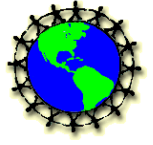


# EL SEMANARIO

Edison Language Academy – December 13-17, 2021



## Announcements

**Last Call for Sibling Applications for 2022-2023** – If you want to take advantage of a sibling preference for a younger child, you must submit an application for TK or K by December 15. Click here for an application:

<https://forms.gle/4ejw1mZKa2u5RCWJ6>.

**Covid Vaccines** – When children are vaccinated, please send proof of vaccination to Nurse Kristen Furano ([kfurano@smmusd.org](mailto:kfurano@smmusd.org)), Health Office Specialists Nancy Flores ([nflores@smmusd.org](mailto:nflores@smmusd.org)) and Diane Gonzalez ([d.gonzalez@smmusd.org](mailto:d.gonzalez@smmusd.org)). Children are considered to be fully vaccinated two weeks after their last vaccination.

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Instruction** – Starting the first week in January, the Santa Monica Dance Academy will provide four sessions of Mexican folk dance instruction for 4<sup>th</sup> graders and 20 sessions of American Jazz and Musical Theater for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Dance classes are provided at no cost and will be taught as a part of physical education time on Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Fareless K-12 Go Pass Program** – Metro is offering all SMMUSD students unlimited rides at no cost on Metro bus and rail, Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus, Culver CityBus, LADOT Dash, and the bus systems in Montebello and the City of Commerce. The children's TAP cards are coming home this week. Register your card at [taptogo.net/gopass](http://taptogo.net/gopass) or call TAP at 866.TAPTOGO.

**American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge comes to Edison beginning January 4.** This fun project with a ROAD TRIP theme, will rally Edison students around physical and mental wellness. Students will learn how to have happy and healthy hearts, be challenged to get more active, and learn how to help others with special hearts and help provide healthy food access to local families who need it most. Along with this newsletter is information from the American Heart Association about how students can sign up on line and make a personal pledge to move more and to be kinder – earn a wrist band for registering before 1/4/22.

**Holiday Sharing** – Would you like to help an Edison family have a happier holiday? Consider donating a gift card (Target, Old Navy, a grocery store, Amazon, etc.) and Edison's community liaison will make sure your donations are put to good use. Or support one of the initiatives of the Edison Community Support Network: Silent Auction & Garage Sale ("segundita"):

<https://www.myminiauction.com/edisoncommunitysupportnetwork> or the *Community Support GoFundMe* campaign: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/edison-community-support-network-202021>

## From the Principal's Desk

For a little fun this last week of 2021, Edison is observing a Holiday Spirit Week. If your child would like to join in, here are suggestions:

**Merry Monday!** Wear holiday colors for the winter holiday you celebrate. **Holiday Cheer Tuesday:** Wear your favorite Holiday headwear, your favorite sweater, and/or socks.

**Winter Wonderland Wednesday:** "Dress to impress" Wear your favorite outfit. **Favorite Character Celebration Thursday:** Dress like your favorite Holiday Characters.

**Festive Slumber Friday:** "T'was the Night Before Winter Break" Pajama day! Thanks to our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team for these fun ideas!

Last week the Edison Site Council approved Edison's annual Single Plan for School Achievement (SPSA) and sent it along to the Board of Education for review and approval at its meeting this week. The SPSA includes strategies to improve student achievement and close achievement gaps, programs to strengthen learning outcomes for English learners, and strategies to provide students and families with the opportunity to learn in a safe school that is culturally responsive and conducive to 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning. The SPSA details the way that Edison uses its Title I funds and its Stretch Grant. The SPSA is informed by Edison achievement data, survey information from parents, input from faculty, the ELAC and the PTA (with respect to the stretch grant). It's a tool for a school to work on continuous improvement – striving each year to have higher achievement for ALL children and a safer, more engaging and culturally responsive environment. Earlier this fall, we held briefings on Edison's fall assessment data and the strategies Site Council was considering. If you'd like to learn more about the 2021-2022 Edison SPSA and our school's progress, please join me at the PTA meeting this Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82844049979?pwd=NDIHUmxBTnB0M09wT29ydWFXYWgvdz09>

Meeting ID: **828 4404 9979**; Passcode: **aguilas**

Please be patient and careful in the mornings when dropping off. If you're parking curbside, make sure to give the car ahead and behind you enough room to get out. And it may be tempting to vent at someone who is being less than courteous, but we have 390 pairs of little ears and eyes that are watching. So please take a mindful breath and be your best self!

*Wishing you all a happy and very healthy holiday! See you January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022*