

EL SEMANARIO

Edison Language Academy, November 22-26, 2021



Announcements

Creating Victories: Workshops for Parents of Emerging Readers – This series continues with workshop two on November 30 (1st grade parents) and December 1 (2nd grade parents). Workshops in English are at 5:30 pm and workshops in Spanish at 6:30 pm. For those who pre-register, materials will be made available before each workshop via email/on-line or for pick up at school. Use this link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/WRZ2vRsMioZ1DSp97>

TK and K in 2022-2023

Siblings -- The deadline to submit an application for sibling preference for TK or K admission in 2022-2023 is **December 15, 2021**. Fill out this form to receive an application: <https://forms.gle/4ejw1mZKa2u5RCWJ6>.

New prospective families -- Orientations are offered in the evening via Zoom or on campus on two Saturday mornings (with participants masked, socially distant, and with proof of vaccination or recent negative PCR test). Pre-registration is required. For an orientation on zoom: <https://forms.gle/VgCGSGmpwSd3HKVMA> To register for an on-campus orientation, click here: <https://forms.gle/6b1DM6NQGxJRZYF29>

Giving Tuesday – Be a part of the global generosity movement on Tuesday, November 29. Consider making donations in the amount that's affordable for your family to the [Santa Monica Education Foundation](#) AND the [Edison PTA](#). The Ed Foundation supports our PS Arts, Bilingual Instructional Assistants, extra music lessons and provides a Stretch Grant for all Santa Monica elementary schools. Edison's Stretch Grant funds our Pre-K-2nd grade *Música en español* program, supplemental visual arts, Science in the Garden, Responsive Classroom Training for teachers, and additional campus monitors for enhanced safety. And every dollar donated to the Edison PTA benefits Edison students, supplementing instructional supplies for classrooms, strengthening our library, and supporting the cultural festivals and family events that make the Edison community so special.

From the Principal's Desk

As the weather is turning colder and people are inside more, Covid-19 rates are creeping up again. We're seeing a few positive Covid cases popping up in students and all of our four class quarantines this semester have come in the last 3 weeks. Because students are masked at school at all times and there was no student-to-student transmission, we've been able to use shortened quarantine protocols. So (with some overlap with the Thanksgiving holidays and mid-quarantine PCR testing for some students) time away from school has ranged from only 2-5 days. In all cases, students and teachers were able to flip back to distance learning and continue to learn together on Zoom.

Mitigation measures at school have also helped contain quarantines and stop student-to-student spread. Because we keep students separated by class, we have not had to quarantine whole grade levels – just students in the class who were present during the window of exposure. Masking, hand sanitizing, social distancing and regular PCR testing have been very helpful measures to keep students learning in-person even as the pandemic continues. Also extremely important has been the support of Edison families with screening, picking students up promptly when ill, and doing follow up PCR testing when requested. Your support helps us keep students healthy and learning in school!

As Covid vaccines are now available to students ages 5-12, we have a new mitigation tool and a way to further reduce quarantines. When students are fully vaccinated and asymptomatic, they will not need to quarantine at home if exposed. If you are choosing to vaccinate your child, please let the health office know so that we can keep our records up to date about who will need to quarantine at home and who can remain on campus.

Our Superintendent Dr. Drati wrote to all SMMUSD families at the end of last week (November 19) sharing some of the Covid policy changes that the district is considering. His letter contains a link to a survey seeking parent input as administration and the Board of Education consider next steps to operate schools safely during the pandemic. If you didn't receive this communication, please check your spam folder and/or go to the district web page www.smmusd.org and access the letter and survey there. I hope you will take a few minutes and share your experiences and ideas as our district looks at how to safely move forward.

Happy Thanksgiving!