The Silvia Spotlight

Silvia’s Celebration of Learning Was a HUGE Success:

Thank you to all the families that came out to our Celebration of Success on November 8th. It was a special night where students and families were able to engage in grade-level content and receive valuable information about teaching and learning. Our Silvia teachers did an outstanding job bringing to life for families our student engagement strategies.

Prior to families going to their children’s classrooms, we met as a whole group in the cafeteria to discuss overall goals at Silvia. This presentation included our core beliefs, an overview of our tiered approach, and the highlighting of social and emotional practices as well as academic approaches that foster life-long learning.

One of the main goals discussed at Celebration of Success was the work we do to build students’ capacity relative to social and emotional learning competencies. The visual below highlights those competencies. The visual comes from CASEL which is a free resource for building social and emotional awareness and supporting instruction for schools. Find the CASEL website HERE.

Family Social and Emotional Learning Survey:

We are asking that all families complete a brief survey to provide the school with valuable information about your student and your family. The information you provide will help us to better meet your student's needs.

If you have not completed this survey, please take a moment to do so by clicking on the link below.

English Survey
Spanish Survey
Portuguese Survey

Fall Fundraiser Items:

Fall Fundraiser items will be delivered to Silvia School on Wednesday, November 17th. All items MUST be picked up on Wednesday between 12-5. Please note that pies and cookie dough are delivered frozen. We CANNOT store any items not picked up on Wednesday and frozen items will remain room temperature if not claimed.

We do need some additional volunteers to help out on Wednesday with distributing fundraising items. Please use the link below if you are able to volunteer with this.

VOLUNTEERS 11/17/21

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Use Parental Controls on Your Child’s iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch:

Parental controls help reduce the risk of your child viewing inappropriate content on the web. In addition to setting parental controls, it's important to monitor your child's internet activity and use age-appropriate settings on devices.

With Content & Privacy Restrictions in Screen Time, you can block or limit specific apps and features on your child's device. You can also restrict the settings on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch for explicit content, purchases and downloads, and privacy.

Find directions HERE to support parents with parental controls on Apple devices.

Arrival Procedures:

We continue to get better and better with arrival and as a result students are getting the most out of time on learning.

One issue that I need to address is that we need ALL CARS TO FOLLOW THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC. Unfortunately, we have cars cutting in line and others dropping kids off in the parking lot to avoid exiting with the flow of traffic. Please do not drop students off in the parking lot. Students are then having to cross in front of traffic.

We have placed cones to direct cars all in the same direction. This is important for the flow of traffic to be most successful. Please do not disregard cones and/or move them as it is a safety concern and also not in the best interest of our students.

Chronic Tardy/Absent Letters Being Sent Home Before Thanksgiving Break:

As part of our practice and in our efforts to have strong communication between family and home, we will be sending out this school year’s first batch of letters addressing chronic tardiness and/or absenteeism. We will send these letters out prior to Thanksgiving break.

In order to fall into the “chronic” category, a student has to be tardy or absent 10% or more of the time school has been in session. At this time of the year, that 10% mark falls right over 4 days. We will be sending letters out to those families who have a student(s) who has been absent 5 or more times already this school year. These will be for unexcused absences.

An absence is marked as “excused” if a student is on the “not cleared” list and/or the family has sent the student into school with a note from a doctor. Without a note from a doctor, even if your child is sick, an absence is marked as “unexcused.”

Attendance and student success are directly correlated. It is imperative that students are attending school in order to meet both academic and social and emotional learning standards. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact administration directly.

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Calendar:
- November 24, 2021 is a half-day for students and staff
- November 25th and 26th is NO SCHOOL for students and staff
- Find Silvia’s calendar HERE

Headphones for School:
We are asking that families send their child(ren) into school with headphones. The students will use the headphones to access virtual resources.

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