



# McKinley mini-messenger

wednesday to wednesday May 18-25

Thurs. 5/19	8:45am	<b>Room Parent Meeting</b> - Cafeteria
Fri. 5/20	6-8pm	<b>STEM Fair</b> - Auditorium(Participants MUST drop off their projects/posters May 20th in the Auditorium::TK/KN
Sat. 5/21	10am-2pm	after 1:35pm and grades 1-5 after 3:00 pm - Participants please arrive at 5:50pm
		<b>Picnic in the Park</b> - McKinley Playground
5/23-27		<b>Book Fair</b> - Auditorium (see flyer)
Wed. 5/26	6-7pm	<b>Open House Room 205 Ms. Cervantes only</b>
Thurs. 5/26		<b>Minimum Day</b> - Dismissal TK/K 12:30pm; Gr 1-5 1:35pm
Thurs. 5/26		<b>Open House with Book Fair:</b> 6-7pm visit Art Room, Bookfair & Science Room; 7-8pm Classrooms open
5/27-6/3		<b>Class BBQs</b> - check with your teacher for the day and time
Mon. 5/30		<b>NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day</b>
Tue. 5/31	4pm	<b>SBC Meeting</b> - Room 201
<b>Coming Soon:</b>		<b>June 1 - Last Family Restaurant Night of the School Year</b> - Poquito Mas
		<b>Last Day to make lunch pre-payment via <a href="http://www.mylunchmoney.com">www.mylunchmoney.com</a> (after this cash only)</b>
		<b>June 2nd 8:45am - 5th Grade Awards Celebration</b> - Auditorium (All 5th grade students will be recognized)
		<b>June 3rd 3:30pm 5th Grade Party</b> - Auditorium
Jue. 5/19	8:45am	<b>Reunión de Padres de Salón</b> - Cafeteria
Vie. 5/20	6-8pm	<b>Feria de Ciencia</b> - Auditorio Participantes deben dejar sus proyectos/pósters: en el auditorio grados TK/KN después de la 1:35p.m. y grados 1-5 después de las 3p.m. Participantes por favor llegar a las 5:50p.m.
Sab. 5/21	10am-2pm	<b>Picnic en el Patio</b> - Patio de McKinley
5/23-27		<b>Feria de Libros (vea el boletín)</b>
Mie. 5/25	6-7pm	Casa Abierta Solo para el salón 205 Sra. Cervantes
Jue. 5/26		<b>Día Mínimo</b> - Salida TK/K 12:30pm; Gr 1-5 1:35pm
Jue. 5/26		<b>Casa Abierta y Feria de Libros:</b> 6-7pm Visite el Jardín, Ciencias y Salón de Arte; 7-8pm Visite los Salones Ahora
5/27-6/3		<b>Barbacoas de las Clases</b> - chequear con su maestro para el día y hora <b>Entregar</b>
Lun. 5/30		<b>NO HAY CLASES</b> - Día de Conmemoración a los Caídos
Mar. 5/31	4pm	<b>Reunión SBC</b> - Salón 204
<b>Acercandose:</b>		<b>1de junio: Última Noche de Restaurante para la Familia</b> - Poquito Mas
		<b>Último Día para hacer prepagos para almuerzos vía <a href="http://www.mylunchmoney.com">www.mylunchmoney.com</a> ( solamente efectivo)</b>
		<b>2 de junio de 8:45 am</b> - Celebración y Reconocimiento estudiantes de Grado 5 - Auditorio (serán reconocidos todos los estudiantes de 5º grado )
		<b>3 de junio 3:30 pm</b> Fiesta de 5to Grado - Auditorio



Week of May 16

Dear Families:

Hats off for a FABULOUS spring concert performed by our AMAZING 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The performances were outstanding and it was nice to see how much progress the students have made since the beginning of the year. The evening was a nice event for all! How proud we are of our students! And special thanks to our music staff for organizing this special performance for us to all enjoy!

Way to go, McKinley! 84% of our students participated in our Bike It Walk It Challenge! That's an increase of 7% from earlier in the year! We're awaiting the results to see if we're the 3 time champions! But regardless, 84% is wonderful! Thank you for participating and thank you for volunteering! What a

great way to be healthy and help the environment.

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.

Thank you to all parents who completed the 2015-2016 Parent Climate Survey (completed January 25-February 12). I appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey as your feedback is important to us (96 parents completed the survey). We use this information to have a better understanding of your perspective and experience at McKinley. The information is used to create goals and help us plan for the future. I shared this information with our governance committee and at the last Coffee with the Principal. 87% of the parents surveyed rated the overall quality of McKinley as good/excellent. Below are some highlights from the survey results:

**4 Areas of Strength**

- Staff members & families treat each other with respect.
- McKinley encourages families to volunteer.
- McKinley respects & values input provided by families.
- McKinley offers students a variety of activities/courses.

**Areas of Focus**

- Teachers successfully show students how lessons relate to life outside of school.
- Students receive the support they need for academic/career planning.
- The school uses family input to improve instruction.
- School administrators are responsive when I have a concern.

I've had several Coffee with the Principal meetings this year and discussed safety concerns with families. I appreciate your input and feedback as you may notice some things we have not noticed. And it's important for us to have a safe school environment for all. Some of the safety issues have been addressed (i.e. lighting) and some we are in the process of addressing. The concerns related to childcare have been forwarded to the childcare staff (CREST & SAP). Below are some of the safety concerns brought to my attention:

- Arizona fence area exposed to students
- Dismissal procedures
- Dark campus/not enough lighting
- Emergency drill training for staff and parents
- After school care and having an open campus from 3-6 pm
- K child care located in the small yard vs. the big yard
- Visitors not signing in when on campus
- Additional crossing guards
- Students using inappropriate language on the yard

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.

**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



**\* Join US \***

# **McKinley Elementary School Open House Thursday, May 26, 2016**



**6:00-7:00PM**

Visit our Garden, Art Room B-5 and the Science Room 202  
(Room 202 enter using the stairs by the front office)



**6:00 - 8:00PM**

Visit the Book Fair in the Auditorium

**7:00 - 8:00PM**

Classrooms will be  
open for visitation



**Please Note: Room 205 Ms. Cervantes will have her classroom  
Open House on Wed., May 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00PM**

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# Book Fair



Join us!

**May 23 - 27**

8-8:30am & 3-4pm daily

*Extended hours for Open House*

**Open Wednesday**

1:30-2:30pm & 6-8pm

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Email Anne Buster (annebuster@gmail.com) or  
sign up in the library

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

Acompáñenos!  
**23-27 de Mayo**  
8-8:30am y 3-4pm

diariamente

*Horas Extendidas para la Noche de Casa Abierta*

**Miércoles Abierto**

1:30-2:30pm y 6-8:30pm

**¡SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS!**

email a Anne Buster (annebuster@gmail.com)

Vea con anticipación nuestros títulos  
destacados en [http://www.scholastic.com/  
bookfairs/books](http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/books)

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# La Feria del Libro



# \$200,000 Match!

Thank you, Franklin Elementary School PTA!

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**Donate NOW and  
make twice the difference  
for your child!**

Franklin Elementary School's PTA  
will match all donations up to \$200,000!

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We are \$700,000 away from fully funding these programs for next year. Every dollar counts. Let's ALL do what we can to make the difference for our students!

Thank you!

# **Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Survey**

## **Evaluation of Counseling Services 2015-2016**

### ***Family Service of Santa Monica***

Hello McKinley Parents! At the end of every school year, we like to get feedback on the various counseling services we provided throughout the year. This information helps us better understand what services were most helpful and areas we can improve. Please complete the evaluation form and return it to your child's teacher or place the form in the designated box in the front office. Thank you for your feedback!

Hazel Tercero, MSW, Family Service Counselor  
Kimberly Jones, MSW Intern

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#### **1. What services did you use? (please check all that apply)**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling for child                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup> grade girls group [offered to all girls]    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent consultation/support                | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup> grade boys group[offered to all boys]       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent workshop/Reflective Parenting Group | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup> grade transition to middle school workshops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Skills/Friendship Group             | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to community resources                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce/Family Changes Group               | <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis support  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support with Transition to TK/Kindergarten | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |

#### **2. Why did you seek counseling services?**

#### **3. Did you feel like your needs were met? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_ no**

#### **4. How were the services helpful?**

#### **5. Would you access counseling services again or refer another family in the future? Why or why not?**

#### **6. What suggestions do you have for improving the services available?**

#### **7. Other comments/suggestions?**



Please join our McKinley Community for a  
**Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony**

In honor of  
our dear friend and fellow McKinley parent

**Lesley Kurz O'Neal**



**Sunday, June 5, 2016**  
11am-12noon

McKinley School Garden  
- Parking and Entrance from Chelsea Avenue -

The ceremony in memory of Lesley, who was an active SBC member, will include a poem reading, tree planting, kind words, and light refreshments.



McKinley Elementary School



**Sustainability & Beautification Committee**