



McKinley mini-messenger

wednesday to wednesday December 9 - 16

TONIGHT!	6pm	AASG Meeting - Auditorium
TONIGHT!	6:45pm	Literacy Night - TK-1st Room 205 & Gr. 2-5 Room 203 (childcare in cafeteria)
12/9-12/31		McKinley Donation Drive to Benefit the Santa Monica Malibu Education Foundation (SMMEF) - The classroom with the most family donations wins a pizza party (see flyer)
Wed. 12/10	8:45am	Encore Presentation (from 12/9) Gr. 2-5 in Auditorium TK-1 Comp. Lab B9
Tue. 12/15	8:45am	Coffee with the Principal - Auditorium
Tue. 12/15	4pm	Governance Meeting – Room 105
Tue. 12/15	5:30-7:30pm	Barnes & Noble Book Fair - in store and online
Wed. 12/16		Winter Sing-a-long - Auditorium TK & K at 8:45am Gr. 1, 2 & 2/3 at 10:40am Gr. 3, 4, 4/5 & 5 at 11:40am
Wed. 12/16	1:45pm	Snack Sales - Jamba Juice
Wed. 12/16	6pm	PTA Meeting with Reflections Art Show & Awards - Auditorium
Coming up:		Thurs. 12/17: ELAC Meeting 12/20 Picnic in the Park 12/21 - 1/4/16: Winter Break - See you on January 5th!
HOY!	6:00pm	Reunión AASG - Auditorio
HOY!	6:45pm	Noche de Lectura/Escritura - TK-1 Salón 205 & Gr. 2-5 Salón 203 (cuidado de niños en la cafeteria)
12/9-12/31		Campaña de donación McKinley para Beneficiar a la Fundación Educacional Santa Monica Malibu (SMMEF) – El salón con la mayoría de donaciones de familias gana una fiesta con pizza (ver el volante)
Mar. 12/15	8:45am	Cafe con la Directora - Auditorio
Mar. 12/15	4pm	Reunion de Governantes salón 105
Mar. 12/15	5:30-7:30pm	Feria del Libro Barnes y Noble - en la tienda y online
Mié. 12/16		Cantando Juntos en Invierno TK & K at 8:45am Gr. 1, 2 & 2/3 at 10:40am Gr. 3, 4, 4/5 & 5 11:40am
Mié. 12/16	1:45pm	Venta de Meriendas/Snacks - Jamba Juice
Mié. 12/16	6pm	Reunión de PTA con Galeria de Arte y Premios del Programa Reflections - Auditorio
Acercándose:		Jue. 12/17: Reunion de ELAC 12/20 Picnic en el Parque 12/21 - 1/4/16: ¡Vacaciones Felices estas! ¡Nos vemos el 5 de enero!



Week of December 7

Dear Families:

Winter is upon us! I've been enjoying the cooler weather and clear skies! We only have 11 more days until winter break (but who's counting?!). As a reminder, winter break will take place from December 21-January 4 (January 4 is a pupil free day and staff will be participating in Olweus training). School will resume on Tuesday, January 5.

Our next literacy parent presentation will be this coming Wednesday, December 9 at 6:45 pm. Grades TK-grade 1 presentation will be in Room 205 (please note location change), and the grade 2-5 presentation will be in Room 203. **FREE childcare is provided in the cafeteria (we will be serving pizza to the children).** This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the things we're doing at school and how you can help your child at home. Hope you can make it. Please note: the AASG meeting (African-American Support Group) will be meeting at 6:00 pm in the library. The morning encore literacy presentation will take place on Thursday, December 10 at 8:45 am (TK-gr 1 computer lab & gr 2-5 auditorium).

Technology update: I've been getting numerous questions regarding the district's technology plan. Measure ES will be providing each classroom with the following: SmartBoard, projector, document camera and teacher laptop. The installation is tentatively scheduled to take place late January but will take several weeks to complete. Additionally, Measure ES will be funding an upgraded computer lab (installation TBD). Finally, Measure ES will be funding hand held devices in grades TK-grade 2. TK-grade 1 classes will get 1 IPAD for every 3 students. Grade 2 classes will get 1 chromebook for every 3 students. When the IPADS/chromebooks will be delivered has yet to be determined. I will keep you updated on the district's technology plan.

We had an extra custodial cleaning crew on campus last week. The crew cleaned all flat surfaces in the classrooms including student desks, tables and counters. The crew worked in the evening.

We have just received news from corporate partner Dun & Bradstreet that they will be giving SMMEF a matching gift of **\$90,000!** This is the third year in a row that the Malibu-based company has invested in our students and school district. The match will start next Tuesday, December 1 on #GivingTuesday and will run through December 31. Please donate online at smmef.org. We appreciate your donation.

I'd like to invite all of you to our annual winter sing-a-long on Wednesday, December 16. Please see the schedule below for grade level times:

- Grades: TK and K 8:45am
- Grades: 1, 2 & 2/3 class 10:40am
- Grades: 3, 4, 4/5, & 5 11:40am

Please be sure to look at our lost and found area outside of Room 100. We have many jackets and sweaters that are unclaimed. All unclaimed items will be donated during winter break.

Don't forget our library is open before and after school each day. Come check out a book or use one of our computers.

If you have a question or concern regarding your child's education, please make an appointment with your child's teacher. Teachers are always available to meet with you and discuss your child's progress and any concerns you may have.

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



WIN A CLASS PIZZA PARTY!!!!

The classroom with the most families that have donated to the Santa Monica Malibu Education Foundation (SMMEF) will win a pizza party!

Competition runs from December 9th - December 31st. Winning class will be announced on January 5th.

Give what is meaningful to you to help fund all our wonderful enrichment programs at McKinley! Any amount counts towards participation.

Give at www.smmeff.org or use a SMMEF remit envelope found at the front office or in your classrooms.

**SAVE
THE DATE**

McKinley Elementary School

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Tuesday, December 15
Barnes & Noble – Santa Monica
5:30 – 7:30

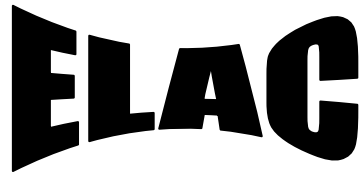
- Student Read-Alouds! Have your kid bring a favorite book and they can read on stage.
- Free Reindeer toy for all kids
- Ornament craft, coloring station and holiday cookies!!
- A percentage of your purchase will help our library buy new books.

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit **BN.COM/bookfairs** to support us online from 12/9/15 to 12/15/15
by entering **Bookfair ID 11765526** at checkout.

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit our school, online or in person.





English Learners Advisory Committee

Auditorium

Thursday, December 17, 2015

8:30 AM

Agenda:

1. Dr. Susan Yakich – Principal's Update
2. Ms. Aida Diaz - Coordinator, English Learners Programs
Mrs. Maura Zagor – ELD/English Language Development
3. Ms. Rosalinda Mata - Early Childhood Wellbeing Project
Family Service of Santa Monica/Vista Del Mar
4. Announcements and Calendar

Special Announcement

We are happy to introduce to all of you our new ELAC Representatives:

President Mr. Santiago Gutierrez Vice-President Ms. Paulina Morales
Secretaries: Ms. Virginia Valle Gutierrez and Ms. Patricia Santiago

Come for a cup of coffee and meet new parents!!!



EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!

If you have any questions call Lily Marquez at (310)828-5011 Extension 65-122

Happy Holidays!



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**Saturday,
December 19, 2015**

23rd Annual Candy Cane Drive

**Santa Claus is coming to
YOUR neighborhood!**

- 10:30-11:00 am **Douglas Park** - California Ave & 25th St
- 11:15-11:45 am **Christine Reed Park**
California Ave & Lincoln Blvd
- 12:00—12:30 pm **Third Street Promenade** & Wilshire Blvd
- 1:45- 2:15 pm **Virginia Avenue Park** - 2200 Virginia Ave
- 2:30 -3:00 pm **Marine Park** - Marine & 17th St
- 3:15- 3:45 pm **Clover Park** - Ocean Park & 25th St

Santa will be escorted by Santa Monica police cars and motorcycles.
LISTEN for sirens and LOOK for him and the bright red fire engines! Candy canes available for ALL.



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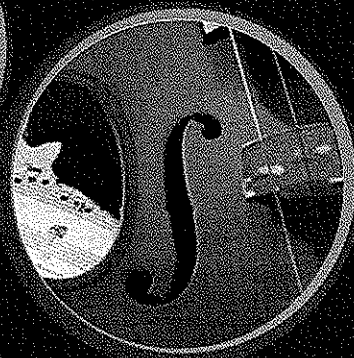
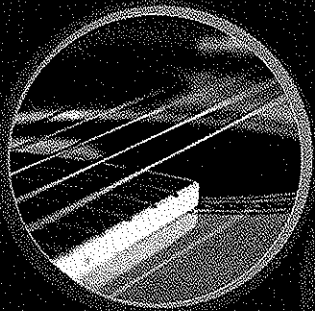
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- Price could vary depending on location and teacher

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Operating Hours

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Saturday 10:00am-7:00pm


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iMusic Academy operates under the umbrella organization of iMusic United Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non profit that provides musical development to all facets of the community.

FREE Registration Fee

All students in the Santa Monica - Malibu Unified School District will be granted a waiver for the registration fee in the amount of \$35

Please use the code **SMMUSD** when you register.

Call us today! 888-263-2702 or visit our website for registration at
www.imusic.academy

Expiration Date 01/30/2016

iMusic United Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization provides musical development to all facets of the community. The Foundation was founded on the philosophy that music is an integral and invaluable part of life and of the human experience.

Our operations consist of six independent yet interdependent pursuits which include development of new music curriculums, creating live performance to promote music and culture, encouraging the exchange of new ideas among music educators, providing scholarships to music education programs for underprivileged children, and coaching various workshops to educators/professional artists.

By underwriting music education for students and professionals alike, we at iMusic United Foundation hope to improve the quality of life for those individuals we serve. Our efforts are to enhance the long-term cultural development of the community as a whole.