

November 5, 2021

Dear SEES Families,

Please join me in welcoming our new, full time school counselor, Ms. Elaine Alluin! A message from Ms. Alluin - Hi, my name is Elaine Alluin and I'm really excited to be a part of the SEES community. I received my B.A. in English Literature and Language, and a Minor in Journalism from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. I received my Single Subject Credential from California State University San Marcos. Recently, I obtained my Master's in School Counseling from National University. I am new to the School Counseling role, however, I taught 8th grade English Language Arts at Rincon Middle School for 5 years. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, my pets, reading, and practicing yoga. I'm looking forward to working with all of our students this year! My plan is to teach weekly lessons to students focused on social-emotional learning, in addition to providing one on one and group counseling. I will be sharing a referral form if you have more specific needs for your student, but in the meantime, please feel free to email me with questions or concerns at elaine.alluin@smusd.org.

Apex Fun Run & Kick-Off Celebration

The Apex Fun Run is coming soon! We are excited to be able to hold the Fun Run in person this year. Our students love the run and this is the largest fundraiser to support our PTO-funded programs. The Apex team will be onsite starting November 9th to help teach the leadership lesson in this year's theme of "AS ONE."

Come kick-off the Apex fun at our next dine out for the year, right in San Elijo at SETS Kitchen & Bar! Skip cooking and bring the family for dinner on Wednesdays, November 10th. 10% of sales will benefit San Elijo Elementary from 5pm to close.

Garden Committee Top 10

1) Garden Volunteers! SEES outdoor classroom is a wonderful outside volunteer opportunity! We meet in the garden approximately every 4-6 weeks to upkeep the garden for students. All volunteers on campus are required to show proof of vaccination, including our garden volunteers. Please reach out to become part of this great group of parents lfkennis@gmail.com and alisonAfrost@gmail.com

Our First Garden Parent Volunteer day is 11/18/21 at 8:45am - "Garden Turkey Tidying" - please feel free to email or just show up! (The garden is located behind the library.)

2) Green Thumb receipts! Green Thumb Nursery on San Marcos Blvd donates 10% of every receipt collected back to SEES. Questions? riffe.carol@gmail.com

Donations and Specialty Requests:

- 3) Mulch - donation and placing
- 4) Furniture restoration, including sanding
- 5) Light landscape equipment, e.g. tree removal

- 6) Pressure washer - equipment and volunteer
- 7) Planting soil - donation and placing
- 8) Water Lead (to oversee the sprinklers, tubing, etc.)
- 9) Wish list: 2 canopies or pop-ups would be nice to give students shade
- 10) Garden Volunteers! :-)

Upcoming Events

November 8: PTO Meeting @ 9:00a
November 9: Apex Rally & Info Sent Home
November 10: Apex Kick-off Celebration/Dine-out at SETS
November 11-12: No School - Veterans Day
November 16: ELAC Meeting @ 6:00p (via Zoom)
November 18: Apex Fun Run (no spectators this year due to COVID)
November 22-26: No School - Thanksgiving Break
November 29: [Design Thinking Challenges](#) due!
December 3: Flag Salute
December 6: Lunch on the Lawn

Warmly,
Emily and Mara