

El Semanario

Edison Language Academy – Together Through Two Languages
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday evening workshop for Parents –
 District Behaviorist Gilda Panales is hosting a parent training 5:00pm-6:30 pm. This Tuesday (10/20) focusing on how to deal with severe and challenging behaviors during distance learning and teach students the pre-requisite skills to be a good learner (attention, waiting, compliance). Join via Zoom at Meeting ID 555 017 8043; Passcode BCBA

Book Drive This Week! – Donate any gently used children’s books in English or Spanish (appropriate for TK-5th grade readers) this week October 20-22 between **8:30 am -3:30 pm**. Leave donations in the **boxes in front of the library labeled for the book drive..** Thank you!

PTA Association Meeting is
Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 pm via zoom for our monthly PTA Meeting. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2253448739?pwd=NWdySkk1NXBzbid2ZmdBNmJ6V0dXZz09>
 Meeting ID: 225 344 8739
 Passcode: edisonpta

Community Feedback on
Campus Improvements -- Educational priorities and safety needs evolve over time and SMMUSD is studying how to best use approximately \$100 million in funding from voter-approved Measure SMS to address these needs. On each Santa Monica campus, a team of architects and campus leaders (staff and parents) have been identifying needs and working on potential projects to address them. These projects will be shared with the wider community for additional input and the Board will determine which projects represent the best investment of school construction funds. See and provide feedback on projects proposed for Edison, at an on-line community meeting, Oct. 27, at 5:30 p.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81199750057>
 Meeting ID: 811 9975 0057
 Passcode: 002241

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK: MOVING FORWARD ON TWO TRACKS

Greetings Edison Families! As we enter Week 9 of distance learning (and seven months of social distancing due to Covid), on campus, we’re pressing forward with fall instruction, working to strengthen our distance learning format, and responding to unique student needs. At the same time, the district is working to prepare for reopening – in whatever format the Board decides will be appropriate. While the district sets policy, local schools are involved in working on safe and effective ways to implement those policies on our campuses. So we’re working on two tracks right now – both important and both of which require focused attention. **Despite the challenges of the current moment, I am so grateful for the way that everyone is keeping a focus on creating educationally sound and safe learning opportunities for students.**

Distance Learning October Update: Reading intervention classes with Maestra Ipiña and Maestro Ellis have begun for students whose fall assessments indicated a need for extra targeted reading instruction. In the days ahead, upper grade students will be taking the Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) -- statewide assessments that give a picture of how they are progressing towards the standards to be assessed next spring by the CAASPP. Teachers and students are creating presentations for virtual Día de los Muertos altars to continue an important Edison tradition. Beginning this week and through October 30, students will have the opportunity to participate in a district-wide Mock Election. As a school, we are preparing for Parent/Family Conferences the first week of November. These individual conferences, give teachers and parents opportunities to discuss strengths and needs for a student and set goals for the rest of the year. To accommodate these meetings, on Nov 2, 3, 4 and 6, live instruction will end with the lunch break and Nov 5 will be a pupil free day with no student work or class meetings.

Pathway to Reopening – The first steps in this work are taken by the district – reviewing state and county rules and guidance, purchasing recommended safety equipment, developing safety and training protocols, gathering stakeholder input and working with those stakeholders to develop sound and safe educational models within the district’s financial resources. Read about the district process, safety protocols, opportunities for input, and answers to list of frequently asked questions on the district web page <https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/1792/Drati-ReopeningPlanning100920.pdf> To learn more and share your thoughts, attend the Elementary Town Hall Meeting scheduled for October 26 at 6:00 pm (link pending). Local schools are responsible for providing input into the district process and then as guidelines are approved, for developing the nitty-gritty implementation strategies that can work on each unique campus. For example, right now our Site Covid and Safety Teams are starting to work on safe drop off and pick up protocols, how/where to do daily student health screening, creating isolation rooms for students who become ill on campus, etc. Read more about this ongoing work next week.