



# The McKinley Mini-Messenger

For Schoolwide Info and Updates Each Week

Date: 1/4/21

## Important Announcements and Reminders

**Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> is a Student Work Day.** Students will join their class from 8:30am to approximately 9:00am for a live Morning Meeting for social emotional learning. For the remainder of the day students will engage in asynchronous learning assignments designed to review first semester learning to reactivate students' knowledge for the spring semester. Please see the attached letter for more details.

**New 21<sup>st</sup> century flexible furniture** has arrived! We look forward to the future return of students to their exciting new classrooms.

This month teachers will be giving various assessments such as Fastbridge and F&P. The purpose of assessments is for teachers to gain a sense of students' understanding and progress to guide instruction. In order for assessments to be accurate and helpful, please do not assist your child during assessments. Report Cards with information about your child's progress will go home February 5<sup>th</sup>.

## This Week

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	1/4	8:30am	First Day Back- Student Work Day
Tuesday	1/5		
Wednesday	1/6		
Thursday	1/7		
Friday	1/8	8:45am	AASG Meeting <a href="https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/84669380227?pwd=VldPKzhnVUtrVEVvdIN5SElQRtEtSdzO9">https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/84669380227?pwd=VldPKzhnVUtrVEVvdIN5SElQRtEtSdzO9</a>

## Next Week

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	1/11		
Tuesday	1/12		
Wednesday	1/13		
Thursday	1/14		
Friday	1/15		

## Upcoming Dates and Events

1/18 No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/22 Special Ed Resource Group Meeting
1/25 6pm Virtual Lincoln Show on the Road for 5 <sup>th</sup> Families
1/27 6:00pm PTA General Meeting
Tentative- 1/28 Virtual TK/K Roundup for Incoming 2021-22 Families
1/29 Virtual Assembly- TK/K, Pillar of Character- Caring
1/29 Student Work Day (Prep for 2/5 Report Cards)

## Flyers Attached

Reflective Parenting Training- led by School Counselor Carla- Sign-Up
Letter about Student Work Days from 12/14



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# JOIN US IN A FREE 10-WEEK VIRTUAL REFLECTIVE PARENTING WORKSHOP SERIES

**JANUARY 19TH – MARCH 23RD 2021  
TUESDAYS 9AM – 10:30AM  
VIA ZOOM**



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**FREE TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS ATTENDING JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY,  
MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY AND EDISON LANGUAGE ACADEMY**

\*LIMITED SLOTS! RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW! REGISTRATION CLOSES FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021 OR WHEN GROUP HAS REACHED CAPACITY (15 PARENTS).

December 14, 2020

RE: Student Work Day on 1/4/21

Dear McKinley parents and guardians,

The Santa Monica Malibu Classroom Teachers Association (SMMCTA) Union collaborates with the SMMUSD (District) to negotiate various contractual agreements. Several Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements were developed regarding the 2020-21 school year; if you'd like to read these detailed documents, they can be found [here](#).

As part of the school reopening agreement MOU, all TK-12 school sites have one "Student Work Day" first semester, and three Student Work Days second semester. Student Work Days have limited daily live interaction, with students engaged in asynchronous learning for the majority of the day. Distance Learning instructional minutes of combined synchronous and asynchronous learning will still be met (TK/K 180 minutes, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 230 minutes, and 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 240 minutes). The purpose of these days is to provide teachers time to prep, plan, and meet with individual students as needed.

In the fall teachers selected a day at their discretion to conduct one-on-one assessments with students. In the spring, the first **Student Work Day is scheduled schoolwide for Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>**, the first day back from break. On this day students will join their class from 8:30am to approximately 9:00am for a live Morning Meeting for social emotional learning. For the remainder of the day students will engage in asynchronous learning assignments provided by their teacher. The asynchronous assignments will be designed to review first semester learning to reactivate students' knowledge for the spring semester.

The weekend prior to January 4<sup>th</sup> teachers will email the zoom link for the Morning Meeting at 8:30am, directions for how to access the asynchronous assignments, and their weekly schedule.

The Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) and Site Leadership Team (SLT) of teachers and admin selected January 4<sup>th</sup> so that teachers have time to setup their classroom materials after the new furniture install that will occur over Winter Break. Also, this day occurring immediately following the two-week break will help students ease back into the routine of school. It is also the same day as the middle and high school pupil free day.

The **next Student Work Day is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>** to work on Report Cards, and the final day is TBD and will be scheduled towards the end of the school year.

Thank you. Have a wonderful Winter Break. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.



Dr. Benjamin