



# EL SEMANARIO



Edison Language Academy, October 11-15, 2021

Fall Festival / Día de los Muertos, Saturday, October 30 1:00-5:00 pm

## Announcements

### Needs Assessment and Briefing on Site

**Plan** –On Tuesday, October 12 at 5:00 pm parents and guardians are invited to zoom in for an update on student achievement and attendance data at Edison. We'll also be reviewing our proposed goals for the site plan, and the strategies and programs we employ to close achievement gaps. Questions and input from parent and guardians are welcomed. Translation will be provided. Use this link:

<https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/5851786538?pwd=UVVlwQ0hPRkttNDVlc25iYi9CVG9HQT09>

**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, talk about fall festival, maybe sing a little with Maestra Jacqueline, and just check in.

**The Halloween Costume Parade** will take place during Fall Festival this year on 10/30. Since parents cannot yet come on to campus during the school day, we moved the parade to Saturday to give families the chance to be part of this. We usually say NO MASKS with costumes, but now we have to modify that to say, YES wear a regular safety mask; and NO do not cover the face with a mask for your costume. No play weapons as a part of costumes please – we've got lots of "littles" and want this to be fun for everyone.

**Picture Make Up Day**—If your child missed picture day in September, make up day is Friday, October 22

**PTA Association Meeting** –Wednesday, October 20 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** – Your child's teacher is sending home information about how to sign up for a zoom conference between November 2-5. Make sure you sign up for these important individual conferences on student progress and needs. November 2 is a pupil free day and the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> are minimum days.

## From the Principal's Desk

Like all professions, education has its own technical vocabulary and abbreviations. While this short-hand is useful and saves time for educators, it can be sometimes be confusing and unclear to parents. The following terms come up again and again in discussions about the data, strategies, and school plans. You may also hear some of these in your upcoming parent-teacher conferences, so I thought a brief glossary of might be useful.

**ELD** – English Language Development

**Integrated ELD** -- Teachers providing language clarification and language acquisition support during regular content area lessons so that English Learners (ELs) learn the content and academic language used in each lesson

**Designated ELD** -A protected time during the regular school day when qualified teachers work with EL students of similar English language proficiency levels, focusing on the critical language students need to develop to be successful in school subjects.

**ELPAC** - English Learners Proficiency Assessments for California – annual assessments given to English learners to measure their progress in English

**LTEL** - Long Term English Learner - English learner (EL) students enrolled in a U.S. school for six years or more and have not been reclassified as fluent English proficient.

**Instructional Tiers: Tier 1** = Universal or core instruction. **Tier 2** = Targeted or strategic instruction/ intervention. **Tier 3** = Intensive instruction/intervention

**SIP - School Improvement Plan** –School leadership and school leadership teams define an annual plan to define their school's academic priorities and targeted work to raise achievement for all students.

**SLT - Site Leadership Team** – An elected and representative faculty team that facilitates the development of the School Improvement Plan, using data as the driving force to create programmatic instructional change. SLT monitors, assesses, and amends the SIP, and facilitates communication within the Professional Learning Community, building the capacity of the school to address parent and staff concerns.

**SSC - School Site Council** – An elected group composed of equal numbers of school staff and parents; uses data to create an annual **School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)** and monitor its implementation.

**PLC - Professional Learning Communities** -- A group of educators who come together regularly to learn with and from each other on a "problem of practice" that they have identified, designing instructional practices and looking at student work to determine their effectiveness.

*What other terms or abbreviations do you wonder about?*