, but watch for more information and save Saturday afternoon, October 30 to come to Edison, visit the Día de los Muertos ofrendas and celebrate fall traditions with us!