

The SMASHing Friday Letter



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October 26, 2018

LIFETOUCH MAKE-UP DAY - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Photos can be ordered online at mylifetouch.com - Picture Day ID: RO578083Y1

MINIMUM DAYS- 1:30pm Dismissal for ALL students for conferences

Monday, November 5 through Friday, November 9.

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Dear SMASHing Families,

SMASH 6-8 grade peer mediators will begin helping Monday, October 29, 2018.

There will be 2 peer mediators wearing badges on the little yard and 2 on the big yard daily at lunchtime. Peer mediators went to all classrooms last week to explain the process and answer student and teacher questions.

Parents, please sit with your children and watch the 6 minute video link below made by SMASH peer mediators and Kirsten Sheridan (Site Council parent representative) that explains the process and why they want to serve in this role.

Peer mediation is conflict resolution for youth by youth. It is a confidential and voluntary process by which two or more students involved in a dispute meet in a safe space to work out problems with the assistance of two impartial peer mediators.

SMASH peer mediation video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/24qk8ivnrypszsw4/Peer%20Mediation%20Final.mp4?dl=0>

Thank you to the 25 students who went through a year of Friday afternoon peer mediation training and thanks to Kirsten for applying for the grant and being the parent liaison to the trainers from the Western Justice Center!

Jessica

REMINDER

NO COSTUMES AT SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 31.

6th ANNUAL SMASH COMEDY NIGHT BENEFIT
with Jake Johannsen and Friends
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 at Magicopolis
on 4th Street - 7:00pm

Tickets on sale now at <https://smashcomedyevent2018.eventbrite.com>

IT'S OUR 6th YEAR! Laugh, Win and Raise Money for SMASH (Santa Monica Alternative School House)!

Join SMASH Dad Jake and friends for our 6th Annual hilarious night of comedy and community. Jake is an accomplished comedian with specials for HBO, Showtime and Netflix; he appeared on Late Night with David Letterman 45 times (more than any other comedian); has a successful Podcast - "JAKE THIS"; and travels the planet making people laugh at comedy clubs and corporate events. Enjoy this "adults only" night out with your partner and SMASH friends. There will be a short raffle at the end of the night...great prizes with a good chance to win!

The line-up this year includes:

**Jackie Flynn, Karen Rontowski, Helen Hong,
Leo Flowers & Wendy Liebman.**

DOORS and BAR OPEN 6:15pm; SHOWTIME - 7:00pm; Ages 21 and up please.
Tickets are \$50 each, including fees. Open to the public - friends and family welcome.

Please contact Nina Furukawa for more info or to donate to the raffle -

310-922-2060, nina@smdp.com

CORE 1 NEWS

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Partners

The Partners are busy writing books! They have picked a topic from the Map of Their Heart to write a story. This week they learned to use a stapler to keep pages together. In Math Workshop they were introduced to Two-Card Compare to compare the sums of two numbers. In our Student-Teacher conferences, the children are showing what they know about letter names, letter sounds, sight words and reading picture books. I look forward to meeting with Partner Parents to celebrate their growth.

Bigs

You received a bag of some “little books” your child made in class. These books support your child in Concepts of Print, printing practice, and task completion. The children worked on starting “at the top” when writing their letters and numbers. You can expect to still see some reversals, here and there, at this time. If you have not had a chance to sign up for a parent-teacher conference please do so ASAP. Please note the location of your conference, as indicated on the signup sheet. Please call the school office to confirm your location, or to schedule your appointment, if you are unable to make it into campus. Thank you!

Mentors

The week leading up to Halloween festivities can be very exciting and this week has not disappointed! The excitement is hard to contain. All Halloween festivities at school will be over at the end of the carnival today. On Wednesday, the actual Halloween, it will be a regular school day with regular clothes. Thanks for your understanding and support. I look forward to our Parent/Teacher conferences the week of November 5. This will be a time to check in about how things are going and set some goals for the year. Book orders need to be in no later than Friday, November 2nd. Ordering on line is very easy at <https://clubs.scholastic.com/home> and our class code is **P9C8V**. Thank you for supporting our library!

Upcoming Events:

October 31 Dress In Your Regular School Clothes Day

November 5 – 9 EARLY DISMISSAL WEEK for Parent /Teacher Conferences

Core 1 Team

Graciela, Nadja, Chrysta, Alex, Alejandra, Juana, Marcus, Coach Angel

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REMINDER

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Mindfulness and Yoga continues with Candis on Mondays. During October, the children have been “zooming in” to different parts of their bodies and breath. We have practiced “Counting Breath,” Candle Meditations, and concentration games such as Opposite Simon Says and Pass the Cup. This week we learned about the brain and how it is our “control center.” Next week we will learn about the different parts of the brain, and how this can help us calm down when we “Flip Our Lids.”

CORE 2 NEWS

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With Project-Based Learning, there are a lot of opportunities for our students to work in teams. This is really challenging work, so we are continually creating tools and providing supports to help make these interactions and projects successful. We recently introduced a reflection sheet that provides a road map for how to have a conversation where all voices are heard. In addition, students are asked to identify the needed materials, list the potential steps, and envision the final product. When they're done with the project, they're asked to reflect on both the process and the product. This continual cycle of envisioning, creating, producing, reflecting, and revising is designed to help them further develop their executive functioning skills, cooperative work, and growth mindset.

When Veronica, our Autry Museum Instructor, came in last week, she introduced the students to the idea of primary and secondary sources. They studied objects and read documents. Now the students are being asked to bring in their own special objects. We want them to understand that objects tell stories about the people who use them. For example, a student just brought in a tooth of a Tylosaurus. He shared what it was used for, made from, and looked like. He explained how he got it and the special meaning the object has to him. We will let you know when it is your child's turn to bring in an object.

Thank you to those grown-ups who joined us on the field trip to the Autry.
We really appreciated it!

Important Info.:

- **During the week of Oct. 29**, there will be interim ELA and Math assessments. See Jessica's Oct 19 Friday Letter front page for more details.
- **On Oct. 30**, we will be going on a field trip to the Santa Monica Playhouse to see "Monkey – Journey to the West." Please look out for permission slips. Chaperones are needed.
- **Conferences will take place the week of Nov. 5. The sign-ups are in the office. You will be meeting for twenty minutes with your student's advisor.**
- **Nov. 5 is Picture Retake Day.**
- **On Dec. 6**, we will have a celebration of Part 1 of our partnership with The Autry. It will take place in our classrooms at 8:30 a.m. Please mark your calendars.
- Faculty from The Santa Monica College Dance Academy will be coming in on Nov. 27, 29, and Dec. 4 to teach Hawaiian Dance to the fourth graders dance. **On Dec 11**, the performance will take place in the cafeteria. Please mark your calendars.
- If you have any consumables, including used glass or plastic bottles, you'd like to donate, we'd love them!

Warmly, Christian, Malaika, and Sarah

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CORE 3 NEWS

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5th Grade Math

This week, we're continuing our study of volume looking at solid figures. We're determining how to find the volume of 3D shapes that are non-standard. For example, if we wanted to find the volume of an L-shape solid figure, we can find the volume of the shape's horizontal part and add it to the volume of the shape's vertical piece. Ask your child about the formula we've discovered: $V=b \times h$ and $V=l \times w \times h$.

6th Grade Math

This week students worked on multiplying and dividing fractions in both numeric and story problems. We talked about multiple possible strategies: old school, diagram, number line, and common denominator were some of the strategies students used to solve the problems. We completed Investigations 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3. Next week we will continue working on fraction story problems with all four operations (adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing).

6th Grade Family Problems

Monday - Page 55, #3

Tuesday – Page 73, #s 5 and 6

Wednesday – HALLOWEEN

Thursday – Page 74, #27

Literacy

In our read aloud, Wolf Hollow, we've been carefully looking for evidence to support our ideas about characters. There have been incidents where we're not sure which character is responsible. We've weighed character motivations, alibis, and contradicting evidence. We're practicing the talking starter sentence, "I think _____ is responsible because the author said/showed _____." We're encouraging all readers to practice this work in their own Just Right Books.

Social Studies

This week students chose an ancient civilization for further study. Students will be in groups of two – four and work as a team to research and teach about their civilization to the rest of the class. On Friday students began brainstorming research questions using GRAPES (Geography, Religion, Arts and Architecture, Politics, Education, and Social Systems). Students also completed the first draft of their Ancient Civilization Inventions essays. Next week we will type them up to edit on the computer.

Catalina

Your child was given a DISTRICT PERMISSION SLIP (Two-sided) that needs to be completed and returned as soon as possible. Also, as requested by the very organized planners in the community, your child was given a packing list and sample daily schedule for camp.

Again, there is a lot of buzz about cabin groups. Erin and Jayme work very hard to accommodate the 50 campers that are going to CIMI. Everyone will get at least ONE of the people they requested. While we'd like to give students EVERYONE they requested, this is just not possible with the room availability and space determined by the camp. Students will find out their groups the week of Catalina camp, November 5 or 6. Our intention is to make every student happy, yet there may be some disappointment. Please help your child handle these feelings and remind them that they can be with everyone during the free time, rock wall climb, and campfire. This is also a great opportunity to make better connections with other peers in Core 3!

Students will get a chance to shop at the Camp Store each night. If you'd like your child to buy a souvenir, here is the price list: Sweatshirt \$30; T-shirt \$15; Water bottle \$12; Hat \$12

If you're interested in compiling the slideshow for the Catalina assembly, please email Jayme and Erin so we can direct all photos to you. Thanks in advance!

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Core 3 continues to study the **7 Attitudes of Mindfulness** on Mondays with Candis Berens. Each week we add a new attitude to our practice. During the month of October, we have talked about "**The Wisdom of Patience**," "**A Beginner's Mind**," and "**Trust**." This week we brainstormed all of the people/things we would like to trust, such as family, friends, community, government, the ups and downs of life. In the end, it was decided that the most important person to trust is YOURSELF. Mindfulness can help you listen to your inner voice and trust your intuition. Then we practiced Trust-Full yoga with a partner!

CIMI Packing List for Students and Chaperones

There are many items that students will want to bring to CIMI. Some are necessary and some may just be extra baggage that they may never use. This is a camping experience and the students should pack appropriately. We advise guests to bring no more than they can comfortably carry. Guests will carry their luggage not only on and off the boat, but also several hundred yards to their sleeping accommodations. They will repeat that process on their day of departure. Unnecessary items should be left at home. Everyone's arms will get enough of a workout just from the kayaking and snorkeling!

Be sure to mark all clothing before arrival on the island.

Essential items:	Non-essential:	Do not bring:
Water bottle (important)	Sunhat	Knives
Old shirts and shorts	Sunglasses	Spearguns
Jeans or old slacks	Flip flops or water socks	Firecrackers
Long Sleeved shirt or sweater	Camera and film	Curling irons
Raincoat or poncho	Pillow	Valuables
Underwear/socks	Day pack	Alcohol or drugs
Bath Towel	Extra swimsuit	TV's, cell phones, iPads, video games, etc.
Toothbrush and toothpaste	Money for souvenirs, t-shirts, jackets, etc.	Waterguns/balloons
Toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc...)	Personal mask and snorkel	Gum, candy, seeds
Swimsuit	Contact lenses	Fishing gear
Large beach towel	(glasses cannot be worn under masks, but some prescription masks are available)	Anything not allowed at school is not allowed at CIMI.
Warm sleeping bag (or extra blanket)		
Flashlight		
Tennis shoes or boots for hiking		
Sunscreen		

If students used IPODS or electronics on the trip over, please collect these and leave them in the CIMI Program Office until departure. CIMI does not assume responsibility for lost/stolen items.

Please pack personal gear in a suitable and well-marked container with your name, address, and school name. Luggage with wheels is best. Please attach your designated colored yarn to each piece and keep items separated (i.e. do not tie sleeping bag to luggage).

Incident Weather

The weather on Catalina Island is usually very good, however, it is possible to have rain, wind, fog, or a combination of these conditions at anytime. Be prepared for all types of weather. All students and chaperones must have rain gear. Plastic trash bags can function as an inexpensive, although not very durable, rain poncho. Programs will occur as planned or will be altered to meet conditions. If there are bad winds, it is possible that your boat transportation will be postponed until the winds have died down.

It is prudent to pack a plastic bag for wet articles from rain or last-morning water activities.

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4CAEAC2BA7F94-7thgrade3>
- **8th Grade Families! Please sign up here for your Fall Family Conference with Darwin.**
tinyurl.com/smash8thgradeconferences2018
- **8th graders who are applying to independent schools and asking for recommendations need to let Genie and Darwin know soon because we will complete them before Thanksgiving. After Thanksgiving we will be focusing on Narratives. Thanks!**

Math

Core 8/Algebra: We studied equations, graphs, and absolute value.

Core 7: We are working through scale factor and how they are ratios and remembering fractions and decimals and their relationships. It can be confusing since it is a new concept so making time to calmly look and think through the homework problems is good for our brains! Being confused is ok--just think what specific question do I need answered to proceed.

Science - We did a Claims Evidence Reasoning with Asteroid Collision with Earth and created a table organizing the different scenarios. We ended with a skit.

Humanities - We are continuing our notes as most students are finishing Ch 3 and the basic differences between the New England, Middle and Southern Colonies. Their geography and how they got started still continue in their state's identity today. We will start Ch 4 where we will learn about Colonial Life.

Arts - Patriots had their double art period. We worked with leather pieces from ReDiscover and leather-like synthetic pieces to experience leather work--punch holes and lacing.

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Dear SMASH Families,



November elections are less than 2 weeks away. With **Bond Measure SMS** (Endorsed by SMMPTA Council and SMASH PTSA) on the November 6, 2018 ballot, we want to make available as much information as possible to assist voters in making informed decisions.

When we voted to endorse the measure, it appeared that there would be an additional information session facilitated by the SMMUSD. It has been confirmed that at this time there won't be an additional session as most PTA units had members of the school district and/or SMMPTA Council at their individual school unit meetings to answer questions and provide more information regarding Bond Measure SMS. Some of you may remember Jennifer Smith joining our September general meeting.

Our role is to assist you in obtaining the information you seek through available resources. Should you still have questions after reading the information on the website links below, please email those questions to Kim or Sabine and we will make every effort to get the answer for you.

Description of Bond Measure SMS:

In short Bond Measure SMS will raise funds for much needed facilities improvements (see SMMUSD info). Capital expenditures are expected to be funded through bond measures not the general fund (FYI - Measure GS/GSH monies flow into the general fund).

SMMUSD has created two School Facilities Improvement Districts. District #1 is Santa Monica. District #2 is Malibu which will have its own bond measure (Measure M) on its ballot. The funds raised through Measure SMS will only be spent on Santa Monica schools and the State does not have control over this bond money. Once the measure is passed, the school district, in collaboration with the school principals, will finalize a master facility improvement plan for all school in Santa Monica.

For more info:

<http://www.smvote.org/BallotMeasures/> - click on Measure SMS

(Full Text, Tax Rate Statement, Impartial Analysis)

<http://www.smmusd.org/21stcenturyschools/>

(School facilities info, FAQs)

<https://www.yesonsms.com> *note this is an advocacy website

(List of Endorsers, FAQs)

<https://ed100.org/blog/parcels-bonds>

(Ed 100 article: "Parcel Taxes and Bonds Demystified")

In support of Measure SMS - You can volunteer by signing up here!

<http://bit.ly/contactvoters>

We sincerely appreciate your participation in the discussions surrounding the measure and we encourage all registered voters to **VOTE** on November 6, 2018!

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SMMUSD Elementary Lunch Menu

*Menu Subject to change

Prepay online at www.myschoolbucks.com



<p>Daily Milk Options: 1% white-(Breakfast & Lunch) Nonfat White (Breakfast & Lunch) Non-fat chocolate-(lunch only)</p>  <p>Did you know chee your kids can go to the fruit and salad bar every day?</p>		<p>Yogurt Parfaits are Offered Daily</p> 		<p>Thursday-Nov. 1 BUILD YOUR OWN BURGER Baked Potato Wedges</p>  <p>Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Homemade Burrito</p> <p><i>Paño de Pajero Hamburguesa</i></p>	<p>Friday-Nov. 2 PIZZA FRIDAY! Cheese or Peppernoni Pizza Garden Salad</p> <p>Assorted Deli Sandwiches</p>  <p><i>Pizza de queso + Salchicha</i></p>
<p>Monday-Nov. 5 Bosco Cheese Sticks W/Marinara</p> <p>Vegetarian Option: Homemade Grilled Cheese Sandwich Assorted Deli Sandwiches</p> <p><i>Paltas de queso con Salsa Marinara</i></p>	<p>Tuesday-Nov. 6 Pupil Free Day No School for Elementary Sites</p>	<p>Wednesday-Nov. 7 Orange Chicken Steamed Rice & Broccoli or Pepin' Chicken Salad Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Protein Box w/ Bagel</p> <p><i>Papas Caliente Empanizado</i></p>	<p>Thursday-Nov. 8 Beef Taco Hard or Soft Spanish Rice & Corn</p> <p>Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Homemade Burrito</p> <p><i>Taco de Res</i></p>	<p>Friday-Nov. 9 PIZZA FRIDAY! Cheese or Peppernoni Pizza Green Salad</p> <p>Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Power Pack</p> <p><i>Pizza de queso + Salchicha</i></p>	
<p>Monday-Nov. 12 VETERAN'S HOLIDAY</p>	<p>Tuesday-Nov. 13 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Baked Cross Train Fries</p>  <p>Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Hummus Box</p> <p><i>Sandwich de Pollo empapado</i></p>	<p>Wednesday-Nov. 14 Teriyaki Chicken or General Tso Chicken Brown Rice or Chicken Cesar Salad Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Protein Box w/ Bagel</p> <p><i>Pollo con Salsa de Teriyaki</i></p>	<p>Thursday-Nov. 15 Hamburger/Cheese Burger Lays Potato Chips or Broccoli Slaw Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Homemade Burrito</p> <p><i>Paño de Pajero Sandwich</i></p>	<p>Friday-Nov. 16 PIZZA FRIDAY! Cheese or Peppernoni Pizza Tossed Salad</p> <p>Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Power Pack</p> <p><i>Pizza de queso + Salchicha</i></p>	
<p>Monday-Nov. 19 Baked Chicken Tenders Steamed Cauliflower & Carrots</p>  <p>Vegetarian Option: Homemade Grilled Cheese Sandwich Assorted Deli Sandwiches</p> <p><i>Papas de Pollo</i></p>	<p>Tuesday-Nov. 20 Brunch For Lunch Waffle Sticks, Beef Sausage Patty, Baked Tater Tots, 100% Juice</p> <p>Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Hummus Box</p> <p><i>Paltas de Waffle</i></p>	<p>Wednesday-Nov. 21 PIZZA Wednesday! Cheese or Peppernoni Pizza Green Salad or Café Salad Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Protein Box w/ Bagel</p> <p><i>Pizza de queso + Salchicha</i></p>	<p>Thursday-Nov. 22 No School</p> 	<p>Friday-Nov. 23 No School</p> 	
<p>Monday-Nov. 26 Bosco Cheese Sticks W/Marinara</p>  <p>Vegetarian Option: Homemade Grilled Cheese Sandwich Assorted Deli Sandwiches</p> <p><i>Paltas de queso con Salsa Marinara</i></p>	<p>Tuesday-Nov. 27 Oven Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Corn</p> <p>Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Hummus Box</p> <p><i>Papas de Pollo Horneado</i></p>	<p>Wednesday-Nov. 28 Boilini Pasta w/Meat Sauce Garlic Bread or Southwest Chicken Salad Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Protein Box w/ Bagel</p> <p><i>Pasta con Salsa con carne</i></p>	<p>Thursday-Nov. 29 Orange Chicken Brown Rice, Steamed Broccoli</p>  <p>Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Homemade Burrito</p> <p><i>Papas de Pollo + Sabor de Naranja</i></p>	<p>Friday-Nov. 30 PIZZA FRIDAY! Cheese or Peppernoni Pizza Garden Salad</p> <p>Assorted Deli Sandwiches Vegetarian Option: Power Pack</p> <p><i>Pizza de queso + Salchicha</i></p>	

Menus & Food & Nutrition Info can be found on our website at www.smmusd.com/foodservices

Suggestions or questions, email: fn@smmusd.com

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