# McKinley mini-messenger 

## this week wednesday to wednesday September 30-October 7

## REMINDER!

Thurs. 10/1
8:45am

Mon-Fri 10/5-10/9

Tues. 10/6

Wed. 10/7

Coming up:
10/8-8:30 am
10/9
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Jue. 10/1
Lun.-Vie. 10/5-9
Mar 10/6

Mie. 10/7

Acercándose:
10/8-8:30 am 10/9

It's SMMEF Pledge Week! Remember to make your donation
Room Parent Meeting - Cafeteria

PTA Reflections Art Workshops - all week

Restaurant Night at Veggie Grill - See flyer and bring it with you!

Harvest Festival Meeting - every Wednesday in October in the Cafeteria

Snack Sales
PTA Meeting \& Literacy Night - Auditorium
ELAC Meeting - Auditorium
Bike It/Walk It Day
¡Es la Semana de Promesa! Recuerden de hacer su donación
Reunión Padre de Salón - Cafetería
Talleres de Arte Reflexiones PTA - toda semana
Noche de Restaurante Para la Familia en Veggie Grill - Buscar el volante y traerlo con usted!
Reunión Festival de la Cosecha en la Cafetería, cada miércoles en octubre

Venta de Meriendas/Snacks

Reunión PTA; Noche de Literatura para la familia - Auditorio

Reunión AASG - en el Auditorio
Dia En Bicicleta/Caminando


Week of September 28

Dear McKinley Families:

Our $1^{\text {st }}$ coffee with the principal is September $29^{\text {th }}$ at $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ in the library. Mike Ostrom, our literacy coach, will be presenting our literacy nights program for the year (topics \& dates/times). Teague, our PTA president, will also be on hand to answer any questions. A representative from the Santa Monica Malibu Ed Foundation will present parental/community support needed. Hope to see you there!

Teachers and staff have been very busy going above and beyond to support students' diverse needs. As I observe classrooms, I've noted students being on task and engaged. Students have been engaged in a variety of read alouds, close reading, words their way activities, academic conferencing, CGI strategies, reflex math and TenMarks. Teachers have been closely monitoring student progress and setting grade level and classroom goals. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding homework or the classroom curriculum. It's important to have two-way communication with your child's teacher.

Our superintendent, Sandy Lyon, and our board of education members will be visiting McKinley on Tuesday. They will visit some classrooms and have lunch with the students during the grade 4 and grade 5 lunch period. We're looking forward to their visit and highlighting the amazing things going on at McKinley.

Each week I will be selecting students to have "lunch with the principal." Students who receive MAC slips are eligible to have lunch with me. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to get to know each student.

Remember, every Friday is school spirit day. Be sure to wear your McKinley shirt or blue and gold to show your school spirit!

Additionally, every Friday is car free Friday! We encourage you to ride your bike, walk, or carpool each Friday! Thank you, again, for all your support!

Sincerely,

Susan Yakich Principal


## McKinley Paperless Families:

## Please check your child's Wed. Folder for your child's class roster.

If you would like your class roster emailed to you, please email your request to: loyenoki@smmusd.org


Familias de McKinley Carpeta de Miercoles sin papeles:

## Por favor revisar la Carpeta del Miércoles para la lista de la clase de su hijo/a.

Si desea que su lista de la clase sea enviado por correo electrónico, por favor envíe su solicitud a: loyenoki@smmusd.org


## BETTER SCHOOL LUNCHES

SMMUSD-Food \& Nutrition Services serves healthy student meals offering menu items which have whole grain, reduced sodium and/or transfat content.

Make $1 / 2$ your plate fruits and vegetables with our Salad bar and Cool Lunch
Orange Chicken as featured and sold at Trader Joe's
All bread, buns and rolls are whole wheat/whole grain
No frying
Chicken products featured on the October menu are from Tyson Foods (except the Orange Chicken)
All turkey products on the October menu are from Jennie 0
All pizza products are whole grain and low fat mozzarella cheese
A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, including legumes, are features daily on our salad bars


## Helping Your Child Succeed at McKinley Elementary <br> 2015-16

# You are invited to participate in McKinley's "School Smarts Parent Academy" 

To be held at school in the Auditorium<br>8:45a.m-10:00a.m.<br>You must attend the following sessions on Tuesdays from 8:45a.m. - 10:00a.m.<br>Refreshments will be provided at 8:30a.m. We will start promptly at 8:45a.m.

| Session 1: | $10 / 27 / 15$ | Parent Involvement: A Key Ingredient in Student Success. <br> First Session Only in Room 201 <br> Preparing for a Life Time of Learning. |
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| Session 2: | $11 / 03 / 15$ | Understanding Our Education School System |
| Session 3: | $11 / 10 / 15$ | Understanding Our Local School System. |
| Session 4: | $11 / 17 / 15$ | Becoming an Effective Communicator |
| Session 5: | $11 / 24 / 15$ | Standing Up for Quality Education - Taking Action and <br> Celebrating Leadership |
| Sessions $6 \& 7: 12 / 02 / 15$ | Graduation |  |

Sign Up and return it to Lily Marquez in the front office as soon as possible, so we can reserve your space - thanks!

Name: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$


School Smarts is a parent engagement program designed to help parents and guardians become more knowledgeable and involved in their elementary schools. The program is based on statewide parent research and is being offered in select schools in California during the 2015-2015 school year. It is supported by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, in partnership with the California State PTA.


# ENGLISH LEARNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AUDITORIUM 

Thursday, October 8, 2015<br>8:30AM

Agenda:

1. Susan Yakich - Principal's Update
2. Rachel Faulkner Associate Director - SMMEF (Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation)
3. Monica Villasenor - CREST Programs
4. Announcements and Calendar

## ~ SPECLAL ANNOUNCEMENT ~

We are now accepting nominations for parents who would like to represent our committee ELACEnglish Learners Advisory Committee. If you are interested in being a representative complete the information below, and return it to Lily Marquez by $10 / 5 / 15$ in the front office. We will conduct the elections at our meeting 10/08/15.

## ELAC MEETINGS

The committee meets once a month to gather information about what is happening in the school, district, and community. At these meetings, parents also express their questions, suggestions and concerns.

Translation provided at every meeting.

Come by for a cup of coffee!

## EVERYONE IS INVITED!

## THANK YOU:




# McKinley Elementary School Fundraiser 

Tuesday, October 6 4-10pm

Present this flyer or mention the fundraiser and $50 \%$ of your food \& beverage purchases will be donated to McKinley Elementary PTA

## Veggie Grill

2025 Wilshire Blvd
Santa Monica
310.829.1155
(at 21st Street)

Excludes tax, comps \& gift cards
donation void if customers are solicited or flyers are handed out in or near restaurant


Sustainability \& Beautification Committee

## PTA Reflections ART Workshops

October 5-9 | 3-4pm @ tables outside the cafeteria (1:30-2:30 Wednesday)

This national arts program encourages kids to explore their talents with a new theme each year. This year's theme is:

## Let your imagination fly!

Want to make art at home? Kids can submit film, dance, literature, music, photography and visual arts to this friendly, national arts competition. Or kids can join the workshop and enjoy an afternoon of creativity!
Questions? Contact Catherine Mahmoudi at catherinemahmoudi@gmail.com.


## Talleres de Arte Reflexiones PTA

Octubre 5-9 | 3-4p.m. en las mesas afuera de la cafetería. (1:30-2:30 Miércoles)
Este programa nacional anima a los a niños a explorar sus talentos con un nuevo tema cada año. El tema de este año es:
¡Permitir que tu imaginación vuele!
¡Desea hacer arte en casa? Los niños pueden entregar película, baile, literatura, música, fotografía y artes visuales a esta competencia nacional de artes. ¡O los niños pueden unirse al taller y disfrutar una tarde de creatividad!
¿Preguntas? Contactar a Catherine Mahmoudi: catherinemahmoudi@gmail.com.

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The annual McKinley Halloween Harvest Festival will be held Friday, October 30th from 4-7pm!

Please join us in the cafeteria after drop off each Wednesday morning in
October for a quick meeting to plan a great night of games, activities, food, and of course the Haunted House!

If you have ideas you'd like to share but cannot attend, contact Doug DeBeech: dbsquared1@aol.com or 310-909-3795.


## Preparándonos: FalloweenFestival de la Cosecha! <br> Este año, el festival sera el viernes 30 de octubre 4-7pm!

Favor de acompañarnos en la cafetería después de dejar a sus niños en la escuela cada miércoles en el mes de octubre para un rápido mensaje para planear una noche grande de juegos, actividades, comida, y desde luego la Casa de Fantasmas!

Si usted tiene una idea que le gustaría compartir, pero no puede asistir a las reuniones, favor de contactar directamente a Doug DeBeech:
dbsquared1@aol.com or 310-909-3795.

# Attention 5th Grade Families: <br> Your Reservation and Deposit/First Payment for the 5th grade PALI INSTITUTE TRIP (March 16-18) is DUE THURSDAY October 1st 

Questions? Contact Lily Marquez in the office (Imarquez@smmusd.org).

## PAYMENT OPTIONS:

## PAY IN FULL: \$375 (due Oct. 1)

PAY IN 3 PAYMENTS: \$125 each (due Oct. 1, Nov. 1 \& Dec. 1)
CHECKS: Please make checks out to McKinley Elementary School
CASH: Must be delivered to the front office by an adult and the adult must obtain a receipt.
Please do not send cash to school with your child.
CREDIT CARD: You may also may with a credit card by filling in the information below OR online at www.McKinleyPTA.com/pali

Please deliver all payments to the front office, not to the classroom.
Please keep the top for reference, and remit the bottom portion with your payment. Your payment reserves your spot and is non-refundable.

## Yes, my child is going to Pall!

Child's Name: $\qquad$ Teacher: $\qquad$
Parent's Name: $\qquad$

## PLEASE MARK WHICH OPTION YOU ARE CHOOSING:

$\qquad$ pay in full: \$375 $\qquad$ pay in three payments: $\$ 125$ each payment
$\qquad$ l'd like to donate $\$$ $\qquad$ for scholarships for other McKinley kids

## TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

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_Cash __Check (Payable to McKinley Elementary School) (Cash or Check Preferred.)
Credit $\qquad$ MasterCard $\qquad$ VISA Card Number $\qquad$
Name on Card* $\qquad$ Zip Code* $\qquad$
Expiration Date* $\qquad$ Security Code* $\qquad$ *required

Signature* $\qquad$
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