WEEK OF MAY 11, 2020

El Semanario

Edison Language Academy – Together Through Two Languages

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mothers in our Edison community! As we begin Week 9 of campus closure and the 4th week of distance learning, most students are now participating regularly in their virtual classrooms and turning in the majority of their assignments. I hope that you and your child/children are finding the distance learning platforms and routines easier to navigate with each day and that it is becoming easier for students to complete work in this new environment.

Parents have asked what the expectations are for students during the Covid19 Closure. The response is that we want students to do the most that they can and the best that they can. We ask that students apply themselves each day, try to keep to a regular schedule, check into their virtual classrooms and pick up assignments. We ask them to show up on time to live meetings and turn in their assignments. When students do that, ask questions of their teachers when things are unclear, keep up their free reading (in the appropriate languages) and use the Edison individualized learning platforms, we feel confident that they will continue to grow academically. At the same time, we understand that conditions at home are varied and that the amount of oversight parents can provide can differ. Again, all we can ask is ask is that parents do their best and try to make student participation in learning a priority. Call the teacher when you need support or to find a way for students to participate to the best extent possible.
If your child is not participating in distance learning (checking in with the teacher, attending as many live meetings as possible, picking up and completing work), you can anticipate a letter from the district. Please let us know if you need support in figuring out how to connect students with their virtual classroom.

Evaluation of Student Progress -- The SMMUSD School Board passed a resolution last week about grading. As guidance from the state recommended, there will not be traditional report cards this spring in elementary school. Our SMMUSD teachers will be creating narratives about a child's progress (across content areas and in areas such as citizenship, work habits, and effort). We'll report on academic levels based on the data in hand when school closed plus any evidence that skills have improved during distance learning and the extent to which students participated in distance learning this spring. You will receive the narrative reports at the end of the school year.

Feedback from stakeholders to support a cycle of continuous improvement. Thanks to those of you who sent questions and concerns about distance learning and those 100+ parents who joined us at last week's Coffee with the Principal meetings. If you couldn't attend the meeting, you may want to see the slides from that meeting which is now posted on our Edison Web page (www.smmusd.org/edison) under "Edison News and Events." Parent feedback is shared with our Site Leadership Team and faculty so that we can continue to work together to strengthen distance learning. I invite you to share any continuing questions, and let me know how distance learning is coming along at your house at lorum@smmusd.org and we'll continue our conversations at Coffee with the Principal meetings this Friday, May 15 at 10:15 am in English and at 3:15 pm in Spanish. I'll also share with you any additional updates we get this week from the district, county or state.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Weeks -- Many of you showered your teachers with notes and gifts of appreciation last week. SMMUSD actually observes this week May 11-15 as the week of the teacher – so the celebrations continue! I hope you know how very much the teachers appreciated the recognition and appreciation from students and teachers. In SMMUSD, last week was the week that we recognize our classified staff. These and staff created some photo collages (posted on our web site and shared with the students) to let the students know that we can stay close even through the distance and that we miss them. Our classified staff make incredible contributions to our students and to our school and I am so very grateful for their commitment, energy and talents.

In closing, I continue to be moved and uplifted by how hard all our staff are working for students. We are emailing and working together and corresponding with parents late into many evenings. For the long-term

health and welfare of our staff, I am asking them to try to shut devices down at the end of the work day to practice self-care and spend time with their families. The more we learn about the Covid-19 virus, the more it appears that we're in this for the long haul and all of us need to take care of ourselves and each other. Should the Covid-19 virus touch your family, please let us know and practice self-quarantine. Please see below about the Edison Community Support Network for information about how to contribute or request assistance.

Please take the continued Covid-19 safety requirements seriously – especially as California begins a staggered "re-opening" of the economy. Masks and gloves, staying at home as much as is possible, maintaining 6 feet of distance, and practicing self-quarantine if you have been exposed or have symptoms of Covid-19 are still extremely important as infections in Los Angeles County are still on the rise. Stay safe!

Lori Orum

Announcements

The Edison Community Support Network is launching another fundraising effort to replenish resources to support impacted members of our community. They report an anonymous donation of $2,000.00 offered as a matching grant. So this is a great time to give – in whatever amount you can manage – as your contribution will be doubled. Please contact Francine Ortega at francineortega@gmail.com to learn how to contribute. This is the link to donate: https://www.gofundme.com/f/edison-community-support-network

Edison ELAC Meeting – Wednesday, May 20 at 10:15 am Wednesday, May 20,2020. Use this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88987074666?pwd=aHBiYkdaSURCd0RtK1ppMWNuRC81QT09 Meeting ID: 889 8707 4666. Password: 5gtHKF

Edison Site Council will also meet on Wednesday, May 20 at 4:00 pm. A zoom link and agenda will be posted on the web site.

Technology Needs: Devices – If your child needs a device in order to access distance learning and complete the digital assignments from their teacher, please contact Bertha Roman at broman@smmusd.org. Let her know your child's first and last names, school, grade level – and student ID # if you have it. She will contact you to make arrangements. Pick ups are now taking place at the District Offices. Please email right away, but be prepared to wait until shipments arrive.

Technical Support for Borrowed Chromebooks - If SMMUSD loaned your child a chromebook and you are having problems with it (stuck or broken keys on the keyboard, failure to connect to internet, etc.), please use this email address to tell us about the problem and technical support: edisonsupport@smmusd.org . In English or Spanish, please describe the problem as best you can. give us your child's name and grade level and your name and contact information and a tech support person will get back to you and try to help you solve the problem.

Parent Technology Training Opportunities This Week
Do you still need some support on using Zoom and accessing distance learning resources? We've arranged for Dr. Freda Rossi (SMMUSD's Parent Engagement Coordinator) to provide two **live sessions** for Edison parents this week for those who prefer an interactive training format where you can ask questions as you go. Dr. Rossi will offer a training **in English on Wednesday at 3:00 pm.** To join that meeting, please use this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83029475476?pwd=NG9rZkNLMWhRL0t0ZTVlWUpRZzJrZz09
Meeting ID: 830 2947 5476
Password: 932975

Dr. Rossi will offer the same training in **Spanish on Thursday, May 14 at 10:00 am.**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83559045103?pwd=SUtRYWhFc1U1VVlSY0N0ZzlQVC8xdz09
Meeting ID: 835 5904 5103
Password: 349133

The links we shared last week from the district website on how to help children use Google Classroom and Zoom are still available at:: Stay Connected with your Teacher with Google Classroom and Seesaw and Virtual meetings with Google Meet and Zoom.

Emotional Support in Stressful Times -- If your child or family needs support with the stress of the Covid-19 virus, please don't suffer in silence. Our school counselor Cynthia Lua (clua@smmusd.org) is still seeing her on-going counseling clients and her sponsoring agency (Family Services of Santa Monica/Vista Del Mar) has other clinicians who can see students. The agency is now accepting referrals for students with Medi-Cal or no

insurance that will be seen by agency clinicians either via video sessions or telephone and while Cynthia's caseload is currently full, she can provide brief interventions as well as support you with referrals to the agency. Or visit our district website for a list (in English and Spanish) of resources for Community-Based Mental Health services and a variety of other services, at https://www.smmusd.org/Page/5563.

Enrollment for 2020-2021 continues virtually. If you have a new student entering Edison in August, please make sure that immunizations and permits (intra-district or inter-district) are in place and all paperwork is completed in a timely fashion. Children cannot be assigned to a class until they are fully enrolled. Please reach out to Kathy Fargnoli if you need additional information kfargnoli@smmusd.org

Materials from the Classrooms – 5th grade teachers distributed workbooks and students materials from the classrooms on Friday, May 8 and Monday, May 11. Third Grade teachers are organizing a supplies and materials distribution day on Thursday, May 14. Thank you for respecting the safety protocols that the district has put in place for contactless pick ups. Our campus remains closed and is only accessible to a few staff at a time for essential educational activities. We're sorry but neither parents nor students may be on the campus during the closure.

We will be arranging a couple of days at the end of the year where families can drop off textbooks, library books, musical instruments, and loaned computers and the school can return any personal property left on campus and distribute promotion certificates for 5th graders and progress reports for all. Those dates have not yet been set and we will notify you as soon as they are arranged.

Edelman Child and SMMUSD Family Engagement Webinars: A series of six webinars will be provided for parents on topics related to resiliency in the time of Covid-19. Please click on these links to see fliers in English and Spanish. Registration is required. All English Sessions are held from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Fridays beginning May 1st – June 5th. Topics vary by date—see descriptions on the back of this flier.
Register once in advance for the English webinar series using the following registration link:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y4XBKFGgTfmbl72VnHpMpQ.
Todas las sesiones en Español se llevarán a cabo de 11:00 am a 12:00 pm los viernes desde el 1 de mayo hasta el 5 de junio. Los temas varían según la fecha; consulte las descripciones en el reverso de este volante.
Regístrese con anticipación para la serie de seminarios web en Español utilizando el siguiente enlace de registro:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zUUmnobKQEKUAYIbHbuK4Q.

California Department of Social Services: Pandemic EBT Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19), children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals at school will get extra food benefits. These food benefits are called Pandemic EBT or P-EBT benefits. P-EBT benefits help families in California buy food when schools are closed because of the coronavirus emergency. Families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals and who do not get their P-EBT card in the mail by about May 22, 2020 must apply online before June 30, 2020. The online application will be available beginning May 22, 2020 at ca.p-ebt.org.

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Academia de Idiomas Edison – Juntos A Través De Dos Idiomas

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DEL ESCRITORIO DE LA DIRECTORA

¡Feliz Día de las Madres a todas las madres maravillosas de la comunidad de Edison! Mientras comenzamos la 9ª semana de la escuela cerrada y la 4ª semana de aprendizaje a distancia, la mayoría de estudiantes ahora están participando regularmente en sus clases virtuales y entregando la mayoría de sus tareas. Espero que ustedes y sus hijos estén encontrando las plataformas y rutinas del aprendizaje a distancia más fáciles de navegar con cada día y que se esté haciendo más fácil para que sus estudiantes completen su trabajo en este ambiente nuevo.

Los padres han preguntado qué son las expectativas para los estudiantes durante el cierre de Covid19. La respuesta es que queremos que los estudiantes hagan lo más que pueden y lo mejor que lo puedan hacer. Pedimos que los estudiantes se esfuercen a ellos mismos cada día, traten de mantener un horario regular, entrar a sus salones virtuales y recojan sus tareas. Les pedimos que se presenten a tiempo a las reuniones en vivo y entreguen sus tareas. Cuando los estudiantes hacen esto, les hacen preguntas a sus maestros cuando las cosas no son claras, continúen su lectura libre (en idiomas apropiados) y usen las plataformas individuales de aprendizaje de Edison, nos sentimos confiados que ellos continuarán a crecer académicamente. A la misma vez, comprendemos que las condiciones en el hogar son variadas y que la cantidad de supervisión que los padres pueden ofrecer puede diferir. De nuevo, todo lo que pedimos es que los padres hagan lo mejor que puedan y que traten de hacer que la participación del estudiante en el aprendizaje sea una prioridad. Llamen al maestro/a cuando necesiten apoyo o para encontrar una manera para que los estudiantes participen al extenso posible.

Si su hijo/a no está participando en el aprendizaje a distancia (reportándose con el maestro/a, asistiendo a todas las reuniones posibles, recogiendo y completando trabajo), ustedes pueden anticipar una carta del distrito. Por favor avísenos su necesitan apoyo para tratar de averiguar cómo conectar a los estudiantes con su clase virtual.

Evaluación del Progreso Estudiantil --

La Mesa Directiva Escolar de SMMUSD pasó una resolución la semana pasada sobre calificaciones. Como guía recomendada por el estado, no tendremos reportes de calificaciones tradicionales en la primavera en las escuelas primarias. Nuestros maestros de SMMUSD crearán narrativos sobre el progreso de su hijo/a (a través de áreas de contenido y en las áreas como ciudadanía, hábitos de trabajo y esfuerzo). Reportaremos sobre niveles académicos basados en datos a mano cuando se cerró la escuela más cualquier evidencia que las habilidades han mejorado durante el aprendizaje a distancia y el extremo al cual los estudiantes participaron en el aprendizaje a distancia esta primavera. Ustedes recibirán reportes narrativos al final del año escolar.

Opiniones de persona de interés para apoyar el ciclo de continuo mejoramiento. Gracias a ustedes quienes mandaron preguntas y preocupaciones sobre el aprendizaje a distancia y a los más de 100 padres quienes nos acompañaron la semana pasada en las reuniones de cafecito Con La Directora. Si no pudieron asistir a la reunión, tal vez querrán ver la presentación de esa reunión la cual está publicada en nuestra página de internet de Edison (www.smmusd.org/edison) debajo de "Edison News and Events." Las opiniones de los padres se comparten con nuestro Equipo de Liderazgo del Sitio y el personal para que podamos continuar trabajando junto para fortalecer el aprendizaje a distancia. Los invite que compartan cualquier pregunta continua, y me avisen cómo está progresando el aprendizaje a distancia en su hogar en lorum@smmusd.org y continuaremos nuestras conversaciones en las reuniones de Cafecito con la Directora este Viernes, 15 de mayo a las 10:15 am en inglés y a las 3:15 pm en español. También compartiré con ustedes informes adicionales que recibamos del distrito, condado o estado.

Semanas de Aprecio al Maestro y Personal -- Muchos de ustedes cubrieron a sus maestros con notas y regalos de aprecio la semana pasada. ¡SMMUSD actualmente observa esta semana del 11-15 de mayo como la semana del maestro/a – así que las celebraciones continúan! Espero que ustedes sepan cuanto los maestros agradecieron el reconocimiento y aprecio de los estudiantes y maestro. En SMMUSD, la semana pasada fue la semana en la cual reconocemos a nuestro personal clasificado. Estos miembros del personal crearon un montaje de fotos (publicado en nuestra página de internet y compartieron con nuestros estudiantes) para informarles a los estudiantes

que podemos mantenernos cercas aún a través de la distancia y que los extrañamos. Nuestro personal clasificado hace contribuciones increíbles a nuestros estudiantes y a nuestra escuela y estoy muy agradecida por su compromiso, energía y talentos.

Terminando, sigo siendo conmovida y animada por lo duro que nuestro personal está trabajando por nuestros estudiantes. Les estamos mandando correos electrónico y trabajando juntos y correspondiendo con padres hasta muy tarde en las noches. Por el bienestar de largo plazo de salud de nuestro personal, les estoy pidiendo que apaguen sus aparatos al final del día de trabajo para practicar auto cuidado y pasar tiempo con sus familias. Entre más aprendemos sobre el virus Covid-19, más me parece que estamos en esto para un plazo largo y todos necesitamos cuidarnos a nosotros mismos y unos a otros. Si el Covid-19 toca su familia, por favor avísenos y practiquen auto-cuarentena. Por favor miren abajo sobre la Red de Apoyo Comunitario de Edison para información sobre cómo contribuir o pedir ayuda.

Por favor tomen los requisitos continuos de seguridad con el Covid-19 en serio – especialmente mientras California comienza una esparcida "re-apertura" de la economía. ¡Máscaras y guantes, manteniéndose en casa lo mucho que sea posible, mantener 6 pies de distancia, y practicando auto-cuarentena si han sido expuestos o tienen síntomas de Covid-19 que todavía son extremadamente importantes como infecciones en y todavía suben en el Condado de Los Ángeles! ¡Manténganse seguros!

Lori Orum

Anuncios

La Red de Apoyo Comunitario de Edison está lanzando otro esfuerzo para recaudar fondos para reponer recursos para apoyar a los miembros impactados de nuestra comunidad. Reportan una donación anónima de $2,000.00 ofrecida como una beca para igualar. Entonces este es un gran tiempo para dar – en cualquier cantidad que ustedes puedan – porque su contribución será duplicada. Por favor comuníquense con Francine Ortega en francineortega@gmail.com para aprender cómo contribuir. Este es el enlace para donar: https://www.gofundme.com/f/edison-community-support-network

Reunión ELAC de Edison – miércoles, 20 de mayo a las 10:15 am. Usen este enlace: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88987074666?pwd=aHBiYkdaSURCd0RtK1ppMWNuRC81QT09 Meeting ID: 889 8707 4666. Password: 5gtHKF

Concilio Escolar de Edison también se reunirá el miércoles, 20 de mayo a las 4:00 pm. Un enlace a zoom y la agenda serán publicados en la página de internet.

Technology Needs: Devices –Si su hijo/a necesita una aparato para tener acceso al aprendizaje a distancia y completar las tareas digitlaes de su maestro/a, por favor comuníquense con Bertha Roman en broman@smmusd.org. Avísenle el nombre y apellido de su hijo/a, escuela, nivel de grado – y número de identificación del estudiante si lo tienen. Ella so comunicará con ustedes para hacer arreglos. Las recogidas ahora se llevan a cabo en las Oficinas del Distrito. Por favor manden correos electrónicos inmediatamente, pero estén preparados para esperar hasta que llegue la mercancía.

Apoyo Técnico para Chromebooks Prestados - Si SMMUSD le presto a su hijo/a un chromebook y usted está teniendo problemas con él (teclas atoradas o rotas en el teclado, falla en conectarse al internet, etc.), por favor usen este correo electrónico para avisarnos del problema y pida apoyo técnico: edisonsupport@smmusd.org. En inglés o español, por favor describan el problema lo mejor que puedan. Denos el nombre de su hijo/a y el nivel de grado y el nombre de usted e información de contacto y una persona de apoyo técnico se comunicará con usted y tratará de resolver el problema.

Oportunidades de Entrenamiento de Tecnología para Padres ¿Ustedes todavía necesitan algo de apoyo usando Zoom y consiguiendo acceso a recursos para el aprendizaje a distancia? Hemos coordinado con Dra. Freda Rossi (Coordinadora de Involucramiento de Padres de SMMUSD) para proveer dos **sesiones en vivo** para los padres de Edison esta semana para los que prefieren un format de entrenamiento interactivo donde pueden hacer preguntas en el transcurso. Dra. Rossi ofrecerá un entrenamiento en **inglés el miércoles a las 3:00 pm**. Para unirse a esta reunion usen este enlace:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83029475476?pwd=NG9rZkNLMWhRL0t0ZTVlWUpRZzJrZz09
Meeting ID: 830 2947 5476
Password: 932975

Dra. Rossi ofrecerá el mismo entrenamiento **en español el jueves, 14 de mayo a las 10:00 am**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83559045103?pwd=SUtRYWhFc1U1VVlSY0N0ZzlQVC8xdz09
Meeting ID: 835 5904 5103
Password: 349133

SEMANA DEL 11 DE MAYO, 2020

Los enlaces que compartimos la semana pasada de la página de internet del distrito sobre cómo ayudar a los niños en Google Classroom y Zoom todavía están disponibles en: Cómo mantenerse conectados con sus maestros con Google Classroom y Seesaw y Reuniones virtuales con Google Meet y Zoom.

Apoyo Emocional en Tiempos Estresantes -- If your child or family needs support with the stress of the Covid-19 virus, please don't suffer in silence. Si su hijo/a o familia necesita apoyo con el estrés del virus Covid-19, por favor no sufran en silencio. Nuestra consejera escolar Cynthia Lua (clua@smmusd.org) todavía mira sus clientes continuos de consejería y su agencia de apoyo (Family Services of Santa Monica/Vista Del Mar) tiene otros consejeros quienes mieran a estudiantes. La agencia ahora está aceptando referencias para estudiantes con Medi-Cal o quienes no tienen seguro médico quienes serán vistos por consejeros de la agencia por sesiones de video o teléfono y aunque la carga de casos de Cynthia está llena, ella puede proveer intervenciones breves al igual que apoyarlos con referencias a la agencia. O visiten la página de internet del distrito para una lista (en inglés y español) de recursos para Servicios de Salud Mental Basados en la Comunidad y una variedad de otros servicios en https://www.smmusd.org/Page/5563.

Registración para el 2020-2021 continúa virtualmente. Si ustedes tienen un estudiante nuevo entrando a Edison en agosto, por favor asegúrense de que todas las vacunas y permisos (intra-distrito o inter-distrito) estén al corriente y que todo el papeleo sea completado a tiempo. Los niños no pueden ser asignados a una clase hasta que estén completamente registrados. Por favor comuníquense con Kathy Fargnoli si necesitan información adicional en kfargnoli@smmusd.org

Materiales de los Salones –Los maestros de 5o grado distribuyeron cuadernos y materiales de los estudiantes del salon el Viernes, 8 de mayo y lunes, 11 de mayo. Los maestros del 3o grado están organizando un día para distribuir materiales el jueves, 14 de mayo. Gracias por respetar los protocolos de seguridad que el distrito ha implementado para recogidas sin contacto.

Nuestra escuela sigue cerrada y solamente es accessible a algunos miembros del personal a la vez para actividades educacionales esenciales. Lo sentimos pero ni padres ni estudiantes pueden estar en la escuela durante el cierre.

Estaremos coordinando algunos días al final del año cuando las familias puedan dejar libros de texto, libros de biblioteca, instrumentos musicales, y computadoras prestadas y la escuela puede regresar cualquier propiedad privada dejada en la escuela y distribuir certificados de promoción para los estudiantes de 5º grado y reportes de calificaciones para todos. Esas fechas no se han programado todavía y les avisaremos en cuanto sean coordinadas.

Presentaciones en Internet deNiños Edelman y e Involucramiento Familiar de SMMUSD: Hay una serie de seis presentaciones en internet que se proveerán para los padres sobre temas relacionados a la Resistencia en tiempos del Covid-19. Por favor oprima estos enlaces para mirar los volantes en inglés y español. Se requiere registración. Todas las sesiones en inglés se llevan a cabo de 1:00 pm a 2:00 pm los viernes comenzando el 1 de mayo hasta el 5 de junio. Topics vary by date—see descriptions on the back of this flier.

Regístrense una vez por adelantado para la serie de presentaciones en inglés usando el siguiente enlace de registración:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y4XBKFGgTfmbl72VnHpMpQ.

Todas las sesiones en español se llevarán a cabo de 11:00 am a 12:00 pm los viernes desde el 1 de mayo hasta el 5 de junio. Los temas varían según la fecha; consulte las descripciones en el reverso de este volante.

Regístrese con anticipación para la serie de presentaciones en internet Español usando el siguiente enlace de registración:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zUUmnobKQEKUAYIbHbuK4Q.

EBT pandémica - Departamento de servicios sociales

Debido al coronavirus (COVID-19), los niños que son elegibles para recibir comidas gratis o de precio reducido en la escuela obtendrán beneficios adicionales de alimentos. Estos beneficios alimentarios se denominan beneficios EBT o P-EBT pandémicos. Los beneficios de P-EBT ayudan a las familias en California a comprar alimentos cuando las escuelas cierran debido a la emergencia del coronavirus.Las familias con niños que son elegibles para recibir comidas gratis o de precio reducido y que no reciben su tarjeta P-EBT por correo antes del 22 de mayo de 2020 deben aplicar en línea antes del 30 de junio de 2020. La aplicación en línea estará disponible a partir del 22 de mayo de 2020 en ca.p-ebt.org.

Edison Language Academy Parent Teacher Association

Art and School Supplies Pick-Up

Our PTA is very proud to support our teachers and Maestra Martha with art and school supplies for the remainder of the school year. Keep watch for an email or notification from your teacher or your room representative as to when you can pick up these supplies. If you have any questions, let us know at edison.president.pta@gmail.com. Have fun creating and learning!

Distribución de útiles escolares y materiales de arte

Nuestra PTA se enorgullece de poder apoyar a nuestros maestros y a la Maestra Martha facilitando útiles escolares y materiales de arte por el resto del año escolar. Esté pendiente de un correo electrónico o notificación de parte de su maestro/a o de su representante de salón con instrucciones para recoger los materiales. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor escriba a edison.president.pta@gmail.com. ¡Que se diviertan creando y aprendiendo!

Next PTA General Association Meeting - Elect Your Next Executive Board!

We will be holding a very important meeting on May 20, 2020, at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Please attend and elect your new Executive Board and learn about next year's budget and events!

Próxima Asamblea General de la PTA - ¡Elija a la nueva Mesa Directiva!

Tendremos una reunión muy importante el próximo 20 de mayo, 2020, a las 6:00 pm, vía Zoom. Por favor asista y ayúdenos a elegir a la nueva mesa directiva. Además, conozca sobre el presupuesto y los eventos que tenemos planeados para el próximo año escolar.

Together through the quarantine;
the distance draws us closer.

We appreciate and salute our wonderful Edison Classified Staff!

SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 8, 2020

Superintendent's Message: Grading for Spring 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

We started 2020 with so much promise and enthusiasm with our students who were thriving academically and socio-emotionally. Our teachers were gearing up for state testing and assessments in the spring, and beginning to plan for the home stretch of the 2019-20 school year. Safer at home orders went into effect due to the coronavirus pandemic. After the last day of in-person instruction on March 12th, our schools transitioned to the distance learning model.

This year, the in-person aspect of that growth was impacted in a way no one could have imagined. Students and families have demonstrated flexibility and perseverance during this unprecedented time. Our teachers have worked hard to adapt to teaching remotely and seek to stay connected to all students and families in this challenging time.

Due to the school closures, teachers have not been able to observe students operating in the classroom at their independent levels nor administer year-end assessments. While your child's hard work, academic and social growth are celebrated, we felt it is critical for us to take an in-depth look at our grading policy and how to best adapt to the current reality.

I have spoken with other district superintendents and our educational services team, led by Dr. Jacqueline Mora, has consulted with school administrators, teachers, counselors and student groups, to devise what we believe to be the most appropriate grading policy for the remainder of this school year. We have engaged our school board members in this discussion.

Our board of education adopted a grading resolution at its May 7, 2020 meeting that addresses grading for all grade levels, during this semester, as follows:

Elementary school: Transitional kindergarten – 5th grade
For elementary students, the policy states that teachers will provide ongoing feedback to students and families that will culminate with a written narrative that reflects student performance over the course of the year, including progress made during distance learning. The narrative will be a holistic assessment of student learning and progress that will identify areas of strength and provide feedback for areas of growth that includes suggestions for next steps.

Middle school: 6th – 8th grade
Teachers will assign "Credit" (CR) or "No Credit" (NC) and will provide ongoing feedback on assignments and student work to students and families on progress during grading period 6. The "Credit" (CR) or No Credit (NC) grade will not be calculated in the grade point average (GPA). Students are expected to participate during distance learning to the extent their circumstances allow. Students who participate in distance learning and earned a passing grade

of A, B, C, or D during grading period 5 will be issued a “Credit” (CR) for the semester grade. o Students who do not participate in distance learning may earn an incomplete (I). Students who were not passing at grading period 5 may improve their grade for grading period 6 and the semester to a “Credit” by demonstrating progress toward mastery of essential standards as determined by their teacher. If students who were not passing at grading period 5 do not demonstrate growth during the distance learning period, a grade of “No Credit” may be issued, at the teacher’s discretion.

High School: 9th – 12th grade

Teachers will assign letter grades based on performance on assignments due on March 13, 2020. These grades will be referred to as the “baseline.” Teachers will issue grades for the semester that are the same as the letter grade issued for the baseline. Teachers will also issue final grades that are higher than the grades issued for the baseline if evidence of sufficient gains in student learning and progress is apparent from the work completed during distance learning. Students in grades 9 through 12 shall also have the option to take a Credit (CR) or No Credit (NC) grade, instead of a letter grade, for any course(s) for the second semester 2020.

Students in 12th grade must select this option on or before June 5, 2020. Students in grades 9 through 11 must select this option on or before June 10, 2020. If the CR or NC option is not selected by the aforementioned dates, the second semester grade will default to a letter grade. Credit (CR) or No Credit (NC) grades shall not be calculated in the grade point average (GPA).

Students who earned a grade of A, B, C, or D for the baseline will be issued a “Credit” (CR) for the semester grade. Students who earned a grade of F for the baseline will be issued a “No Credit” (NC) for the semester grade. Students may improve their grade of “No Credit” (NC) for the semester to a “Credit” (CR) if evidence of sufficient gains in student learning and progress is apparent from the work completed during distance learning.

Teachers will continue to provide assignments throughout the distance learning period. These assignments and grades will be entered into the Illuminate grade book to provide students and parents with a snapshot of course grades. Teachers are encouraged to provide ongoing feedback on assignments and student work to students and families on progress during distance learning.

Special education

Students with IEPs, will receive a report card from their primary teacher(s). Their IEP progress report, which will review progress toward their IEP goals, will be sent home at the same time. High school students who are working toward a High School Diploma will be provided a letter grade or can opt into the Credit or No Credit Option by the dates, as mentioned above. High School students who are working toward a Certificate of Completion will automatically receive Credit or No Credit.

All students
Students should make every effort to use any means available to them to remain engaged each day. Students and parents are encouraged to monitor engagement and academic progress by checking the Illuminate Parent Portal or other platforms utilized by the school regularly for information on assignments and grades.

We recognize the challenge that distance learning presents to many families and our school board feels this is the most equitable method to measure student progress this year. Every effort will be made by school staff to connect with students and families to support their well-being and academic success during the distance learning period.

Working Groups
We are currently working with elementary and middle school working groups to provide greater guidance to our teachers and families on the implementation of our evaluation and grading policy. Our high school working group will convene next week to outline the process by which students and families may select the credit/no credit option. These guidelines will be shared with families as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience.

Distance learning support
To support your students' distance learning, please click on the Distance Learning button on your school website. Devices continue to be available. Please contact your school site to arrange.

Closing thoughts
My next message will describe our summer school plans in detail, and provide more information on our expectation to resume school on our planned first day, August 20, 2020. We are discussing what form this may take and looking to guidance by state, health and education officials, for what is best for health and safety of students and staff. We have no intention of beginning school any sooner than our approved calendar date.
Please note that all Child Development Services programs and camps will be closed during summer, including preschool, school age programs and the Infant Toddler Center (ITC).

Thank you for your resilience. We understand that many are in uncertain circumstances and want to assure you that we are here to help and partner with each of you as we look to the future where our schools and classrooms again welcome students.

Best wishes for a Happy Mother's Day to all staff and parents!

Sincerely,

Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent

SMMUSD HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE # 4 5/7/20

Greetings SMMUSD Staff and Parents:

As the public health situation around Coronavirus evolves, we would like to provide you with some important information.

SYMPTOM UPDATE:

- A wide range of symptoms from mild to severe may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and now include: Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, *chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.* Call your doctor if you experience these symptoms.

HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:

- **Isolate at Home orders (updated)**:
  At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
  AND
  At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **AND** improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).
- **No "play dates" or gatherings (including in cars).**
- **FAQs**

RECOVERY

- LA's Roadmap to Recovery

Schools still remain closed except for essential business or services. To access a campus for **essential business**, an appointment must be approved by the site administrator. Meal service at designated school sites continues without appointment.

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HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS:

- **Testing**
  - Free testing is now available. To schedule, click here.
- **Face Mask**
  - Required for everyone older than 8 years when in public.
  - Children 2-8 should wear them with adult supervision.
  - Click here for more information and how to make a mask
- **Social/Physical Distancing:**
  - Maintain 6 ft. distance when in public
- **Hand Hygiene:**
  - Wash hands or use Hand Sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol)

Additional resources and information can be found at
http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/

Stay safe and healthy,
Your SMMUSD Nursing Team

If you need assistance finding a medical provider or for mental health services, call 211.
Please see below for contact information for local health providers:

- Providence Saint Johns -Call your provider or schedule a Virtual Visit.
- Kaiser Permanente-Call 1-833-KP4CARE (1-833-574-2273) or to schedule and e-visit.
- UCLA-Contact your provider or go to myUCLAHealth to schedule.
- Venice Family Clinic- 310-392-8636

http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/HOO/RoadmapToRecovery.pdf
http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protection/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf

ACTUALIZACIÓN DE SERVICIOS DE SALUD DE SMMUSD NRO. 4 5/7/20

Saludamos al personal y a los padres de SMMUSD:

A medida que evoluciona la situación de salud pública alrededor de coronavirus, nos gustaría proporcionarle información importante.

ACTUALIZACIÓN SOBRE LOS SÍNTOMAS:

- Una amplia gama de síntomas de leves a graves puede manifestarse entre 2-14 días después de la exposición al virus y estos incluyen: tos, dificultad para respirar, fiebre, escalofríos, temblores repetidos con escalofríos, dolor muscular, dolor de cabeza, y nueva pérdida de gusto u olfato. Llame a su médico si experimenta estos síntomas.

ÓRDENES DE LOS FUNCIONARIOS DE LA SALUD:

- Aislarse en su casa en cumplimiento con la orden (actualizado):
- Han pasado al menos 10 días desde que aparecieron los síntomas

  Y
- Al menos 3 días (72 horas) han pasado desde la recuperación definida como resolución de la fiebre sin el uso de medicamentos que la reduzcan. **Y** la mejoría en los síntomas respiratorios (por ejemplo, tos, dificultad para respirar).
- **No debe haber "días de juegos" o reuniones (incluso en automóviles).**
- Preguntas frecuentes: **FAQs**

RECUPERACIÓN

1. Hoja de ruta de LA para la recuperación

Las escuelas continúan cerradas, excepto en caso de asuntos o servicios esenciales. Para acceder a un campus para **asuntos esenciales,** el administrador del sitio debe aprobar la visita. El servicio de comidas en los sitios escolares designados continúa sin cita previa.

CÓMO PROTEGERSE A SÍ MISMO Y A LOS DEMÁS:

- **Pruebas**
  - Se encuentran disponibles las pruebas gratuitas. Para programar su visita, haga clic aquí.
- **Mascarilla**
  - Requerido para todos los mayores de 8 años de edad cuando están en público.
  - Los niños de 2 a 8 años deben usarlos con la supervisión de un adulto.
  - Haga clic aquí para obtener más información y para aprender cómo hacer una máscara
- **Distanciamiento social/físico:**
  - Mantener una distancia de 6 pies cuando esté en público.
- **Higiene de manos:**
  - Lávese las manos o use desinfectante de manos (que contenga al menos 60% de alcohol).

Puede encontrar recursos e información adicionales en el siguiente enlace:
http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/

Manténgase sano y a salvo,
Su equipo de enfermería de SMMUSD

Si necesita asistencia para encontrar un proveedor médico o para acceder a servicios de salud mental, llame al 211.
A continuación, le proporcionamos la información de contacto de los proveedores de salud locales:

- Providence Saint Johns - Llame a su proveedor o programe una visita virtual.
- Kaiser Permanente – Llame al teléfono 1-833-KP4CARE (1-833-574-2273) para programar y tener una cita por medio de e-visit.
- UCLA - Comuníquese con su proveedor o visite myUCLAHealth para programar una visita.
- Clínica Familiar de Venice - Llame al teléfono 310-392-8636

http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/HOO/RoadmapToRecovery.pdf
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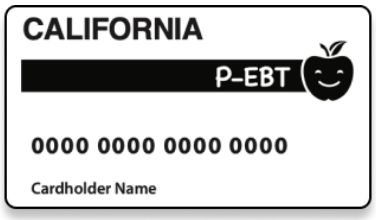


Pandemic EBT Quick Reference Guide

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) is a food benefit for children who may not have regular access to free or reduced- priced school meals because of coronavirus related school facility closures. P-EBT eligible families will receive up to $365 per eligible child on their P-EBT card to use on groceries.

Before referring P-EBT eligible families to the EBT Customer Service Center, partners should refer to this quick reference guide and answer general questions. The EBT Customer Service Center is intended to provide issue resolution services to P-EBT families. If you are able to answer general questions first, this will ensure that the EBT Customer Service Center is available for customers who need more detailed and case specific assistance:

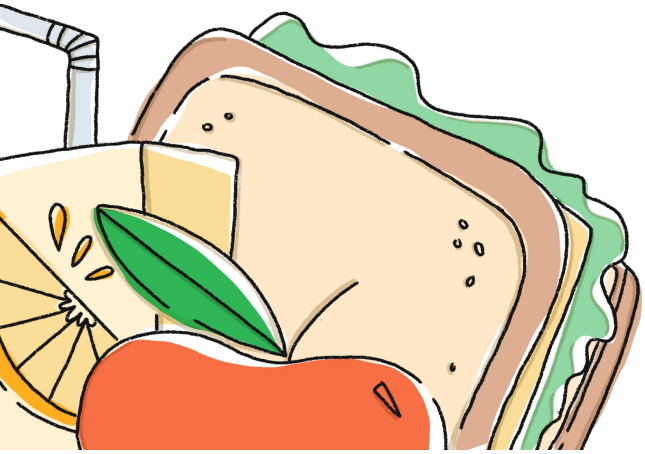
Who is eligible for P-EBT?

Children are eligible for P-EBT benefits if their school is closed due to coronavirus, and they are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Children who pick up “to-go” meals in their community or receive CalFresh benefits are still eligible for P-EBT benefits.

Who will receive their P-EBT cards automatically?

Children who get free or reduced-price school meals because they received CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, or Foster Care during the school year **DO NOT** need to apply for P-EBT benefits. These households will receive their P-EBT card automatically in the mail between about May 12 and May 22.

Refer existing CalFresh households to **https://ca.p-ebt.org/info** to find more information about P-EBT online before referring them to the EBT Customer Service Center. Existing CalFresh households should only call the EBT Customer Service Center if they have not received their card by about May 22 or they are experiencing trouble activating and creating a PIN.



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Who needs to apply to get their P-EBT card?

P-EBT eligible families who were not directly approved for free or reduced-price school meals can apply online beginning on May 22 at **https://ca.p-ebt.org/**. These families include those that do not receive public benefits and who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals based on paper application or community eligibility.

Refer these families to **https://ca.p-ebt.org/info** to find more information about P-EBT online before referring them to the EBT Customer Service Center. These families should only call the EBT Customer Service Center if they have not received their P-EBT card within 10 days of completing the online application or they are experiencing trouble activating and creating a PIN.

Key Dates

- P-EBT cards will arrive for eligible *CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs* and *Foster Care* households **between about May 12 and May 22.**
- P-EBT application opens online on **May 22** for Eligible, non *CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs,* and *Foster Care* households.
- Eligible, non *CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs,* and *Foster Care* households must apply online **before June 30.**

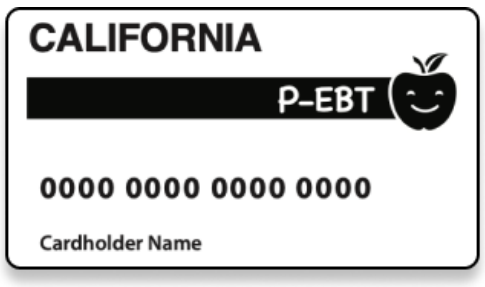
Resources

Find partner facing materials online at: **https:/www.cdss.ca.gov/home/pandemic-ebt**

Find client facing materials online at: **https://ca.p-ebt.org/info**

Find the P-EBT application online, beginning May 22 at: **https://ca.p- ebt.org/**

The number for the EBT Customer Service Center is: **(877) 328-9677**



P-EBT is a program by CDSS and CDE, funded by the USDA, an equal opportunity employer.

Pandemic EBT

Obtenga ayuda para comprar alimentos mientras las escuelas permanecen cerradas

Debido a que las escuelas están cerradas por la COVID-19, los niños que califican para recibir desayunos y almuerzos gratuitos o a precios reducidos pueden recibir hasta $365 en beneficios para comprar alimentos, además de poder recoger sus alimentos de las escuelas. A estos beneficios alimenticios se les llama «Pandemic EBT» o «P-EBT» (transferencia electrónica de beneficios por una pandemia).

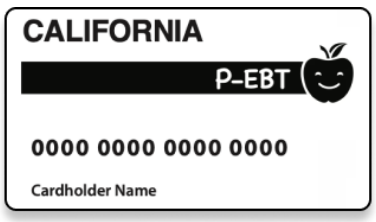
Los beneficios de P-EBT llegarán en **mayo de 2020**

¿Dónde pueden las familias solicitar beneficios de P-EBT?

De mediados a fines de mayo, los distritos escolares o las organizaciones comunitarias locales enviarán a las familias un aviso sobre cómo presentar una solicitud.

Úsela como una tarjeta de débito.

Por cada hijo que califique, las familias recibirán hasta $365 en su tarjeta de P-EBT, la cual podrán utilizar para comprar alimentos y comestibles. Si ya tiene esta tarjeta, no necesita solicitarla en línea.



¿Cómo obtendrán las familias sus beneficios de P-EBT?

La mayoría de las familias con niños que reciben beneficios de CalFresh o Medi-Cal no necesitan solicitarlos. Recibirán su tarjeta de P-EBT por correo durante el mes de mayo. Las tarjetas de P-EBT comenzarán a llegar entre el 12 de mayo de 2020 y el 22 de mayo de 2020.

Las familias con niños que califican para recibir desayunos y almuerzos gratuitos o a precios reducidos y que no reciban su tarjeta de P-EBT por correo antes del 22 de mayo de 2020 deben presentar una solicitud en línea antes del 30 de junio de 2020.

*** Los estudiantes aún pueden recoger sus comidas para llevar si reciben beneficios de P-EBT.**

Get help buying food while schools are closed

Because schools are closed due to COVID-19, children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals can get up to $365 in food benefits in addition to their pick up meals from school. These food benefits are called Pandemic EBT or P-EBT.

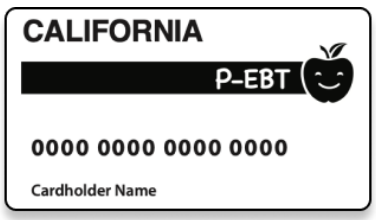
P-EBT benefits coming soon in **May 2020**

Where can families apply?

Families should look out for a message from their school district or local community based organization about how to apply in mid to late May.

Use it like a debit card.

Families will get up to $365 per eligible child on their P-EBT card to use on food and groceries. If you already have this card, you do not need to apply online.



How will families get their P-EBT benefits?

Most families with children who applied for CalFresh or Medi-Cal benefits do not need to apply. They will get their P-EBT card in the mail during the month of May. P-EBT cards will begin arriving around May 12, 2020 through May 22, 2020.

Families with children who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals and who do not get their P-EBT card in the mail by May 22, 2020 must apply online before June 30, 2020.

***Students can still pick up to-go meals if they have P-EBT benefits.**