

January 21, 2022

Dear SEES Families,

SEES will be participating in The Great Kindness Challenge next week. Our school will be joining hundreds of schools around the world participating in this awesome challenge of promoting kindness! Your child will be part of a powerful and positive anti-bullying initiative that will lead to more kindness, unity, and respect.

Kindness activities and spirit days have been scheduled throughout the week. If you would like to see what we have planned, please click [here](#). Please encourage your child to participate in the daily challenges throughout the week.

**Spirit Days:**

**Monday: Team Kindness:** *Wear your Favorite Sports Jersey or Uniform*

**Tuesday: Hats off to Kindness:** *Wear your Favorite Hat*

**Wednesday: Powered by Kindness:** *Wear Red*

**Thursday: Dreaming of Kindness:** *Wear Pajamas!*

**Friday: Ride the Wave of Kindness:** *Wear your Favorite Beach or Surf Attire*

Together, let's show the world that KINDNESS MATTERS!

**Flag Salute**

We understand that Covid case rates are on the rise, but we also want to keep as much of a sense of normalcy as possible at school. There are currently no restrictions being placed on outdoor events, so we are planning to move forward with our Flag Salute as scheduled. We will be asking our students to wear their masks while in attendance. We ask that if our families plan to join us for Flag Salute, that you also wear a mask. As a reminder, parents will need to remain in a certain area (behind the cones), so that we can safely socially distance ourselves. Thank you!

**Kids Heart Challenge**

We are excited to be partnering with the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge again this year! As a Kids Heart Challenge Heart Hero, your student will learn about kids with special hearts and have the opportunity to raise funds for the health of all hearts. They'll also get moving with fun activities, learn about keeping their hearts healthy and happy while feeling great about helping others. Our Kids Heart Challenge program is kicking off on January 28<sup>th</sup> with a LIVE virtual Assembly from the American Heart Association. Help your child get a jump start by downloading the FREE Kids Heart Challenge App for [Apple](#) or [Android](#) or visiting <http://www2.heart.org/goto/sanelijo> When registering, your child will choose a heart healthy challenge to *Be Active or Be Kind* and earn a FREE Road Warrior Wristband! Any student that joins the team by Friday will get a live shout out at our kickoff! Our goal is to have 100% of our students register online and take the Challenge. Let's have fun and save lives!

## **PTO News**

### ***Shining Eagles Virtual Talent Show-***

Coming to the SEES community on Saturday, February 26th. Calling all eagles to showcase your talent with singing, dancing, juggling, drawing, playing musical instruments, sport performing, and much more!

We can't wait to showcase all the talent our school community has. If your student(s) is interested in participating, please fill out this Participation Google Form and submit by **Friday, January 28th**:

### **2022 Virtual Talent Show Participant Google Form:**

<https://forms.gle/Pz3Bm3V3QhBrPzY97>

We'll have more information coming your way in the next few weeks as your student(s) prepare his/her acts. For any questions, please contact us at [seesptoactivities@gmail.com](mailto:seesptoactivities@gmail.com)  
Let's Shine!

Ali Barbee/VP SEES PTO Activities

### **Speak Up Survey**

Be a part of the conversation! We will be participating in the **Speak Up Research Project**. Speak Up is the first survey designed to help parents share their ideas directly with schools and national policymakers. Speak Up will also provide the San Marcos Unified School District the opportunity to learn about the unique digital learning aspirations of our teachers, students and parents. As key stakeholders, Speak Up will provide parents with a mechanism for expressing their views about key issues impacting their students' education.

Since 2003, Speak Up has collected and shared the views of 5.8 million students, teachers, and parents nationwide, as well as internationally. By participating in Speak Up, parents are expressing their views to a wider audience of local, state, and national policy makers as well as the business community—and contributing to the national dialog about science, technology, and preparing students for the 21st century workforce. The online survey is open to students, educators, and parents; it's quick and easy to get involved. Please take a moment to complete the survey via the [link](#).

Our students continue to SOAR here at SEES! Each week we pick students who have turned in SOAR passes to the office to come punch for a prize. We would love prize donations! [HERE](#) is an Amazon Wish List with ideas for prizes that have been popular with our students this year. We would appreciate any donations you could provide for us! Thank you!

