



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 30, 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

It is hard to believe that May is upon us. April flew by with our spring break. I hope that you and your family had the opportunity to rest and recharge during spring break. I spent some time visiting Charleston, South Carolina with friends and then traveled to San Francisco to see my family. During break, I always encourage our staff to take the time off work as the last 7 weeks of school are exhausting. Please read below for all of our updates.

Staffing:

Each new year brings change. One of those changes is staffing. We have already begun hiring staff for next year. We continue to have several vacancies. Please encourage anyone you know who is looking for a job as a teacher to review our vacancies on Edjoin.org.

Parent Academy:

Please join the SMMUSD Ed Services Team at the first Parent Academy on May 17th at 9 am. The event will take place at Lincoln Middle School and childcare will be provided. Please review the information in the link that is include with this letter. You can register for the event with the link. <https://forms.gle/hheT59ijG1CZS2sP8>

Parent Workshop:

Our next Parent Workshop will be on May 15th at 9:00 am at the District Office. The workshop will discuss Early Intervention. This is our last workshop of the year. The workshop flyer is attached to this letter.

PRN Meetings:

PRN members serve as resources for parents at each school. If you, as parents, have questions or concerns about IEP issues, resources in the community or want to talk to other parents with students with special needs, please reach out to them. The updated list of PRN contacts is on the website. We are still searching for a PRN rep for Olympic High School and Webster Elementary. Our next PRN meeting is via zoom on May 13th at 9:30 am via zoom.

IEP Signatures:

As we move to the end of the year, please make sure that you have signed your child's IEP. The teams cannot move forward working on new goal or services without parent consent. Please contact your case manager or coordinator if you have questions about your child's IEP.

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ESY:

Summer school dates on the district calendar are incorrect. Extended School Year (ESY) will run from June 23rd to July 18th, 2025. If your child qualifies for ESY you should have received forms electronically. Remember you must fill out the enrollment form as well as the transportation form. Your student is eligible for transportation if the summer school site is not your home school. Forms were due **March 21st**.

Transition Meetings:

For students matriculating to preschool, TK, kindergarten, sixth grade, or eighth grade the IEP team will be scheduling a transition meeting in the next few months. At the transition IEP meeting, the team will discuss special education classes and supports that are recommended for your student.

Coordinator Absence:

Dr. Brenda Clarke, coordinator for Malibu Middle and High School, SMASH, Lincoln and JAMS is out on medical leave until June 30th. During her absence, Francis Costanzo (fcostanzo@smmusd.org) is covering her school sites. Please email him if you have any questions.

Coordinators:

Here is the current contact list for our coordinators, please reach out to them with any concerns.

Carmen Durand (cdurand@smmusd.org) (Elementary Schools in Santa Monica)

Francis Costanzo (fcostanzo@smmusd.org) (Malibu Middle and High, SMASH, JAMS and LMS)

Hilda Salas (hsalas@smmusd.org) (SAMOHI, OCLC, PBL)

Melodi Johnson (Malibu ES, Webster, Preschool, Private, RTC, and NPS students)

With much gratitude and respect,

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