

El Semanario

Edison Language Academy – Together Through Two Languages

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST- PONED DUE TO ILLNESS

How to Talk so Children Can Listen and Listen so Children Can Talk

– One of the concerns we hear most often about the mental health and wellness effects of the Covid-19 is the high level of stress for children and parents – definitely causing some unique parenting challenges. We had scheduled District Behaviorist Gilda Panales to share strategies parents can use to de-escalate conflict and stress, improve communication and maintain closeness with children for this Tuesday 11/17. However, Ms. Panales has family members who are now quarantining and needs to care for them so we need to post-pone this workshop. It's such an important topic and we will be rescheduling as soon as possible.

PTA Association Meeting – Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 6:00 pm.

Recorrido a América Latina – We hope your students enjoy the visit to Lake Patzcuaro and the island village of Janitzio with Maestra Martha this week. Martha introduces students to the art of the famous Mexican print maker and political satirist José Guadalupe Posada. Her videos include instruction in art projects and they can be viewed multiple times until children finish their projects. Parents are also encouraged to learn and draw along with the children!

Martha's video for students in grades 3-5 is at <https://youtu.be/1VihB7ME2xM> and includes a lesson creating a colorful drawing of a typical ofrenda used in Michoacán for Día de los Muertos and writing a typical calaca poem. Martha's art lesson for TK-2nd graders includes a lesson on drawing a mask in the style of Posada and a poem and song about Día de los Muertos. Check these out at <https://youtu.be/mmaFLeDIF8o>.

Beginning this week Maestra Martha is also offering weekly synchronous studio hours if students would like to bring their projects and poems to share, get tips and feedback, etc. Any student in TK-2 is welcome to log on every Tuesday from 2:30pm-3pm by using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84304679122?pwd=bGhMWWxwekNROGk3MTI2bGVsemFTZz09> Meeting ID: 843 0467

9122 Passcode: 3BXnKU. Students in 3rd-5th grades can drop in on Thursdays from 2:30-3:00 pm at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88375957973?pwd=bVpZLOdaeFpTK1c5L3Y2RWtJRFQ0dz09> Meeting ID: 883 7595 7973 Passcode: 3qYttG

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As we enter Week 13 of the 2020-2021 school year, we're following up on concerns raised during parent teacher conferences, continuing our virtual visit to Michoacán, and examining ELPAC data to see which of our English learners are ready to be re-classified as English proficient.

The Edison Safety Committee is beginning to finalize how the required health and safety protocols could be best implemented on the Edison Campus in either of the two models for reopening being considered by the Board. Thank you to this group for working together each week on: drop off and screening protocols, distancing indoors and outdoors, and schedules and procedures for each aspect of serving children on campus.

It's important to look beyond the theory of any model and actually figure out the implications not only for safety but for academic and social emotional development in a dual immersion program. With any model "the devil is in the details" and we want to make sure we understand what would be operationally necessary to provide a safe, academically sound program with the least disruption for our students. I invite you to join us for a Monday evening Coffee with the Principal (11/16) to share with you our work in this area – 5:00 pm for conversation in Spanish and 6:00 pm for conversation in English: Meeting ID: 983 2954 8492 Passcode: Edison.

<https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/98329548492?pwd=RHdXb2NXQ21wam9FMEdQNHVvMEYvdz09>

Next Steps: Prior to any recommendation to the Board of Education, a districtwide group of parents, teachers, and principals from each school will share with the Superintendent each school's work on the challenges and opportunities presented by each model. Our own Edison PTA is planning a parent survey, and there will be a district-wide survey to assess needs, interests, and preferences of parents, teachers (and high school students).

Please keep in mind that the fastest way that schools will be able to re-open is to work together to bring down the rate of infection and spread of Covid-19 cases in our county. We're all suffering from "Covid fatigue," but you can help by wearing a mask each and every time you leave your house, practicing social distancing, washing and/or sanitizing hands frequently, avoiding gatherings (indoor and outdoor), and not venturing out any more often than is really necessary. Our playground has been open for community use and recently it's been very disheartening to see the number of people who persist in coming to campus without masks ignoring the safety rules for playground use. It's enough of a threat that we may lose the ability to have the playground open. **The road to reopening is shorter when we all pull together to stop the spread!**