

EDISON LANGUAGE ACADEMY, 2023-2024

SAVE THIS SHEET FOR IMPORTANT YEAR-LONG INFORMATION

Holidays and Pupil Free Days	
Labor Day Holiday	September 4
Local Holiday	September 25
Pupil Free Day, Family Conferences	November 6
Veteran's Day Holiday	November 10
Thanksgiving Holidays	November 22-24
Winter Recess, No Classes	Dec. 25– Jan. 5
MLK Jr. Birthday Holiday	January 15
Presidents' Day Holiday	February 19
Spring Break, No Classes	March 25 – April 5
Memorial Day Holiday	May 27
Other Important Dates	
New Students Welcome Picnic	August 17
First Day of School /Minimum Day	August 24
2 nd Day of School Min.Day	August 25
Back to School Night – PreK-2/ Min. Day all	August 29
Back to School Night – Gr. 3-5/ Min. Day all	September 4
Fall Book Fair (tentative)	Aug. 28 – Sept. 5
Movie Night – PreK-2 nd Grade	Sept. 29 or Oct. 6*
Picture Day - Retakes on 10/13	Sept. 6
Día de los Muertos Altars Reception	October 27
Festival de Otoño	October 28
Family Conferences: Nov 6-9	Nov. 7-9 min days
Minimum Day (all)*discretionary	December 22
Kindness & Justice Challenge	Jan 16-26
Teato Informances	Jan. 16,17, 18, 19, 22
Service Work Day	January 20
TK-K Round Up	January 25
Valentines Dance /Día de amistad	February 9
Winter Grading Period Ends	February 2
Música en Español Informances	Feb. 23 and 26
5 th Grade Panoramic Picture	February 21
Jogathon	March 6
Stairway of the Stars (District)	March 16
Cesar Chavez Night /2 nd grade concert	March 21
Movie Night 3-4-5	April 19
State Testing Window (Grades 3-4-5)	April 15 – May 10
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 6-10
Tentative Spring Book Fair	May 20-24
Open House (Min. Day)	May 23
5 th Grade Promotion	June 10
Minimum Day & Last Day of School	June 12

Check for updates on the school website www.edison.smmusd.org

Bell Schedules

Grade	Regular Day	Minimum Day	Wednesdays
Pre-K	8:30 - 2:30	8:30 - 12:30	8:30 - 1:15
TK	8:15 - 1:15	8:15 - 12:30	8:15 - 1:15
K	8:15 - 1:15	8:15 - 12:30	8:15 - 1:15
1-2	8:15 - 2:45	8:15 -- 1:35	8:15 - 1:35
3-4-5	8:30 - 3:00	8:30 -- 1:50	8:30 - 1:50

How to Contact Teachers or Staff

To report an absence, please contact Senior Office Specialist Melina Garcia at melinagarcia@smmusd.org or (310) 828-0335, ext. 61-348, or send her a note within two days of the absence.

To leave a message for an Edison staff member by voice mail, dial (310) 828-0335. Enter the 5-digit extension, (see below). For staff who do not have a phone extension, please leave a message with Alicia or Melina. For e-mail addresses of individual staff: check the Edison website (www.edison.smmusd.org) or call the office to inquire.

Office Hours -- 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday. Contact us by phone during those hours at (310) 828-0335. If staff are busy assisting others, leave a message and we will return your call as quickly as possible.

EDISON STAFF 2023-2024

GRADE OR DEPARTMENT	ROOM	EXT.
OFFICE STAFF		
Lori Orum, Principal		61-302
Elizabeth Ipiña, Assistant Principal		61-305
Alicia Alvarez, Administrative Assistant		61-349
Melina Garcia, Sr. Office Specialist, Attendance		61-348
Jessica Hernández Community Liaison		61-306
Nurse Kristen Furano		61-301
Diane González, Nancy Flores, Health Office Spec.		61-301
LIBRARY		
Yoly Gutierrez (Circulation Desk. 61-308)		61-310
PRESCHOOL		
Patricia Romo	407	61-407
TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN		
Lindsay Newman	409	61-409
KINDERGARTEN		
Jamila Banks	112	61-112
Carolina Castillo	113	61-113
Karla Zermeño	111	61-111
FIRST GRADE		
Haydée Cervantes	102	61-102
Martha Cueva	103	61-103
Karina Tejeda de León	101	61-101
SECOND GRADE		
Sylvia Jiménez	105	61-105
Brisa Meléndez	104	61-104
Aileen Salmaggi	106	61-106
THIRD GRADE		
Judith Alvarez	209	61-209
Maritza Hernández	211	61-211
Pilar Mansfield	210	61-210
FOURTH GRADE		
Ruben Márquez	200	61-200
Camila Mejia	202	61-202
Maribel Cachu-Rios	201	61-201
FIFTH GRADE		
Carlos Morales	204	61-204
Constanza Murcia	203	61-203
Michael Pérez	205	61-205

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SPECIAL EDUCATION		
Yesenia Arriaran, School Psychologist Intern: Sonia Tostado (Thursdays /Fridays) OT Room	320	61-320
Yvette Martin, Occupational Therapist T-Th am early	321	61-321
Deniz Oyman, SAI Teacher	317	61-317
Susana Ortega-Castellanos , SAI Teacher	319	61-319
Sasha Piper, Speech Language Pathologist	316	61-316
Paraprofessionals: Luz Reynolds and Porfirio Diaz		
PS ARTS – THEATER AND VISUAL ARTS		
Martha Ramirez Oropeza	107	61-107
READING INTERVENTIONIST		
Rocio Naranjo-Badillo, LLI	100	61-100
COUNSELING		
Katie Cruz, Counselor, Family Services Jennifer Burgos (FSSM) Mondays till December OT Room Mondays Leslie Bollo– Tuesdays until May Saray Benavides SMMUSD Wed am (FSSM) and Friday all day (Reading Room 313)	312	61-312
PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES SPECIALISTS		
Abraham Badillo and Fabian León Reyes		61-412
INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS		
Ms Laura Barreras Graciano, Ms Alexandra Brandoli, Ms GERALYN Goodman, Ms Anacelia Morales, Ms Gilda Tamte, Ms Judy Tobar Lerner, Ms Vicky Valadez, and Ms Nallely Villanueva		
CAMPUS MONITORS		
Mr. Israel Valdivia, Ms Maria Dolores Cortes, Ms Vicky Valadez		
Cafeteria Staff		
Rosa Moreno, Manager		
Maria Dolores Cortez		
Miriam Vielman-Hernandez		

Staying Informed

The weekly school newsletter El Semanario is distributed weekly electronically on Mondays and posted to the Edison website (www.edison.smmusd.org) and the PTA website www.edisonamigos.org. Print copies are available in the office on request. Periodic announcements about important school events or emergency notices are sent via an auto-dial system. The PTA publishes its newsletter on Fridays with additional information of interest to families and provides an on-line family phone and email directory (requires your permission to be included). **Most parent meetings are held Wednesdays**– with some sort of parent offering and coffee available nearly every Wednesday morning.

Coffee with the Principal -- The first Wednesday of the month at 8:30 in the Edison Library, have a cup of coffee and dialogue with administrators. Updates on school programs and assessment data are also provided. Join us on: September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 6, April 10, May 1 and June 5.

Edison PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

All parents/guardians and teachers and school staff are encouraged to join the Edison PTA. PTA organizes special community-building and cultural events, disseminates information, and provides important support for enrichment programs. Association Meetings (open to all) are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 8:30-10:00 AM in the Edison Library. A hybrid option is provided for those who wish to attend on-line. Meetings

are conducted in both languages and are a monthly opportunity to find out about PTA activities and what's happening at school. The 2023-2024 PTA President is Kim Bartholemew.

Association Meetings for 2023-2024:

September 20	October 18	November 15
December 20	January 24	February 21
March 20	April 17	May 15

PTA Executive Board Meetings are held once a month via zoom, generally the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. to plan and monitor the on-going business of the Association. 2023-2024 meetings are scheduled for: August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, January 10 (2nd Wed. due to winter break), February 7, March 6, April 10, May 1 and June 5.

ELAC (English Learners Advisory Council) - ELAC – the advisory council of parents whose children are English Learners -- meets in Room 207 on the second Wednesday of the month from 8:30-10:00 am. ELAC offers information about school and district plans to support English learners, reports on their progress, and advises administration and the Site Council. ELAC elects a delegate to a District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC). Meetings are conducted in Spanish with interpretation as needed. Meeting notices, agendas and minutes are posted on the school website. While voting members must be parents of children who are English Learners, all parents are welcome. Contact Community Liaison Jessica Hernandez (310) 828-0335, ext. 61-306 for more information. Join us at a meeting on:

September 13	October 11	November 8
December 13	January 17*	February 7
March 13	April 10	May 8

*Second Wednesday back in school after winter break

School Site Council (SSC)

The School Site Council is an elected body composed of equal numbers of school staff and parents. Its primary responsibility is to assess needs, develop the Site Plan and monitor its implementation. SSC gathers input by examining data and surveys, town hall meetings, advisory committee reports, and classroom visits. It also works with the Safety Committee to annually update the school's Comprehensive Site Safety Plan (CSSP). The Council meets monthly from 4:30-6:30 p.m, usually on the last Wednesday of the month. Meetings are currently conducted via Zoom. Members of the public are welcome to observe and/or speak during public comment time. Meeting notices, agendas and minutes are available on the Edison website or in the office.

August 30	Sept. 27	October 25	November 29
Dec. No Mtg	January 31	February 28	March 20*
April 24	May 29		

*Meets on 3rd Wednesday due to Spring Break

Counseling and Support

Counseling is available on campus (through Family Services of Santa Monica) for students experiencing challenges that may interfere with their ability to be successful at school. Contact School Counselor Katie Cruz, at (310) 828-0335, ext. 61-312. Your child's teacher can also make a referral. Bilingual Community Liaison Jessica Hernandez can connect parents to resources to help with various problems – (310) 828-0335, ext. 61-306. PTA Vice President for Community Integration can help find support for

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unexpected financial hardships

edison.community.integration@gmail.com.

School Age Program (SAP) –Childcare TK – 3rd

The SAP program is administered by SMMUSD's Child Development Services, call (310) 399-5865 or email Monica Simon at msimon@smmusd.org. Financial assistance available for qualifying families.

CREST (Childcare Recreation Enrichment Sports Together) –A

variety of fee-based afterschool programming is provided through CREST. Call (310) 458-8540 for information. Generous scholarship assistance is available.