

El Semanario

Edison Language Academy – Together Through Two Languages

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: RECORRIDO A AMÉRICA LATINA

IT'S A BUSY WEEK FOR VIRTUAL EVENING MEETINGS!

**MONDAY: District Elementary School
Town Hall on the Path to Re-Opening --** To learn more about the protocols for safe reopening and possible instructional models, and to ask questions and share your thoughts, attend this virtual Town Hall on Monday, October 26 at 6:00 pm [Zoom webinar link: <https://zoom.us/j/94920613876?pwd=OENmRUFJdUN3L2syWTINbWJUyUEyQT09>](#) (meeting ID: 949 2061 3876; passcode: U2D7z6) Or call in phone number: 669-900-9128; passcode: 648481 (same meeting ID).

**TUESDAY: Community Feedback on
Campus Improvement Projects** – Log on to see and comment on the various modernization proposals for the Edison campus -- Tuesday Oct. 27, at 5:30 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81199750057> Meeting ID: 811 9975 0057 Passcode: 002241

WEDNESDAY: Coffee with the Principal – Join Edison Principal Lori Orum for a brief update on what's going on instructionally at Edison in November, some resources for how to support your child through the challenges of the moment and upcoming changes, and an update on what the road to reopening is looking like at Edison. To allow more time for conversation, we'll meet at 5:00 for conversation in Spanish and at 6:00 for conversation in English. Use this link for both meetings: <https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/98329548492?pwd=RHdXb2NXQ21wam9FMEdQNHVvMEYvdz09> Meeting ID: 983 2954 8492 Passcode: Edison

Family Conferences are being held Nov 3, 4, 5, 6 – with Nov. 3, 4, and 6 being minimum days for afternoon conferences and Nov. 5 being a pupil free day for a full day of conferences (after you've voted, of course!). Please email your child's teacher and make sure you have a conference appointment.

I'm so excited to share with you Edison's new virtual integrated arts and culture project – *Recorrido a América Latina* (a Journey through Latin America) -- which will be launching this week! In the spirit of the old adage "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade!" we set out to create an imaginative way in this virtual environment to explore visual and performing arts, music and literature, and encourage kids to be creative and get moving! I am so thankful to the Santa Monica Education Foundation for the Stretch Grant funding that made this possible and for allowing us to imagine something a little different for Edison this year. And PS Arts (also with funding from the Ed Foundation) has been an amazing collaborator in this process.

This year we will be virtually visiting Southern Mexico (Michoacan), Central America, the Amazon Basin, the Andean region, and the Caribbean. We'll kick off our visit to each region with a webinar and a preview of what we'll be learning and doing. Our 4-6 week journey through each region will include: 1) visual arts projects and some theater with PS Arts Teaching Artist Maestra Martha Ramirez-Oropeza; 2) songs and rhythms of each region with Música en Español teacher Jacqueline Fuentes; 3) stories from/about each region with Maestra Daniela Wiener; 4) an aerobic virtual trek through each region with Coaches Alex and Abraham; and 5) project-based learning opportunities for students to interview parents, teachers, and other friends of Edison from the various regions.

Using a social justice lens, in each region we'll also explore the indigenous peoples, the African diaspora, and the people who came as conquistadores and immigrants and the effect each group has had on culture and history in the region. And we can't visit the Amazon Basin without learning about the rainforest and the challenges it faces, or visit the Caribbean without looking at the increasing ferocity of hurricanes – so we'll also be linking to other subjects along the way.

All the resources and links for the Recorrido will be on a page on the Edison website to make for easy access for students and families. Virtually all the content on the Recorrido will be in Spanish. Most of the lessons will be pre-recorded so that teachers can drop them into morning instruction or assign them as asynchronous work in the afternoon. However, Maestra Martha will be offering some live afternoon studio hours for students and Maestra Jacqueline will be holding music classes in live/synchronous format for TK-K-1st grade students. The web page will also include gallery space so students can share art projects, recordings of songs or poems, and the project-based learning interviews they create.

If you have resources to suggest for any region, please let me know! ***And join us on a virtual study tour to Latin America this year!***