

February 17, 2022

Dear SEES Families,

SEES will continue to celebrate a nation of diverse readers with a week of fun spirit days, and of course amazing books! The week is packed with stories which center around a variety of authors and topics, exposing all of our students to a wide world of literature, and ensuring they see positive examples through mirrors, windows, and sliding doors in the texts we celebrate in the classroom! Attached is a flier for spirit days. Your child's teacher will share classroom specific information regarding the books they'll be reading.

Attendance

The district has started to send out attendance letters for truancy. If your child has 3 or more unexcused absences or unexcused late tardies over 30 minutes, you would have received an email notification and a letter in ParentVue. Please review our [attendance page](#) on our website that outlines the attendance guidelines for what is excused and unexcused. Please note any Covid related quarantine or sickness is considered excused. We have noticed a lot of families taking additional vacation time; these are not excused absences. Please continue to notify us if your child will be out for any reason. Include the date of absence, the reason for the absence and the student's teacher.

Personal Electronic Devices

The use of personal devices, especially smart watches, is on the rise. As a reminder, the personal electronic devices policy states that all student personal electronic devices must be turned off during the school day unless specific permission is granted by a teacher or administration. Students may not record, video, or take a picture of another student or staff without prior written consent. All electronic devices may only be used for educational purposes under the direct supervision of a teacher or administration. Electronic devices can be used before and after school to call and text message only. **Students may not use their personal devices to call or message during the day. This includes the use of smart watches.** All students who need to call home must use school phones with permission from the teacher or staff during school hours. Items may be retained in the office for pickup at the end of the student's school day as a consequence for not following the school policy. At teacher or administrator request, a parent/guardian may be required to pick up the student's electronic device. The school will not be responsible for loss or theft of personal electronic devices.

COVID Testing over Presidents' Weekend

Friday, February 18th - La Mirada Academy (7:00 am - 2:30 pm) and SMUSD District Office (8:00 am - 4:30 pm)

Monday, February 21st - San Marcos High School (7:00 am - 4:00 pm) and SMUSD District Office (8:00 am - 4:30 pm)

https://www.smusd.org/c_o_v_i_d-19/c_o_v_i_d-19_testing

Garden

The SEES Outdoor classroom would love your help. Are you interested in learning more about helping the SEES Garden? We have both short-term and long-term roles available. (Currently, projects and prep can be done offsite.) No green thumb needed. Please contact alisonAfrost@gmail.com / text 978-590-5905 to learn more.

Upcoming Events

2/18-2/21: No School for Presidents' Weekend

2/25: Flag Salute (Spirit Wear and Coffee will be available in the morning)

2/28: Read Across America Week begins

2/28: SSC Meeting @ 3:30p

3/4: Book Fair Week begins

3/7: Lunch on the Lawn **RESUMED!**

Warmly,
Emily and Mara