

EL SEMANARIO

Edison Language Academy – December 6-10, 2021



Announcements

Covid Vaccines for Students – If your child is getting the Covid-19 vaccine, please send proof of vaccination to our Health Office Team as soon as possible. Once we receive your email, we will verify via the state database and then update our student information system. Some of our students will be fully vaccinated within the next couple of weeks and will not be required to quarantine if they are exposed but remain asymptomatic. But if their data isn't in the student information system, we won't know who can stay on campus and who needs to quarantine at home. So please let us know when your student is vaccinated and copy all the members of the Edison health office team on the email with proof of vaccination: Nurse Kristen Furano (kfurano@smmusd.org), Health Office Specialists Nancy Flores (nflores@smmusd.org) and Diane Gonzalez (d.gonzalez@smmusd.org). *And it's a good moment to also thank our hard working and high-functioning Health Team for all they do to keep us safe and healthy at school. ¡Muchisimas gracias!*

Siblings for TK and K in 2022-2023 -- Don't miss the **December 15 deadline to submit an application for sibling preference for TK or K in 2022-2023.** Click here for an application: <https://forms.gle/4ejw1mZKa2u5RCWJ6>.

New TK-K prospective families -- Orientations continue on-line on Thursday evening, December 9 (5:00 pm in Spanish and at 6:30 pm in English). Pre-register at: <https://forms.gle/VgCGSGmpwSd3HKVMA> . The last on-campus orientations are Saturday, December 11, (9:00 am in English and 9:30 am in Spanish). Pre-registration is required at <https://forms.gle/6b1DM6NQGxJRZYF29>. Participants must be masked, socially distant, and must provide proof of vaccination or recent negative PCR test.

Congratulations to the following Edison students whose entries in the PTA Reflections project were selected to go on to the District Level:

Dance: Samuel Montesi-Cashion 2nd grade 7 yrs;
Literature: Luca Novellino 2nd grade 7 yrs and Mikayla Garza 3rd grade 8 yrs; **Music:** Marie Nabel Kinder 5 yrs
Visual Arts: Maxwell Prado 4th grade 9 yrs.

From the Principal's Desk

Edison, like so many schools since the pandemic began, has struggled to fill vacant positions. And while it has been frustrating, the last few weeks have made me a believer in the old saying "Good things come to those who wait!" We've searched and interviewed and waited and have found some talented and experienced new staff members.

Jessica Hernandez is our new Bilingual Community Liaison! Jessica comes to us after several successful years working at the KIPP Academy of Innovation in East LA as the School Operations Office Coordinator and official IEP interpreter. She is a graduate of UC Riverside where she earned a Bachelor's Degree double majoring in Cultural Anthropology and Spanish Literature. Jessica also went to elementary school at Edison and is a K-12 graduate of the SMMUSD Dual Immersion program.

We also welcome two new **Bilingual Instructional Assistants -- David Ramirez and Gilda Tamte.** **David Ramirez** is working in several different classrooms and assisting with campus supervision. He earned an AA degree from Santa Monica College and a BA from UC Santa Cruz and has worked in a variety of tutorial, leadership development and recreational settings. He's also a former Edison student and graduate of the K-12 dual immersion academy with ambitions to become an immersion high school teacher one day. New BIA **Gilda Tamte** will be working primarily with our Transitional Kindergarten program. She earned a BA from CSUN and a Masters' from National University and taught in several different elementary school settings before taking some time away from the classroom to raise children

Melina Garcia was recently chosen to join staff as the Senior Office Specialist (SOS). Ms. Garcia had been filling this position as a substitute since early in this school year and has subbed in different administrative positions throughout the district. She comes to us with a background in office management, sales and customer service.

We feel fortunate to have these talented bilingual individuals as part of the Edison *familia*. Please join us in welcoming them to our community.

Meetings this Wednesday, December 8:

- 4:30 pm -- School Site Council
- 5:00 pm -- English Learners Advisory Council (ELAC)