



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 20, 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

We made it to the end of the year! Thank you for helping to make the 2024-2025 school year so successful. This will be my last update until August. Please read all our updates below.

Staffing:

We must say goodbye to the following staff members who are retiring after many years of service in the district:

Dr. Juliette Boewe (MMS/MHS school psychologist)
Anne Serapiglia (SMASH SAI teacher)
Deniz Oyman (Edison SAI teacher)

These staff members are leaving us for other adventures, we wish them well:

Marquise Goodwin (SAI Teacher Rogers)
Sarah Krenick (OT Malibu Schools)
Devany Klein (SAI Teacher SAMOHI)
Carmen O'Conner (SAI Teacher SAMOHI)
Frank Miralda (SAI Teacher SAMOHI)
Sophia Olehmann (SAI Teacher Grant)
Maia Harris (SAI Teacher Franklin)
Paul Brown (SAI Teacher SMASH)
Lauren Bruns (SLP Mckinley)
Megan Lien (SAI Teacher Malibu Elementary)
Kristina Milne (SAI Teacher Mckinley)

Some staff members will be moving to different assignments next year. I will share more about this in the new year, but these staff members include Taylor Egli, April Rosales, Mayra Johnson and Casey Elmhirst.

Currently we have hired 13 certificated teachers and have 6 more vacancies to fill. Our principals and Special Education Admin Team is hard at work interviewing for these positions.

ESY:

Summer school dates on the district calendar are incorrect. Extended School Year (ESY) will run from June 23rd to July 18th, 2025. Letters regarding summer school class placements were sent out last week via email. If you did not receive one, please check your junk email. Please contact Jillian Bucciero for any questions about ESY (jbucciero@smmusd.org).

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Progress Notes:

Many of you should have received a progress note along with the general education report card. If you had an IEP meeting within the past month, you may not have received one. Please follow up with your coordinator if you have not received one.

Summer Communication:

As a reminder, all teachers are not required to check their email over the summer unless they are working summer school. Please allow our wonderful staff to enjoy this break and prepare for the new year.

Paraeducator Breakfast;

We just completed three days of training for our paraeducators. They participated in training with several different departments. They learned about the new math curriculum, working with students with trauma and anxiety as well as opportunities to strengthen their teams. A huge thank you to Betsy Marsolan and Adrienne Ransom, who helped coordinate a breakfast on Friday the 13th. Thank you to all the parents who donated to that breakfast.

New Coordinator:

I am very pleased to announce that we will have a new coordinator on July 1st. Dr. Michael Hoover, school psychologist at Grant Elementary, will transition over to our admin team. Michael and I have worked together for over ten years, and I know he will be an amazing addition to our team. He is also a BCBA and has previously served as the lead for Autism for the SELPA.

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)
Dr. Michael Hoover (starting July 1st) (mhoover@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)

Thank you for helping to make this year successful.
With much gratitude,

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