



School Newsletter

SSMCS 2nd Semester Update



Dear Silver Sands Families

We hope this letter finds everyone well and staying safe, and that everyone found some time to relax and enjoy their Thanksgiving and family break. A sincere thank you to our school community, from our hardworking teachers and staff, to our supportive families that have put forward tremendous time, effort and care to encourage the academic success and emotional well-being of their students. As the end of the first semester approaches, the school's Reopening Committee, including the administrative team, sent out staff and family surveys, reviewed results, discussed current situation with pandemic and options to move forward in the second semester. With an understanding that distance learning can be a difficult instructional model for some students, and teachers and staff have been working diligently to support both our students and families during this unprecedented time.

The School and Reopening Committee's core principles of guidance continues to be to guard the health, well-being, and safety of the students and adults in our community; to uphold our school mission and Montessori values; and to nurture a culture of belonging with a deep commitment to each community member feeling included, valued, respected, and celebrated.

With that understanding and much deliberation, the Reopening Committee made a recommendation to the School Board of Trustees at last night's board meeting to extend full-distance learning into the 3rd quarter of the school year, and to revisit the possibility of returning with blended learning for the final quarter. The Board of Trustees supported and approved the Reopening Committee's recommendation based on the school's commitment to guard the health, well-being, and safety of the students and adults in our school community. As the guidance that we continue to receive from the State and County evolves based on public health conditions, we are still hopeful and will revisit the situation in early February for possible considerations of reopening in the 4th quarter.

Please continue to reach out to your child's teacher or the administrative office if you any questions or need assistance- we are here to support our Silver Sands family to the best of our ability. Have a wonderful and safe holiday season, and thank you for your continued support, understanding and positivity during these challenging times.

Sincerely,
Marlo Tsuchiyama
Head of School, and

The SSMCS Reopening Committee

Keya Bromberg- MS Teacher
Dennis Burke- Support Staff/B&A Care
Mayumi Coffman- Board Member/Parent
Denise Crosby- Principal
Candace Fletcher- LE Teacher
Kim Hodge- Special Programs Admin.

Rebecca Maneilly- Specialist/Parent
Danette Olmos-Green- Dir. of Operation
& Facilities
Mara Tattner- UE Teacher
Helen Tellio- Registrar/Former FASA
Laura Yavitz- Parent

Upcoming Dates/ Events

- 12/9 Parent Talk 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 12/14 Spirit Week-Movie Character
- 12/15 Spirit Week-Tourist Day
- 12/16 Spirit Week-Wellness
- 12/17 Spirit Week-Ugly Sweater
- 12/18 Spirit Week-Pajama Day
- 12/18 End of 2nd Qtr/1st Semester
- 12/21-1/3 No School -Winter Break
- 1/4 SSMCS Classes/Distance Ed resumes
Open Enrollment begins for the 21-22 school year
- 1/5 Packet Pickup 8-9:30/3-3:45
- 1/6 No School-1st contingency day, if needed
- 1/18 No School - MLK Jr. Holiday

SSMCS is currently working remotely, please email teachers directly with any questions. For general questions please email info@silversandsmcs.org.



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NV School Ratings Report

Submitted by: Ms. Marlo, Head of School

The Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) is an annual summary of school performance developed by Nevada stakeholders. The NSPF meets State and Federal policy requirements and provides each school level with a unique rating system. The NSPF is a compensatory accountability system made up of a series of Performance Indicators and Measures. School performance ratings can be found through the Nevada Report Card website. <http://nevadareportcard.com/DI/>

The NDE provides these accountability reports annually. Both the NDE and our State sponsor, State Public Charter School Authority, maintains accountability of Silver Sands and all charter schools throughout the year via reporting and audits. At Silver Sands, our continuing goal is to improve and grow our program in depth and quality each year; and together as a community, work towards creating an environment that encourages a child's love of learning and respect for self, others, community and the world.

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Education ESEA waiver to suspend accountability requirements in response to the COVID 19 pandemic, please review the following:

NSPF Star Ratings

NSPF school ratings and accountability indicators **have been carried over from the 2018-2019 reporting year**. For the most recent NSPF school rating reports please see the 2018-2019 School Rating Report links below:
[SSMCS Elementary NV School Rating Report 2018-19](#)
[SSMCS Middle School NV School Rating Card 2018-19](#)

Assessment Results

All state assessments and reporting of assessments are waived for 2019-2020. For the most recent academic achievement results please [click here](#) for the 2018-2019 reporting year.

Chronic Absenteeism Rates

Chronic Absenteeism reporting has been waived for 2019-2020. For the most recent Chronic Absenteeism rates please [click here](#) for the 2018-2019 reporting year.

Virtual Winter Spirit Week

Calling ALL Silver Sands Sidewinders! Let's show our school spirit and have some fun with a Virtual Winter Spirit Week! We will start on Monday, December 14th and end on Friday, December 18th, then we will be off to Winter Break!



MOVIE CHARACTER MONDAY,

12/14/20 – Dress up as your favorite Movie Character, and for some extra fun decorate a backdrop behind you during your Zoom Meetings. Strike a pose like your Movie Character and have your parents send it in to our email below!

TOURIST DAY TUESDAY,

12/15/20 – Dress up like a tourist, then decorate the background behind you during your Zoom Meetings to be the "Destination Getaway" that you are visiting! Take a picture and show us your Virtual Vacation Photo!

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY,

12/16/20 – Send in a recipe of a healthy snack, or a yummy fruit smoothie. Take some time today to reflect: write, draw, journal and send it in if you would like to share. Or how about some yoga, Tai Chi or take a peaceful moment to meditate. Today is all about your health- mind and body!

WINTER-TIME UGLY SWEATER THURSDAY,

12/17/20 – Is it an "Ugly" Sweater, or is it the "Best" Sweater Ever! Either way, wear it today. And for some extra fun, decorate your background behind you with a Winter theme. Take a picture and show us your favorite "Ugly" Sweater!

PAJAMA DAY FRIDAY,

12/18/20 - Roll out of bed in your favorite PJs and you are already dressed for the day! Relax in your comfiest pajama clothes all day long! Don't forget to send in a pic!

***Photos, video clips, and other submittals [to: SpiritWeek@silversandsmcs.org] may be used in a video collage that would be sent to the SSMCS families through Infinite Campus.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being a part of our Silver Sands Community. We wish all of you a safe, Happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with Peace, Joy, Prosperity and Wellness.

*Silver Sands Montessori
Administration & Staff*