



# McKinley mini-messenger

wednesday to wednesday **May 11 - 18**

Now - 5/20

**State Testing**

Fri 5/13

11:30am

**Staff Appreciation Lunch** - McKinley Garden

Tue 5/17

4pm

**Governance Meeting** - Room 105

Wed 5/18

8:45am

**Joint PTA/AASG/ELAC Meeting** - Auditorium

Wed 5/18

1:45pm

**Snack Sales** - Jamba Juice

Coming Soon:

**5/19 - 8:45am Room Parent Meeting** - Cafeteria

**5/19 - Art Fundraiser Arrives**

**5/20 - 6-8pm STEM Fair** - Auditorium (please see flyer)

**5/23 - 5/27 Bookfair** - Auditorium (please see flyer)

**5/26 - Minimum Day** TK/KN dismissed 12:30pm & Gr.1-5 at 1:35pm

**5/26 - Open House** 6-7pm visit Art Room, Bookfair & Science Room

7-8pm Classrooms open

**5/31 - 4pm SBC Meeting** - Room 201

Hoy - 5/20

**Exámenes Estatales Siguen**

Vie 5/13

11:30am

**Almuerzo de Apreciación para el Maestro y Personal** - Jardín de McKinley

Mar 5/17

4pm

**Reunión de Gobernación** - Salón 105

Mié 5/18

8:45am

**Reunión de PTA/ELAC/AASG** - Auditorio

Mié 5/18

1:45pm

**Venta de Meriendas** - Jamba Juice

Acercandose:

**5/19 - 8:45am - Reunión de Padres de Salón** - Cafeteria

**5/19 - Las Ordenes de Arte Llegan Hoy**

**5/20 - 6-8pm Feria de STEM** - Auditorio (favor de mirar el boletín)

**5/23 - 5/27 Feria de Libros** - Auditorio (favor de mirar el boletín)

**5/26 - Día Mínimo TK/KN** salen a las 12:30pm & Gr. 1-5 a la 1:35pm

**5/26 - Casa Abierta** 6-7 pm visite el salón de Arte, Ciencia y la Feria de libros 7-8pm visite los salones de clase

**5/31 - 4pm Reunion SBC** - Salon 201



Week of May 9

Dear Families:

Wow! What a busy week we had! Students in grades 3-5 started the state testing (SBAC). Testing is going well. Many parents and teachers wrote notes of encouragement to students before taking the test, and the students really appreciated the notes! We will continue testing this week. Thank you for getting your child to school on time and providing classroom snacks. Results hopefully will be mailed home some time in August.

My goal is to visit classrooms daily but sometimes this can be difficult due to various meetings and paperwork. But I do try my best to visit classrooms often to observe students learning, support staff & observe the

instructional program in action. This year we have continued to provide an enriching instructional program and have implemented a variety of strategies to support student learning such as close reading of non-fiction text, just right text, words their way, academic conferencing, using manipulatives to help build math concepts, and CGI strategies focusing on real world application. Additionally, students are utilizing reflex math to reinforce math facts, TenMarks & Lexia. Reflex math, TenMarks & Lexia can be used during the summer and these are great tools for students to utilize while we're on summer break. Teachers have been incorporating the new technology into their daily lessons which has increased student motivation and engagement. Students are making steady progress thanks to our AMAZING staff and supportive parents working together to help each child learn.

As a reminder, staff appreciation week is this week, May 9-May 13. This is a wonderful opportunity to thank the AMAZING staff we have from our custodians, secretaries, nurse, health clerk, para educators, instructional assistants, literacy coaches, reading teachers, classroom teachers and child care. A special card or note of appreciation goes along way. PTA has planned some daily treats for staff which will be provided in our lounge. If you'd like to provide treats, please see Teague, our PTA president.

A HUGE shout out to our AMAZING PTA volunteers who organized our annual camp fair last Thursday! What a huge success! We had a great deal of vendors and the auditorium was filled with parents from our community! It's nice to be able to offer this summer camp fair expo to our community!

A BIG shout out to our SBC for organizing our spring Bike It Walk It Event! Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped with set up, tallying, distributing flyers, posting flyers, etc. Of course, my favorite was Friday when it was "Bike to School With Your Principal Day!" It was nice to see so many students participate in the BIWI challenge.

As a reminder, Coffee With the Principal is on Tuesday in the auditorium at 8:45 am. The topic will be: Parent Survey Results. Additionally, on Tuesday, is our spring concert in the auditorium (6:30 pm for grade 4 & 7:30 pm for grade 5).

Mark your calendars for our Science Fair on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm in our auditorium/cafeteria. I can't wait to see all the science projects! Special thanks to our science instructor, Aimee, for organizing this special event.

Check out our lost & found area located by Room 100. It's very full with lots of lost items. We will be donating unclaimed items to Goodwill shortly.

**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.

**Do you have a question, comment or concern you'd like to share with me? It's important to keep the lines of communication open, and your feedback is important to me.** Please feel free to email me at [syakich@smmusd.org](mailto:syakich@smmusd.org) or make an appointment to meet with me. Please see Raneq, my administrative assistant, to schedule an appointment with me.

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



# SMMUSD-Elementary Lunch Menu

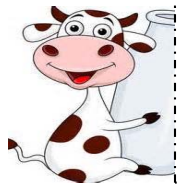
June 2016

Menus & Food & Nutrition Info can be found on our website at [www.smmusd.org/foodservices](http://www.smmusd.org/foodservices)

2015/16 Meal Applications expire the morning of Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Prepay online at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)

Menu is subject to change



Varieties of Milk offered daily:

- 1% white- (breakfast & lunch)
- Nonfat White -(breakfast & lunch)
- Non-fat chocolate-(lunch only)

<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Orange Chicken</b> Steamed Rice Steamed Broccoli Apple</p>  <p>Pollo a Savor de Naranja</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Taco Salad w/Turkey Meat</b> w/Tortilla Chips Refried Beans Banana</p>  <p>Ensalada de Taco con Carne de Pavo</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Pizza Friday!</b> <b>Tony's Thin Crust Pizza</b> Fresh Romaine Salad Cup w/Cherry Tomatoes Frozen Peach Cup</p>  <p>Pizza de Queso de Corteza Delgada</p>
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Vegetarian Options:  
6/1-6/2- Bean & Cheese Burrito  
6/6-6/9- Cheese Quesadilla

*The Vegetarian option for Friday is Cheese Pizza*

*1/2 cup serving of fruits/vegetables will be served with breakfast & lunch*



<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Bosco Cheese Sticks</b> w/Marinara Sauce Apple</p>  <p>Palitos de Queso con Salsa Marinara</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Baked Chicken Nuggets</b> Baked Potato Wedges Golden Nugget Orange</p>  <p>Piezas de Pollo</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Baked Corn Dog</b> Veggie Sticks w/Low Cal Dressing Frozen Peach Cup</p>  <p>Perro Caliente Empanizado</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Big Daddy Cheese Pizza</b> Baby Carrots Canned Fruit</p>  <p>Pizza de Queso de Big Daddy</p>	<p><b>SUMMER BREAK</b></p> 
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Suggestions or questions, email: [fns@smmusd.org](mailto:fns@smmusd.org)

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2016/17 Meal Application will be available on line at [www.smmusd.org/foodservices](http://www.smmusd.org/foodservices) and at the District Office in July

Please complete and submit a 2016/17 Meal Application by Sept. 1, 2016.

Parents of 5th Graders: All negative balances must be paid by June 9, 2016. Per Board Policy, credit is not available in the Middle Schools (grades 6-8). If there is a negative balance when entering middle school the full price student will not be able to purchase a lunch until the negative balance is paid.

Free/Reduced Price Meal Applications for 2016/17 school year will be mailed in July. Applications will also be available at the District Office, and can also be found on our website at [www.smmusd.org/foodservices](http://www.smmusd.org/foodservices). All school sites will have applications available in August. Please complete and return the 2016/17 application by September 1, 2016 or sooner. It can take up to 10 operating days to process an application.


Positive balances may be transferred to siblings or reimbursed to any non-returning student or graduating seniors. Please send your e-mail request for fund balance transfers or refund requests to: [fns@smmusd.org](mailto:fns@smmusd.org).

**ALL NEGATIVE BALANCES MUST BE PAID BY THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016**

**MEAL PRICES**

Elementary Full Price Breakfast-\$1.25  
Secondary Full Price Breakfast-\$1.50  
Reduced Breakfast-\$0.30  
Elementary Full Price Lunch-\$3.00  
Secondary Full Price Lunch-\$3.50  
Reduced Lunch-\$0.40

Adult Prices: Breakfast-\$2.25  
Lunch-\$4.25







**Parents please note: The 2015/16 Meal Applications expire the morning of Wednesday, September 28, 2016**

**Please complete and submit a 2016/17 Meal Application by September 1, 2016. If you have a kindergartner in your household, please be aware that he or she may not be eligible for free or reduced meals the first day of school. Please send your kindergartner to school with money or a lunch for the first 2 weeks. The 2016/17 Meal Applications will be available on line at [www.smmusd.org/foodservices](http://www.smmusd.org/foodservices) or at the District Office sometime in July. Applications will be available at school sites the end of August.**

**First day of School is Monday, August 22, 2016**

Please check the Food & Nutrition Services website during the summer for announcements, updates and/or any changes regarding the meal service program.

2-Week Cycle Elementary Breakfast Menu					
 Cycle Date	 Menu is Subject to Change without notice  				
	<u>Cycle 1</u> June 1-June 3	Coffee Cake Or Cereal w/Graham Crackers	Biscuit w/Sausage Or Cereal w/String Cheese	Breakfast Pizza Bagel Or Cereal w/Graham Crackers	
<u>Cycle 2</u> June 6-June 9	Banana Bread Or Cereal w/String Cheese	Belgian Waffle Or Cereal w/Graham Crackers	Breakfast Pizza Bagel Or Cereal w/String Cheese	French Toast Sticks Or Cereal w/Graham Crackers	Build Your Own Yogurt Parfait Or Cereal w/String Cheese
Offered with <u>Every Breakfast</u> : Assorted 4oz juice, fresh, canned or dried fruit. <u>Milk Offered Daily</u> : 1% or nonfat white					



*Prepay online at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)*

*Opt out of Nonfat Chocolate Milk via email at [fns@smmusd.org](mailto:fns@smmusd.org)*

**Did you know? You may qualify for CalFresh and/or Affordable Health Care Benefits? Visit Virginia Avenue Park Tuesdays, 8 am- 5 pm. For more information/appointments call 310-458-8688**



**MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016 WILL BE THE LAST DAY THAT CHECKS WILL BE  
ACCEPTED TO PAY FOR MEALS  
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016 WILL BE THE LAST DAY TO MAKE  
PAYMENTS ONLINE VIA [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com)**

**Food & Nutrition Services**

## **NOTA IMPORTANTE**

**LUNES, MAYO 16, 2016 SERÍA EL ÚLTIMO DÍA QUE SE ACEPTARÁN CHEQUES  
PARA PAGAR LAS COMIDAS**

**MARTES, MAYO 24, 2016 SERÁ EL ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA HACER PAGOS ONLINE VÍA  
[myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com)**

**Servicios de Comida y Nutrición**



**Please Join us for Breakfast**



**At our last**

**PTA/ELAC/AASG Meeting of this Year**

**Wednesday, May 18  
8:30 AM - 10:15 AM  
Auditorium**



**Agenda Items**

*Reports from the Principal, ELAC, AASG*

*Potential Changes to Programming*

*PTA Budget for Next Year*

*Discussion regarding equal opportunities across demographics (see associated documents)*

***Coffee and Refreshments at 8:30  
Meeting starts promptly at 8:45  
Draft Agenda Available in Front Office***

**Make your voice heard. Lead a team. Build a program.**

### **What is the IEE-DAC?**

The Intercultural Equity and Excellence District Advisory Committee (IEE-DAC) has as its primary concern the equitable access to educational opportunities for all students and operates under the *Vision for Student Success* as outlined by our district.

We are one of seven advisory committees of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

The DACs are not decision-making bodies but rather inform, suggest, and recommend to the Board of Education on matters pertaining to equity and excellence in our district.

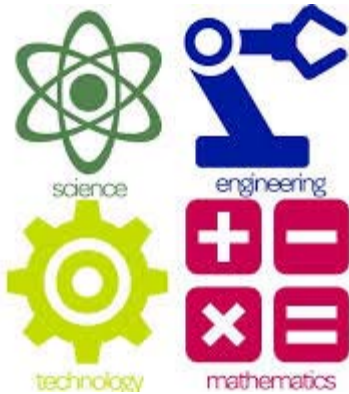
### **What is IEE-DAC's purpose?**

Our current charges include encouraging community conversation and dialogue and to provide a forum for the articulation of ideas and activities being implemented [or that may/will be implemented] in the district, school sites, and the greater community to successfully meet the needs of our diverse student and parent population.

Our committee is also charged with facilitating the building of bridges between diverse student and parent populations so that all groups feel connected to, and part of the school community.

### **What We Want to Learn from McKinley,**

1. Are the needs of the most traditionally under-achieving students being met your school site? If so, what is most successful towards achievement? If not, what would help?
2. Do you think under-achievement is seen as a family issue or a school issue? In what specific ways is it a school issue? How can families/students best be helped by the school or school district?
3. Do all parents have access to the services they feel they need? Do they actually access the services available to them? (e.g. tutoring, mentors, support groups). If not, why not?
4. Are there parents among your parent group that might be available to serve on our IEE-DAC?
5. What are suggestions to encourage parent participation in the achievement of equity and excellence for all students?



# McKinley Elementary School 2016 STEM Fair (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)

May 20, 2016 6pm  
McKinley Auditorium

Everyone is welcome – Come and support your friends and classmates!

Participants **MUST** drop off their projects/posters:  
After 1:35pm on 5/20 in the auditorium grades TK-K  
After 3:00 pm on 5/20 in the auditorium grades 1-5

## Participants please arrive at 5:50pm

For any questions/concerns please contact Aimee Oyenoki  
[aoyenoki@smmusd.org](mailto:aoyenoki@smmusd.org) (310) 828-5011 ext. 202

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Come Stock up on your Summer Reading needs, support your school  
and get your kids excited about reading!

May 23 – May 27  
Open from 8-8:30 Before School,  
and After School from 3pm-4pm  
May 26 – Open House Night - 6pm-8pm

Interested in helping out with the event, please email Anne Buster at  
[annebuster@gmail.com](mailto:annebuster@gmail.com)

Check out our featured titles beforehand at <http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/books>





## Your Child's Transition to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**Hi Kindergarten Parents! As this school year comes to a close, I thought you could use some helpful information about your child's transition to 1<sup>st</sup> grade. I've included some tips for the summer and highlighted important points based on input I received from parents and teachers. If you would like additional social-emotional resources, please contact me at Ext. 65-101. Happy (almost) Summer!**

**-Hazel Tercero, McKinley School Social Worker**

### The Transition

Transitions can be difficult for children. Therefore, it would be helpful to check in with them about starting 1<sup>st</sup> grade during the summer. Some suggestions:

- **Ask open ended questions:** "How do you feel about starting 1<sup>st</sup> grade?" "Is there anything you're worried about?", "What is something you're excited about?"
- **Validate your child's feelings:** "It's normal to feel \_\_\_\_\_ (nervous, excited, worried, happy, etc.) about a new year."
- If your child is having a difficult time expressing his/her feelings, you can help by **labeling** your child's feelings: "It sounds like you may feel worried about playing on the big yard."

**Side note:** It's important for parents to reflect on their own feelings about their child entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade: What feelings come up for you- Fear? Excitement? Worry? All of the above?

### Some of the Differences

The beginning of the new school year can cause feelings of anxiety for both parents and children as there are many differences between Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade:

- *Longer school day (until 3:00 pm)*
- *25 minutes of P.E.*
- *Recess on the big yard (more exposure to the older students)*
- *More structure and routine*
- *Higher academic and behavioral expectations*
  - Students will have their own desk and own space [requires more organization]
  - Common Core State Standards
- *More responsibility placed on children*
  - Hanging own backpack, saying bye to parents in hallway, returning homework

### School Events to Attend:

**Open House: 5/26 @6pm:** Parents can enter the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms

### Tips/Suggestions from Teachers and Parents

- Reinforce a daily routine
- Attendance and punctuality is extremely important
- Give children enough time to play in the morning. (very important according to many teachers!)
- Provide your child with a snack during snack time.

### Suggested Summer Activities [1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher Recommendations]

- Count, count, count anything and everything (pennies, paper clips, etc.)
- Journal 1/week- can be words and/or pictures of what they did
- Library visits
  - Read!! Have your child read to you (and read to your child as well)

### Independence and Responsibility

You will likely see your child move towards being more independent (which can be a big change!)

- Help to foster your child's age appropriate independence
  - As a parent said, she was shocked to see her son take pride in attempting to do his own laundry and make his own lunch/dinner
- It's important to teach your child how to do things on his/her own while teaching them it's okay to make mistakes
  - Problem solve *with* your child versus *for* your child

### Balance, Balance, Balance

- It's important to find a good balance between a fun summer and activities that can foster learning and help ease the transition.
- Remember that the beginning of the school year can be difficult for some children so give it some time!



DESTINATION  
SCIENCE



# DESTINATION SCIENCE

The Fun Science Day Camp for Curious Kids 5 to 11!

From roller coasters to robots, Destination Science provides a fun, safe, and hands-on environment for exploration with **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) & **Next Generation Science Standards!**

Scholarships are available.

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**Enroll in March & Save \$30/Week!**  
**Enroll in April & Save \$20/Week!**



### **Roller Coaster Science Camp (All New)**

#### **Be first in line at the new Dinosaur Adventure Park!**

Build your own electric powered Roller Coaster. Engineer fun carnival projects including a magnetic game, a light-up bubble factory, catapults, and cook in the wacky Top-Chef kitchen!

### **Robot Challenge Science Camp (All New)**

#### **Prepare for the invasion as you design & build your Bot-Team!**

Build your own team of wacky robots, including Speedy, Programmable & Bug-bot. Design an electronic game, create a sound and laser show, and uncover the fourth state of matter, PLASMA!!!

### **Space Quest Science Camp (All New)**

#### **May the Force of Science be with you!**

Build & command your Millennium Starship. Search for an Earth-like planet, innovate an outer-space habitat, conduct space experiments. Create, launch, and race the Land Rocket Explorer.

### **Super Hero Physics Science Camp (Back by Popular Demand)**

#### **Pilot a Super Hero Racer and discover super gadgets!**

Build your own Super Hero Race Car. Experiment with circuits, wheels, friction, and Newton's Laws of Motion. Explore the science behind super hero gadgets, flash lightening speed, spy ears, and encounter real world super creatures.

#### **GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATIONS**

- Brentwood - Presbyterian Church
- El Segundo - United Methodist Church
- Los Angeles - Pressman Academy
- Manhattan Beach - Trinity Lutheran Church
- Palos Verdes - South Coast Botanic Garden
- Redondo Beach - Valor Christian Academy
- Santa Monica - United Methodist Church

Additional Partnership Programs: The City of Beverly Hills,  
YMCA's of Culver City, Torrance & Westchester and UCLA Camp Bruin

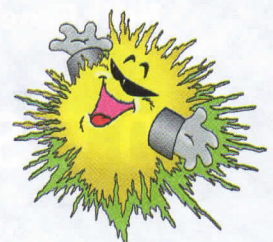
#### **CAMP DETAILS**

- Ages:** Entering K - 6th grade
- Fees:** \$339/week
- Hours:** Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm
- Optional Extended Care:**
- AM:** 8:00am - 9:00am
- PM:** 3:00pm - 5:00pm (varies by site)

**DESTINATIONSCIENCE.ORG » 1.888.909.2822**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

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LAWS



# Join Girl Scouts

## Let's get together & form new troops!

**What :** Parents and girls are invited to a meeting to form new troops in your community!

**When :** Friday, May 20, 2016 6:00 p.m.

**Where :** Euclid Park-Room # 1  
1525 Euclid Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

**Questions :** Contact Erica Henderson at  
[ehenderson@girlscoutsla.org](mailto:ehenderson@girlscoutsla.org) or 626-677-2253

### Can't make it to the event?

Please email the following information to: [ehenderson@girlscoutsla.org](mailto:ehenderson@girlscoutsla.org)

1. Parent/guardian name
2. Girl's name, school, and grade
3. Your contact information (email and phone)
4. Would you consider being a troop leader or co-leader?

*Without volunteer troop leaders, we are unable to form new troops.*

*Please strongly consider volunteering—step-by-step training is provided.*



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# Santa Monica Music Camp

## Spring & Summer 2016

### SPRING CAMP

**Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm**

Week 1: March 21- 25

Week 2: March 28 - April 1

*PIANO, VOICE,  
GUITAR, UKULELE,  
VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO,  
STRING BASS, FLUTE,  
CLARINET, OBOE,  
BASSOON, BRASS*

"My daughter attended the Santa Monica Music Camp last summer and the summer before. She really enjoyed her time there. Her violin playing definitely improved a lot with the number of hours they play every day, but more importantly, she ended up more enthusiastic about her instrument, and wants to attend again before her school auditions for advanced orchestra." — Shirley

### SUMMER CAMP

**Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm**

Week 1: June 13 - June 17

Week 2: June 20 - June 24

Week 3: June 27 - July 1

Week 4: July 4 - July 8

Week 5: July 11 - July 15

Week 6: July 18 - July 22

Week 7: July 25 - July 29

Week 8: August 1 - August 5

Week 9: Aug 8 - August 12

Week 10: Aug 15 - Aug 19

**ALL MUSIC LEVELS WELCOME**

**Ages 5-13**

**\$350/Week**

Multiple week/sibling/earlybird discounts

**Single Day \$70 • AM/PM Care \$10/Hr**

**3 Hrs of Instrument Playing Daily**

1 Hr Music Theory Daily • Weekly Concerts  
Movie time, Snacks, Outdoor Play All Included.

### **LOCATION:**

**Santa Monica Conservatory**  
1501 Colorado Ave.  
Santa Monica, CA 90404  
(310) 576-3600

**REGISTER ONLINE: [santamoniamusiccamp.com](http://santamoniamusiccamp.com)**

