



McKinley mini-messenger

this week wednesday to wednesday October 7 - 14

TONIGHT	6:00pm	PTA Meeting & Literacy Night - Auditorium
Now-Fri 10/9	after school	PTA Reflections Art Workshops - free art workshops at tables outside of the cafeteria!
Now-Fri 10/9		Bike it/Walk it Days
Th. 10/8	8:30am	ELAC Meeting
Tue. 10/13		Cold Stone Night Fundraiser - Teachers will be mixing ice cream!
Wed. 10/14	8:45am	Harvest Festival Meeting in Cafeteria, every Wed. in October
	1:35pm	Snack Sales - Jamba Juice
Coming up:	10/15	Great Shakeout Earthquake Drill
<i>¡ESTA NOCHE!</i>	6:00pm	<i>Reunión PTA y Noche de Literatura Para la Familia - Auditorio</i>
<i>Ahora a Vie. 10/9</i>	<i>después de clases</i>	<i>Talleres de Arte Reflexiones PTA - talleres de arte gratis afuera de la cafeteria</i>
		<i>Dias de Llegar En Bicicleta o Caminando</i>
<i>Jue. 10/8</i>	8:30am	<i>Reunión ELAC</i>
<i>Mar. 10/13</i>		<i>Noche de Cold Stone - ¡Su maestro(a) puede estar allí combinando y mezclando tu helado!</i>
<i>Mié. 10/10</i>	8:45am	<i>Reunión Festival de la Cosecha en la Cafetería, cada miércoles en octubre</i>
	1:35pm	<i>Venta de Meriendas/Snacks</i>
Acercándose:	10/15	Practica en Caso de Terremoto



Week of October 5

Dear McKinley Families:

Fall is in the air! I can't believe we're in the month of October! Time flies!

Our teachers are working hard to provide a high quality educational experience for each child. As I visit classrooms, I've been observing students in a variety of settings (i.e. whole group, small group, 1:1). Students are happy, engaged and focused. Teachers are working hard to meet the diverse and unique needs of each student. Students are engaged in close reading, differentiated small reading groups, summary writing, CGI math strategies, academic conferencing, words their way activities & so much more. Many teachers are asking students to set goals for themselves and teachers are continuously monitoring students' progress. We have an amazing school community who go above and beyond to support each student. If you have any questions regarding your child's curriculum, please see your child's teacher.

Our 1st literacy night is Wednesday at 6:45 pm. The TK-grade 1 presentation will be hosted by our literacy coach, Mary Scifres, in Room 100. The grade 2-5 presentation will be hosted by our literacy coach, Mike Ostrom, in our auditorium! This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get specific grade level information regarding your child's language arts curriculum. Babysitting will be provided in the cafeteria for ages 4 and up. Light refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you there!

The state testing results are in, and if your child is in grades 4-5, you should have received your son/daughter's results via mail. We now have a baseline for testing and our goal is to improve by 10% more students meeting/exceeding grade level standards next year. Grades 3-5 teachers met with an educational consultant to analyze the testing data, discuss strengths and areas of growth, set goals, share best practices and plan instruction. Grade K-2 teachers met with our site literacy coaches, Mary Scifres & Mike Ostrom to analyze district data, set goals & share best practices. The education consultant will be back in January to continue working with grade 3-5 teachers. Below is a summary of the results per grade level:

Grade 3	Math	64% met/exceeded standards	Language Arts	63% met/exceeded standards
Grade 4	Math	55% met/exceeded standards	Language Arts	58% met/exceeded standards
Grade 5	Math	41% met/exceeded standards	Language Arts	56% met/exceeded standards

This week is Bike It/Walk It Week (October 7-9). We hope you can participate by getting to school in a car free manner! Staff from the Office of Senator Ben Allen will distribute safety information on Wednesday before school. And Kind Bars will be distributed on Friday to those individuals who come to school in a car free-way (bike, walk, skate board, scooter, etc.). Hope you can join us by participating.

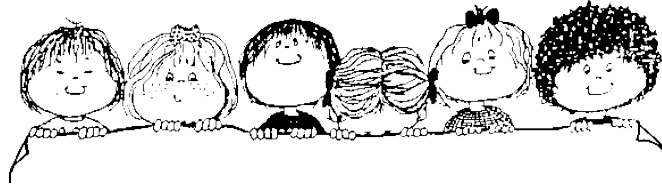
Student council is up and running thanks to our student council coordinators: Heather Lowe, Maryke Alvarez, David Edwards & Stephane Corbel. Students are planning some exciting projects. This is a wonderful opportunity for grade 4 & 5 students to take on leadership roles.

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

Sincerely,

Susan Yakich
Principal





McKinley Elementary School TK/Kindergarten Forum

Sorry we missed you during our last TK/Kindergarten Forum!
Here are some highlights from our discussion...

Your Child's Transition to Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten

➤ What has the Tk/K experience been like for your child and yourself?

- Several parents shared they have noticed a shift in their child's behavior at home, with some children using inappropriate terms/phrases learned outside of the home.
- A few parents highlighted their own struggles of separating from their child this school year.
- Many parents agreed on the overall difficulties of parenting and attempting to appropriately support their child's social-emotional growth.

Importance of Tk/K

- This is often the first time a child will be away from parents for a longer period of time, in a more structured classroom (with several peers), and increased behavioral expectations.
- It's a period of critical social-emotional growth, including the areas of: expression and management of emotion, pro-social behaviors, classroom behaviors, self confidence, and establishing positive relationships.
- Current research shows that *self-regulation of emotions/behavior* is one of the strongest predictors of academic success and leads to success in the workplace, social settings and overall in life.

How to Help your Child Learn to Identify and Express their Emotions

- Behaviors can tell you a lot! Children at this age may have difficulty verbalizing their feelings so adults can help children **name** their feelings and help him/her **process** those feelings.
 - Ex: "I think you felt sad when your friend did not want to play with you."
- You can help your child practice identifying emotions in other children by playing games that focus on facial expressions, body language, social-scenarios, etc.
 - Ex: "Look at my face.... What do you think I may be feeling right now?"
- It's important to help your child identify their own positive coping tools ("coping toolkit") so they can learn appropriate ways to regulate their feelings. Examples include deep breathing, counting to 10, squeezing Play Doh, etc.

Supporting Social Interactions and Promoting Pro-Social Behavior

- Children often learn and express themselves through play so allowing them to do so is critical.
- Observe your child's interactions with peers and praise/guide them as necessary.
- Discuss expected behaviors at home, in the classroom and in the community at large. This can include age-appropriate discussions about family/cultural values.

Important Points to Remember

- Children are learning to regulate their feelings/behaviors, while navigating new social situations; therefore, they may engage in unexpected or inappropriate behavior at some point.
- Always remember children (and parents) are life-long learners and should be allowed to make mistakes sometimes. There is no such thing as a perfect child or parent [research shows you just have to be a "good enough" parent]!

Veteran's Appreciation Project

Let's make Veterans Day special!

Art teacher Heather Lowe is going to help facilitate the creation of a timeline of McKinley relatives who have served. We will display the timeline in our school in honor of all veterans and in recognition of their dedication and loyal service to their country.



Do you have a relative to honor?

Donate a picture	or	Donate a poem
8" x 8" or smaller; no originals, please. The picture may not be returned.		If you don't have a picture, you may write a short poem or note about your relative. Again, 8"x8" or smaller, please.
On the back, please write the following in pencil your name their name their relationship to you dates they served branch of service (if known)		On the back, please write the following in pencil your name their name their relationship to you dates they served branch of service (if known)

Ms. Lowe will work with volunteers to paste the dedications on a dark blue papers and decorate each one with a red poppy.

Please **leave your submissions in the box in the office as soon as possible** as we will assemble the timeline through October.

Veterans' Day Celebration at McKinley Elementary

October 5, 2015

Dear McKinley Families,

On Friday, November 6, 2015, McKinley Elementary School would like to honor our veterans with a very special morning celebration. Each student may bring veterans to our celebration. The celebration will be held in the library from 7:45-8:30 a.m. Our veterans and students will be treated to a special assembly.

Please note, this special morning is for our students and their veteran guest(s) ONLY. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate additional family members. Parking will be provided for our veteran guest(s).

We need to know how many students and veteran guest(s) to plan for. Please have your child turn in their RSVP slips (bottom of the attached invitation) by Friday, October 31st. You can also call or email your RSVP to Ms. Raneq Barber, Administrative Assistant, at 310.828-5011 Ext. 65.123 or email rbarber@smmusd.org.

Thank you,
Susan Yakich, Ed.D.
Principal

 **Cut here and return bottom portion to the office by Friday, October 30th.**

Student Name _____ Room # _____

I will be attending the Veterans' Day celebration on Friday, November 6 at 7:45 a.m.

_____ Number of veteran's attending.

Please return the bottom portion to the office by Friday, October 30th.



McKinley Paperless Families:

From the following classrooms:

Adams-Hoffman, Cervantes, Galasso, Galvan, Herman,
Kim, Marks, McCraw/King, Moore, Plasencia, Snow, &
Treuenfels

*Please check your child's Wed. Folder for an
updated class roster.*

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





*McKinley Elementary School
Fundraiser*

Tuesday October 13th
2:30 to 9:00 pm

***Cold Stone Creamery Santa Monica
1824 Wilshire Blvd (@19th Street)***

Fundraising Never Tasted So Good!

*The Teachers will be here to mix
your ice cream!!!*





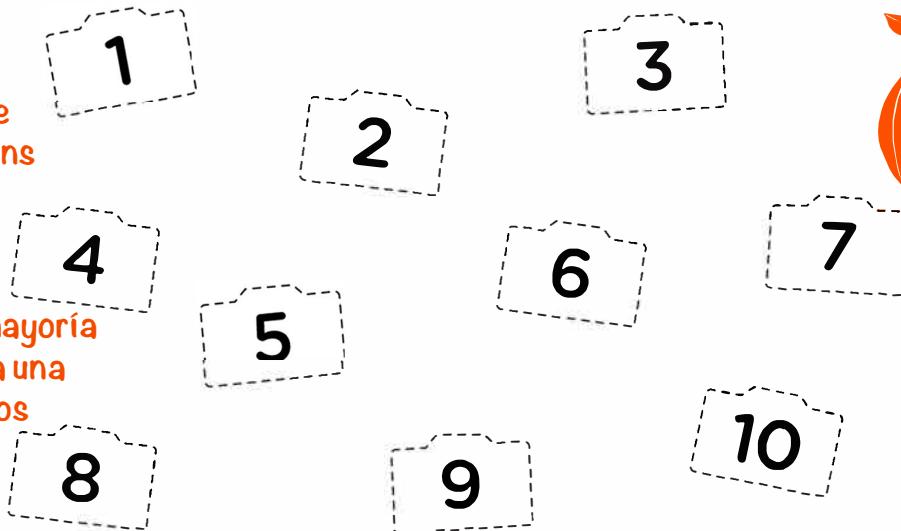
Turn in Box Tops by October 23rd

Entregar los BoxTops el 23 de octubre



the class with the
most boxtops wins
a popsicle party

la clase con la mayoría
de boxtops gana una
fiesta con helados



You can tape or paste BoxTops to this sheet or just drop them
off in the box in your classroom!
Download more sheets from www.mckinleypta.com/boxtops

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apenas caerlos apagado en la caja en su sala de clase!
Transfiera más hojas de www.mckinleypta.com/boxtops

Child's name/nombre: _____

Teacher/Maestro(a) _____



Elemental Strings & Band

The school year is starting and so are we! Hundreds of students have developed their skills in our fun ensembles, all while growing as part of a musical community that often lasts for many years.

More detailed information can be found at our website, www.elementalstrings.com. Financial aid is available to those who qualify. **Please sign up online!**

Prelude Program

The Prelude Program is a great way for eager and excited beginning string students to learn at a fast pace and play exciting pieces that challenge them in different ways than the music played in school. Friendships built in the ensemble are long-lasting and many of our students often continue through the more advanced Elemental Strings orchestras together, prepared with the strong foundation that they developed in the Prelude Program. No experience nor audition necessary.



Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays, 3:45-5:45 at McKinley Elementary School.

Elemental Guitar

One of our newest programs provides young guitar students the unique opportunity to collaborate and learn fun music with friends in an ensemble environment. Open to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. No experience nor audition necessary. Private lessons are recommended.



Rehearsals will be on Thursdays, 3:45-5:45 at SMASH.

Pinewood Derby

Lots of MUD

Cool Sports

Mmmmm S'moores!

Fun Adventures

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Visit Cub Scouts Pack 10

Join us for our Pack meetings, play games & learn more about all the fun things we do at Pack 10!

Thursday, Oct. 15th and/or Nov. 19 at 6:30 pm

Will Rogers Elementary School Cafeteria
 2401 14th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Contact: Janet Gondo
 janetgondo@earthlink.net



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The Cub Scouting Program

The Cub Scouting program is a year-round program that boys can join at any time. It is flexible enough to work with other programs in which boys might also be involved.

El Programa Cub Scouting es un programa que dura todo el año y los niños pueden ingresar en cualquier momento. Es lo suficientemente flexible para alternar con otros programas en los cuales los niños participen.

Tiger (1st Grade) (1er. grado)

Oriented to boys and parents.

Work on big ideas to search, discover, and share.

Objectives: Prepare family for Cub Scouting.

Boys and parents work one-on-one with other families.

Orientado a padres e hijos. Trabajan en grandes ideas para buscar, descubrir y compartir. Objetivos: Preparar a la familia para Cub Scouting. Niños y padres trabajan en equipo con otras familias.



Cub Scouts (2nd & 3rd Grades) (2o. y 3er. grado)

Family-centered program.

Boys meet regularly in small groups to work on projects.

Learning is achieved through an advancement program.

Uniforms, badges, games, sports, fun!

Los niños se reúnen de manera regular en grupos pequeños para trabajar en proyectos.

El aprendizaje se logra a través de un programa de avance.

¡Uniformes, insignias de avance, juegos, deportes, diversión!



Webelos Scouting (4th & 5th Grades) (4o. y 5o. grado)

Begin outdoor experiences.

Boys meet regularly with adult leaders.

Learning is achieved through a hobby and life skills program called activity badges.

Comienzan las experiencias al aire libre.

Los niños se reúnen de manera regular con líderes adultos.

El aprendizaje se logra a través de un programa de actividades y experiencias llamado Insignias de actividad.

Boy Scouts (6th - 12th Grades) (6o. a 12o. grado)

Outdoor activities with emphasis on character, citizenship and leadership training.

Actividades al aire libre con énfasis en carácter, civismo y capacitación en liderazgo.

Welcome to Scouting

We would like to invite you to visit a few websites about Scouting.

www.bsa-la.org - This is our council website which has information on upcoming events and training along with program resources for Scouts, parents and leaders.

www.BeAScout.org - This is a new website designed to help families find a Scouting unit near them along with some information about the unit's program.

www.scouting.org - This is our national website that has a variety of information and resources for families new to the Scouting program as well as those who have been involved for years.

Can't make the event on the front of the flyer?

If you are unable to attend the meeting you can still sign your son up for Scouting. Simply call the contact(s) listed on the front side of this flyer, or contact the Western Los Angeles County Council at 818-785-8700 (Main Office), our Membership Hotline at 424-291-2721 or mail in the form below. For more information, check out the BSA website at **www.BeAScout.org**.

Cub Scouting: Sign Me Up!

NOMBRE DEL NIÑO
Boy's Name: _____

DIRECCIÓN
Address: _____

ESCUELA
School: _____

GRADO EDAD
Grade: _____ Age: _____

NOMBRE DEL PADRE
Parent's Name: _____

NÚMERO TELEFÓNICO
Phone: _____

CORREO ELECTRÓNICO
Email: _____

Please clip and mail to :
Western Los Angeles Council, BSA
Attn: Join Cub Scouts
16525 Sherman Way, C8
Van Nuys, CA 91406

How much will Scouting cost?

The registration fee to join the BSA is \$24 per year. You also have the option to subscribe to Boy's Life Magazine for an additional \$12, which is mailed directly to your son at home every month. Each Pack may have small fees to cover program and material costs. Youth will have the opportunity to "earn their own way" by participating in our popcorn and Camp card sales!

What is my role as a parent?

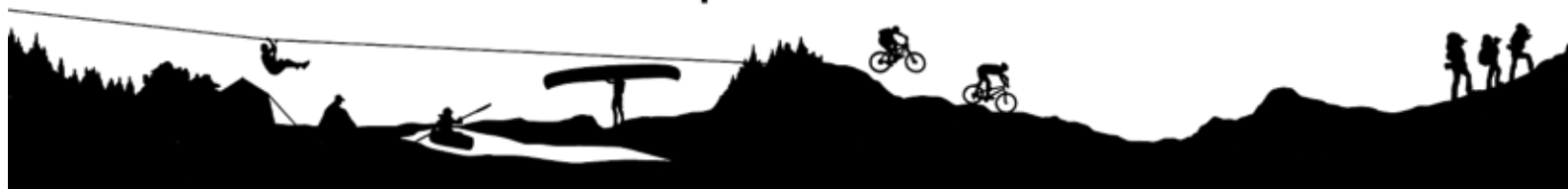
Cub Scouting is a program that parents and sons can do together. Parents who volunteer will spend an average of 2-4 hours each week involved in scouting activities. As a parent volunteer, there are a variety of positions to fill including, unit leaders, pack committee chairmen, committee members, den leader coaches, and chartered organization representatives. Training is provided to the parent. It's a great way to strengthen the parent/child bond!

Family Camping Opportunities

Part of the excitement of Scouting is going camping! We want to personally invite you to attend Fall and Spring Family Camping Weekends at our beautiful Scout Camps! You and your son will enjoy learning about the outdoors, participating in fun activities, and building the bond between parent/guardian and son! Visit our website at <http://www.bsa-la.org/cub-events> for more information and register early to ensure a spot at each event!

The experiences that a boy has in Cub Scouting will support his growth in school and in his community!

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Make a splash!

WITH

Team Santa Monica



WHAT?

Team Santa Monica offers swim classes for beginners, teaching water safety & stroke technique



WHY?

Water safety, preparation for competitive program & preparation for Junior Guards

WHEN?

Flexible schedule, Monday - Saturday
Assessments MWF 3:30 - 3:45 PM
No appointment necessary



WHO?

Ages 3 & up

ABOUT TSM

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OR CALL:

Coach Carl: (509) 386 1142



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