

El Semanario

Edison Language Academy – Together Through Two Languages

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELAC Meeting this Wednesday,

October 14 at 4:00 pm – All parents of English Learners are invited to join the English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC) meeting this week. We will be electing officers and DELAC (District ELAC) representatives. Join us at this link: <https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/81576175674?pwd=bjBNdlZMVjg1M2p2ZklnNdWV5NEZUdz09>
Meeting ID: 815 7617 5674; Passcode: EdisonELAC

Book Drive – As one of several efforts to get books into the hands of Edison students for reading at home, the Edison PTA is sponsoring a book drive. So if you have gently used children's books in English or Spanish (appropriate for TK-5th grade readers) that you're ready to part with, please bring them to school on **October 20, 21, or 22** between **8:30 am -3:30 pm** and leave them the **boxes in front of the library labeled for the book drive**. Please do NOT leave them in the yellow metal box. Thank you!

Zoom Security Update: In an effort to secure classroom Zoom meetings, SMMUSD will require students to join with SMMK12 Google Accounts starting **Monday, October 12, 2020**. Teacher weekly schedules all contained this information and you should have received a message directly from the district this weekend as well. You can review student Log-in Instructions here:

<https://www.smore.com/jx193>

Hotspot Exchange – A reminder for families who borrowed a **Verizon Hotspot** from SMMUSD – these Hotspots are being deactivated on October 15. Yoly Gutierrez is in the process of making arrangements with each of you to bring your Verizon hotspot back to school to exchange it for a TMobile replacement hotspot. If you have never had a hotspot and have connectivity problems or if you need to borrow a district laptop, contact Yoly at ygutierrez@smmusd.org. Problems with current borrowed equipment? Email edisonsupport@smmusd.org

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE

When school is in session, we start each year with a safety assembly. We talk about pedestrian safety, not darting into the street from between parked cars, bicycle safety, keeping a safe distance from unknown persons (strangers), the difference between good touch and bad touch, what parts of your body (anything that would be covered by a swimsuit) are private, and telling a trusted adult when something makes you feel uncomfortable. We talk about bullying (in person and on-line), the importance of being an upstander and supporting our peers, and the importance of telling a trusted adult if you are feeling bullied. We demonstrate how to move safely around the school, be safe on stairs, use the play equipment safely, and what do to if we're at school and there is a fire, earthquake or an outside threat. And then we practice practice, practice, use role plays and hold drills.

This year, we're not all together for these safety lessons and drills. And there are also new safety lessons needed during a time of Covid – wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, washing hands and using hand sanitizer. Even if you've talked with your child about safety topics before, these are conversations that need to happen frequently and in the context of your home – not just at school. For example, do your children know how to quickly get out of your home if there should be a fire? Is there a fire extinguisher in your home and do the children know how to use it? If you get separated in a fire or earthquake, do you have a meeting place? If you have to send a friend to pick your child up in an emergency, do you have a code word they should tell your child so they know the person is there at your direction? Do you have basic first aid supplies at home and do children know where they are?

As Californians, we live in an earthquake zone and it's very important that students know how to maximize their safety during an earthquake. Across the state we are practicing a statewide earthquake drill (The Great ShakeOut on 10/15 at 10:15 am. Teachers will be practicing with the children in their virtual classrooms at that time. Please make sure you've shown your child how duck, cover, and hold at home in an earthquake. The Great ShakeOut has a series of videos on line that you can use to help your child how to stay safer in an earthquake. See this video to illustrate what to do if a quake strikes when you are in bed:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I922_UR8hpM&list=PLs1gMujRSBY2t7JB4VS-AymFwN-6Lvg20&index=3 This video illustrates how to duck under a table
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSDmqLQmMN0&list=PLs1gMujRSBY2t7JB4VS-AymFwN-6Lvg20&index=2> This is a great week to spend a few minutes reviewing safety – and especially earthquake safety – with the children. **And if you're on line on 10/15 at 10:15 am, we hope you'll duck, cover, and hold along with all of us and practice staying safe in earthquakes!**

Wednesday, October 21 – PTA
Association Meeting 6:00 pm

October 20-21-22
Book Drive Drop Off Dates