

McKinley mini-messenger

this week wednesday to wednesday **November 11 - 18**

Sun. 11/15	11am-4pm	Santa Monica Bike Festival - McKinley Playground
Tues. 11/17	8:45am	School Smarts Academy - Auditorium
	6:00pm	Coffee with the Principal - Room 201
	6:45pm	Literacy Night - TK-1 in Room 100 and Gr 2-5 Room 201
Wed. 11/18	8:45am	Joint PTA/AASG/ELAC Meeting - Auditorium
		See's Candy Sale Begins! Same great candy - same price as in the store!
	1:45pm	Snack Sales
Coming Up:		11/19: Room Parent Meeting - 8:45am - Cafeteria

Dom. 11/15	11am - 4pm	Festival de Bicicletas de Santa Monica - En el Patio de McKinley
Mar. 11/17	8:45am	Academia de School Smarts - Auditorio
	6:00pm	Cafe con la Directora - Salon 100
	6:45pm	Noche de Literacia - TK-1 en el Salon 100 y Gr 2-5 Salon 201
Mié. 11/18	8:45am	Reunion de PTA/AASG/ELAC - Auditorio
		¡Empieza la Venta de Dulces See! ¡El mismo dulce fabuloso - el mismo precio como en la tienda!
	1:45pm	Venta de Meriendas/Snacks
Acercándose:		11/19: Reunión Padre de Salón - 8:45am - Cafetería

HELP MCKINLEY EVERY TIME YOU SHOP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Go to www.McKinleyPTA.com/shop and see all that you can do!

These are **FREE** ways to support McKinley. See Ralphs Club flyer in this folder.
Grandparents, aunts, uncles and even family friends can do all of this as well!



¡Ayudar a Recaudar Dinero para McKinley cada vez que usted compre para la temporada de las fiestas navideñas!
Ir a www.McKinleyPTA.com/shop y vea todo lo que usted puede hacer! Estos son maneras GRATIS para apoyar a McKinley. Ver los volantes de Ralphs Club en esta carpeta. **Abuelos, tíos, tías y aún amigos de la familia pueden hacer todo esto también!**



Week of November 9

Dear McKinley Families:

Special thanks to our FABULOUS PTA for organizing our annual harvest festival on October 30th. And a BIG thank you to all our parent volunteers and staff volunteers for helping during this event. We couldn't do this without all your help & support!

SMMUSD and McKinley offer a great deal of professional development to our teachers. We give teachers an opportunity to receive on-going training in math, language arts, classroom management and safety (just to name a few). Additionally, teachers are given substitutes so that they can assess student learning throughout the year. Then teachers meet together as a grade level team with our site literacy coaches to review the data, create student/grade level goals and share best practices. New teachers are also part of a 2 year BTSA program that involve full day sessions. Because of the above mentioned, teachers can miss quite a few days of school. While we make every effort to have same substitute for consistency purposes, this is not always possible. However, teachers leave very detailed lesson plans so student learning is not compromised. We understand that teachers being absent is a concern, but we will do all that we can to ensure high quality education takes place each day.

McKinley will be hosting a Bike Festival in conjunction with the City of Santa Monica on Sunday, November 15 from 11-4. A flyer will be going home shortly with all the details. This is a great community event that we hope you can take part in! Special thanks to the Sustainability and Beautification Committee and our city for organizing this special event!

Parent/teacher conferences will continue this week. It's important to meet with your child's teacher regularly to keep the lines of communication open. If you have any questions regarding your child's educational program, please see your child's teacher. You can set up an appointment by emailing your son's/daughter's teacher. It's important to discuss ways to support your child in and out of the classroom.

Our next literacy event is November 17 at 6:45 pm and November 19 at 8:45 am. The power point presentations are available on our website in case you can't make the meeting. Special thanks to our literacy coaches, Mary & Mike, for presenting.

Our next Coffee with The Principal is November 17 in Room 203 at 6:00 pm. Our guest speaker will be providing safety information for the Metro Link.

As a reminder, in observance of Veterans' Day, school will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th.

Please be sure to sign in at the office each time you're on campus and wear a visitor badge. Please let office personnel know your reason to be on campus and where you will be visiting. This protocol is to keep our students and staff safe. We appreciate your assistance.

Remember, every Friday is school spirit day. Be sure to wear your McKinley shirt or blue and gold to show your school spirit! Also, every Friday is "car free" Fridays. Support healthy living by walking, biking, scooting, skateboarding or roller skating to school.

Sincerely,

Susan Yakich
Principal



Santa Monica

FAMILY BIKE FESTIVAL



SUNDAY!

11 am - 4 pm

November 15, 2015

McKinley Elementary

2401 Santa Monica Blvd

***festival access on Chelsea Ave**



Schedule:

- 11am: Festival begins (skills course: 11a-3p)
- Noon: Commencement
- 3pm : Group Ride
- 4pm: End/ Final Raffle

For more info./ updates visit:
santamonicasaferoutes.org
<http://smbikefestival.wix.com/event>

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Sustainability & Beautification Committee 

LITERACY NIGHT



Dear McKinley Families,

*We are thrilled to invite you to our next Literacy Night on **Tuesday, November 17th at 6:45pm** after coffee with the principal.*

At this session, we will be presenting different topics depending on your child's grade level:

Grades TK/K/1 will be focusing in on phonics (the difference between phonics, phonemic awareness and word work) in the classroom. We will look at what each of these topics by exploring the what, the why and the how. In addition, we will discuss how you can support this work at home.

Grades 2-5 will be focusing in on "Just Right Books", Reading Logs, Weekly Reading Reflection and Conferring all centered around the Fountas and Pinnell Reading Assessment for Comprehension.

At the end of each of these Literacy Nights there will be time carved out for questions and answers related to English Language Arts instruction and the new California standards.

*We look forward to seeing you at **6:45 pm** on November 17th:*

Grades Tk/K/1 will meet in room 100 and grades 2-5 will meet in Room 203. Looking forward to seeing you!

Warmest Regards,

Mary Scifres and Michael Ostrom

Literacy coaches, McKinley Elementary

*****The encore presentation for this session will be Thursday, November 19th at 8:45am. Location information to follow.*****

Register **BEFORE** the Holidays!

Support McKinley

with Each Trip to the Grocery Store

Join the Ralphs Community Contribution Program

Turn your trip to the grocery store into an act of goodwill by joining the Ralphs Community Contribution Program and designating McKinley as your benefiting charity. As a member, every time you shop using your registered Ralphs REWARDS card or phone number, McKinley automatically earns a rebate. Together we can raise substantial support for our school.

There is no fee to participate and all proceeds benefit McKinley!



**Already a member of
Ralphs REWARDS?**

To support McKinley, simply ask your cashier to scan this bar code. We are organization # 81646.

Don't Have a Ralphs REWARDS Card?

Get yours at the customer service desk at any Ralphs.

Already Registered for McKinley?

You must re-register every September. Please re-register as soon as possible.



Share!

After you use this, pass this card along to another friend or family member who wants to support our school!

Members must swipe their registered Ralphs REWARDS card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Ralphs REWARDS card when shopping for each purchase. Purchases will not count for McKinley until after REWARDS cards are registered.

Regístrese antes de
las vacaciones de Invierno!

Apoyo McKinley

con Cada Viaje a la Tienda de Comestibles

Únete a la Comunidad Ralphs Programa de Contribución

Vuelva su viaje a la tienda de comestibles en un acto de buena voluntad uniéndose a la Comunidad Ralphs Programa de Contribución, y designar a McKinley como su beneficio de caridad. Como miembro, cada vez que usted compre y utilice su tarjeta registrada Ralphs REWARDS o número de teléfono, automáticamente McKinley gana un descuento. Juntos podemos reunir un apoyo sustancial para nuestra escuela.

¡No hay una cuota para participar en todos los ingresos de beneficio para McKinley!



**¿Ya es usted un miembro
de Ralphs REWARDS?**

Para apoyar a McKinley, simplemente preguntar al cajero para escanear esta barra de código. Nosotros somos la organización # 81646

¿No Tiene la Tarjeta Ralphs REWARDS?

Obtenga la suya en el escritorio de servicio al cliente en cualquier Tienda de Comestibles Ralphs.

¿Ya está Registrado para McKinley?

Usted debe de volver a registrarse cada septiembre. Por favor, registrarse lo más pronto posible.



¡pase esta tarjeta a otro amigo!

Después que usted use esto, pase esta tarjeta a otro amigo o miembro de familia que desee apoyar a nuestra escuela.

Los miembros deben de pasar sus tarjetas Ralphs REWARDS o utilizar el número de teléfono que esta relacionado a su tarjeta registrada Ralphs REWARDS para cada una de sus compras. Las compras no serán contadas para McKinley hasta después que las tarjetas REWARDS sean registradas.



This holiday season...
do you
have room
in your
home for
all this?

Hotel discounts for Santa Monica residents: Book your **extra bedroom** now!

Take advantage of amazing hotel room rates offered exclusively for Santa Monica residents* and their guests **November 16, 2015 through January 22, 2016** at the following participating hotels:

Best Western Plus Gateway Hotel
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Hotel Carmel

Hotel Casa Del Mar
Huntley Santa Monica Beach Hotel
Le Meridien Delfina Santa Monica
Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel

Oceana Beach Club Hotel
Shore Hotel
Shutters on the Beach
The Georgian Hotel

* Must show proof of Santa Monica residency (i.e. California ID or driver license) to redeem.
For more information and to check back for additional hotels, please visit: santamonica.com/extra-bedroom

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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
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BE PART OF A TEAM



**2016 Winter Season
Youth Basketball League
SANTA MONICA FAMILY YMCA
Co-ed teams for ages 5 – 14**

Skill Based Divisions

Games will be held on Saturdays or Sundays.

Each team will practice once or twice a week on a weekday.

Once all teams are formed a game schedule will be available with the first games beginning in January and the last games in March.

Divisions are based on skill level & age. Scholarships are available.

We need volunteer coaches and paid game officials!!

Register Online Today: <https://web3.trinexum.com/HUB/SantaMonica>

Important Dates (Skill Evaluation **ONLY** Required for all players **new** to Samo Y)

Skills Evaluations Ages 5-6: Monday, December 7th 4:30-5:30pm

Skills Evaluations Ages 7-8: Monday, December 7th 6:00-7:00pm

Skills Evaluations Ages 9-10: Tuesday, December 8th 4:30-5:30pm

Skills Evaluations Ages 11 and over: Tuesday, December 8th 6:00-7:00pm

Make-up Evaluations All Ages: Wednesday, December 9th 4:30-6:00pm

Mandatory Parent's Meeting: Wednesday, December 9th 6:30-7:00pm@the Y

For More Information Contact:

Peter Arbogast, Youth Basketball Coordinator

(310) 393-2721, ext. 137, ysports@ymcasm.org, www.ymcasm.org

SANTA MONICA FAMILY YMCA, 1332 6th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

2016 Winter Youth Basketball League

Register Online Today: <https://web3.trinexum.com/HUB/SantaMonica>

Participant Information

Child's Name: _____ Member#: _____

Birthday: ____/____/____ Age: ____ Grade: ____ Sex: ____ School: _____

Uniform Information: Height: _____ Weight: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Shorts Size: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Guardian Information

Parent/
Guardian Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/
Guardian Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relation to participant: _____

Phone #: _____ Phone #: _____

★ We will try to accommodate players wishing to be on the same team, but can't guarantee that due to competitive balance issues.

	Members	Non-Members
Ages 5 - 6	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175
Ages 7 - 8	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175
Ages 9 - 10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175
Ages 11 - 14	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175

*Friends to be on same team:	
*Please specify days your child CANNOT Practice.	

All payments are final and no refunds will be given after December 9, 2015. If you cancel before January 15, 2015 there is a \$25 processing fee. Refunds will be given if not enough players sign up for a division, although some age groups may be combined differently. If you have not paid prior to December 9, 2015, your child will not be selected on a team and may not participate this season.

Payment Method: Cash Check Credit: Visa AMEX Master Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Total to Charge: \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For More Information Contact:
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Santa Monica Pony Baseball

2016 Spring Season



Register now. Space is limited.
www.SantaMonicaPonyBaseball.com

After registering, each player must attend one of the following player evaluations:

Los Amigos Park, 6th Street and Hollister Street, Santa Monica
Saturday, January 9, 2016 OR Saturday, January 16, 2016

(if one of these dates is rained out, makeup date will be Saturday, January 23, 2016)

Team Managers will contact players in early February.

Division	Age (as of 4/30/16)	Evaluation time	Fee*	Bases	Pitching Distance
Shetland Jr.	3 - 4	no evaluation required	\$180	50 feet	Tee
Shetland	5 - 6	no evaluation required	\$180	50 feet	5 pitches/coach
Pinto	7 - 8	11:30am	\$200	60 feet	38 feet
Mustang	9 - 10	10:30am	\$200	60 feet	46 feet
Bronco	11 - 12	9:30am	\$205	70 feet	50 feet
Pony	13 - 14	8:30am	\$215	80 feet	54 feet

* \$15 Early Bird Discount for Registration by December 1, 2015. *Additional fee for snack bar duty opt out.*

FEES AND REGISTRATION: Spaces assigned on first-paid, first-served basis. No child placed on unless fees are paid.

EVALUATIONS: Except for Shetland and Shetland Jr., player must attend evaluation to be placed on a team.

PRACTICES AND GAMES: Most Shetland Jr., Shetland, and Pinto games at Los Amigos Park. Most Mustang, Bronco, and Pony games at Los Amigos Park and John Adams Middle School; some away games against local leagues. Most practices at John Adams Middle School.