

EL SEMANARIO



Edison Language Academy

September 27- October 1, 2021

Announcements

Site Council Elections – Congratulations to newly elected members of the Site Council: Chairperson Gina Engler (parent representative), Vice Chairperson Constanza Murcia, and Secretary Camila Mejia (teacher representatives). Other members of Site Council include: parents Idurre Alonso, José Felipe Martinez, Francine Ortega, and Valeria Vega and school staff members Aida Díaz-Roquette, Diane Gonzalez, and Lori Orum. Members are elected by their peers and serve two-year terms.

Free Covid-19 PCR Testing for Parents at Clover Park – If you'd like to do your own regular COVID-19 testing, there is a new appointment-only testing location at the offices of site Clover Park (2600 Ocean Park Blvd.) in Santa Monica. Testing is free and available to Los Angeles County residents without regard to immigration status, insurance status, age or underlying health issues. Time slots are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both English and Spanish-speaking assistance will be provided on-site.

Visit covid19.lacounty.gov/testing to make an appointment. L.A. County residents without digital access can call 2-1-1, where operators can assist with appointments.

CREST Enrichment -- The start date for fall CREST Enrichment classes has been pushed back to the week of October 4 and will now be an 8-week session. Fees will be pro-rated to account for fewer classes this session.

Toys and Electronics at School -- A reminder that children should not bring toys, expensive personal items, or money to school. This includes cell phones. If for some reason children **need** any of those items for after school, the items must remain in their backpacks for the full school day. Please remember that elementary school students don't have lockers, so there is no "secure" location in which to lock up personal belongings and the school is not liable for any loss or damage. If you feel that your child needs to have a cell phone to contact you after school, please request and complete a waiver and return it to the office. Cell phones or other electronic devices must be turned off during the school day.

PTA Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 6 at 6:00 pm

From the Principal's Desk

Each year, the Edison Site Council develops a School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), a plan based on achievement and attendance data. Site Council sets goals for the following year, selects research-based strategies to achieve goals in three key areas, and allocates resources in the school budget to achieve the SPSA Goals. Goals are developed in three key areas, aligned to the District LCAP plan:

- Improving overall student achievement and closing achievement gaps;
- Increasing the achievement of English learners; and
- Promoting safety and engagement of students and families.

Site Council also oversees the implementation of the plan and each year reviews progress made toward implementation and progress toward goals. Based on that review, and input from stakeholders, Site Council begins to develop the annual plan for the following year. We finalize this work in the fall, when we usually have access to summative achievement and attendance data from the prior year and formative data from fall assessments. We use this information to revisit our goals, strategies, and budget – adjusting as necessary. We also share this information with the wider community, and with our English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC) and entertain suggestions different stakeholders. The final plan goes to the School Board for review and approval later in October.

We're holding two briefings as a part of that process in the coming weeks and invite your participation.

On October 5, from 5:00-6:30 pm, we'll review 2020-2021 schoolwide data, progress toward goals and share initial plans for 2021-2022. There will be an opportunity for questions, answers and suggestions.

On October 6 from 4:00-6:30 pm, ELAC will hold a special meeting to look specifically at data on English learners and plans for increasing achievement of English learners. To join either or both meetings, use this link: <https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/5851786538?pwd=UVlwQ0hPRkttNDVlc25iYi9CVG9HQ09>

Site Council will hold a special meeting on October 13 at 4:30 pm to consider the input received and review and take action on the final plan – sending it along for District review and Board approval.