

FEBRUARY SILVA STAR



Manlio Silva Elementary School 2019

Take your Family to School Week

Once again Silva's PTA is sponsoring the annual "Take Your Family to School" week beginning Tuesday, March 5th. This is a great opportunity for you to step on to our campus and show support for your child's education and be part of Silva!

3/5/19: The week kicks off with "Pastries with Parents" on Tuesday. It will be from 7:45 – 8:25 am in the cafeteria and 10:35-11:00 am for PM kinder parents.

3/6/18: - Preschool Storytime 8:20-9:00 am Preschoolers will listen to a story, do a craft and take home a healthy snack. We look forward to seeing these future Sharks!

- General Assembly Meeting/Board Elections 5:30-6:00 pm in the Library.

- FREE MOVIE NIGHT – Presenting *Incredibles 2* at 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the cafeteria. Please feel free to bring snacks, drinks, or dinner. Tickets must be reserved in advance, but we do have some tickets still available. If you would like to attend, please turn in your order form no later than Monday, March 4th.

Tickets will be given out first come, first serve until gone. The tickets will be sent home with your child on March 6th, the day of the movie.

3/7/18: Invite your parents or a family member to lunch (see below for your child's designated lunch time). Parents can bring a bag lunch or you can bring something special for you and your child to eat together in the Cafeteria on that day. Students will have 20 minutes to eat, so please be prompt and then you can join them on the playground for the remainder of their lunch period.

Lunch Schedule for Thursday:

Kinder pm + Ms. Rivera: **10:35 – 11:00**

1st/2nd Grade + Mr. Borrego: **11:05 – 11:25**

Kinder am: **11:35 – 11:55**

3rd /4th Grade: **12:05 – 12:25**

5th/6th Grade + Mr. dePolo: **12:35 – 12:55**

Please call the school if you have questions. 953-9302

Kindergarten Roundup Approaching!

Kindergarten Roundup at Silva is February 4th through February 15th (8:45-11:30). The roundup is the time of year to enroll your children in kindergarten for the upcoming school year. Children that turn 5 years of age prior to September 2, 2019 are eligible to enroll. For students who turn 5 September 2-December 2 can attend transitional kindergarten at Creekside or Podesta Ranch Elementary Schools. When you come, be prepared to fill out some forms and bring with you a certified birth certificate (hospital certificates are not valid), the child's shot record, and proof of residency. This can be a current city bill (i.e. PG&E, etc.). Please help spread the word that Roundup is happening at all LUSD schools. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you in the Silva Family. Go Sharks! If you have questions about Open Enrollment, please contact the school office at 953-9302.

Note: On many occasions parents have asked me if **age should be the only factor** used to determine if their child is ready to succeed in kindergarten. (Compensatory Law requires children ages 6-18 to attend school) We often ask parents these questions: **Can your child focus on one task for a period of time, (5-15 minutes), without losing concentration? (TV and Computer games are not included in this survey.) Does your child show any interest in books? Stories being read to them? Numbers? Does your child interact well with their peers and other adults? Does your child typically follow directions you give them the first time asked?** If you answer yes to these questions or had success in pre-school, then often the child is a good candidate to make their first year of formalized schooling a great experience. On occasions, children that aren't quite prepared for the rigors of kindergarten may need another year to mature and gain the necessary stamina to handle the challenges of the tough state standards in kindergarten. These difficult decisions are made on a case by case basis and should be discussed if you have any reservations about sending, or not sending your child to kindergarten. If you have questions or concerns and want to talk to our skilled kindergarten teaching staff or myself, please call the school and we will set up a phone or person to person meeting with you. We will have Kindergarten Orientation at the start of the 2019-2020 school-year to help acclimate the students to our school. More information will be sent to those families that register during the Roundup. With your help we will achieve our ultimate goal for your child and make kindergarten a very positive experience with high academic and social success!

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Pennies for Patients Drive

Silva's very own Student Council is sponsoring a collection drive to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's school and youth programs. It is a **two week period** in which each class is given a collection box for pennies or whatever donation students would like to give to help other children in our area with blood cancer. We will be collecting money during these dates: *January 28 – February 7*.

Last year we raised \$2,502.95 in pennies, other coins and bills! This year's goal is \$2,800. We are very proud of our Silva students for their thoughtfulness and generosity.



2018-2019 School Year's Computer Based School Accountability Testing

As you may already know, we, along with the rest of public schools across California, will be participating in comprehensive year-end assessments of grade-level learning that measure progress toward college and career readiness. English–language arts (ELA) and mathematics are comprised of two parts: (1) a computer adaptive test and (2) a performance task. These tests are known as the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) which is the major component of **California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress – or CAASPP**.

These computer based tests are aligned to the California's Common Core State Standards for English and math, which California adopted in 2010 to describe what knowledge and skills students need to be well prepared for college and careers, no matter where they come from or where they live across America.

Last year was our fourth official year in receiving individual student results. In 2017-2018, Silva had 64% of the tested students scoring exceeding or meeting standards in ELA, which was the second highest percentage out of 31 elementary schools (excluding Elkhorn Elementary) in the district. In Math, Silva students the second highest percentage at 52%. We are very proud of our students for their academic excellence. This spring, our teachers will be administering the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Test online to students in 3rd through 6th grade on 4/30 -5/2 and 5/7-5/8. Make up test sessions for students who were absent for any portion of SBA will be 5/3, 5/10, and 5/14-5/17. Fifth graders will take Science Test on 5/9. Manlio Silva will utilize our 1:1 devices (chromebook for every student) to administer the SBA. Silva staff will be preparing all 3-6 grade students through the practice test and develop the necessary computer skills. If you want to see what type of questions students will be asked or how the test will be presented, there is a practice test available online at <http://caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>. Then, click on **"Student Interface Practice and Training Test"** and sign in as a guest. The scoring guide (answers) can be found in the same link but click on **"Test Administrator Resources."**

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Silva's School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

The School Accountability Report Card (SARC) provides parents and the community with important information about each public school.

Lodi Unified School District's SARCs are available on the District's webpage at <https://www.lodiUSD.net/schools/school-accountability-reports-cards-sarcs>. If you have questions regarding Lodi Unified's SARCs or would like to receive a printed copy of a particular school, please contact Accounting at (209) 331-8901. For further information on School Accountability Report Cards, please visit the California Department of Education's web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.

BOX TOPS FOR KIDS!!

Please collect box tops for our school music programs. They are located on the packaging of many different household products including General Mills, Kleenex, Ziploc, and Pillsbury brands. Look for the Box Tops for Education Logo, cut them out, and send them to school with your child. There are Box Top deposit containers in room 208 and on the shelves by the office. Students should put their names and their room numbers on their bag of box tops so they can receive a Superkid Slip from Mrs. Evans. Each Box Top is worth ten cents for our school. Please support our music and drama programs by collecting Box Tops for Manlio Silva School. We are trying to collect as many Box Tops as we can before our next submission date in February! **Please send as many Box Tops as you can before Feb. 15.** We collect Box Tops all year every year! If you have questions you can contact Mrs. Evans via e mail at kevans@lodiUSD.net. Thank you for your support!

Preschool Story Time

The award winning Pre-school Story time is a great way for our future Shark to prepare themselves for school. We invite all community members and their children (ages 5 and under) once a month for a thematic story, a related activity, and a snack from 8:20 to 9:00 a.m. in our school library. You'll only have three opportunities to attend for the rest of the year: February 5th, March 6th, and April 10th. Thank you to our dynamic PTA volunteers and kindergarten teachers for their amazing dedication and talents!

Holidays and Minimum Days in Quarter 3

Friday, 2/8 is Lincoln's B-Day and Monday, 2/18 is Washington's B-Day. There will be no school on these two days.

Minimum days are 2/13 and 2/27. School will be closed for Spring Break from 3/11 – 3/22.

3rd Quarter Important Dates and Information

1/28 - 2/7: Pennies for Patients Drive

Friday, February 1st - Triple A Period 5 Ends/ **Spirit Day: Sports Wear Day!**

Friday, February 1st - Kindergarten to Greg and Steve Field Trip (8:45-11:30)

Monday, February 4th - Triple A Period 6 Begins

2/4 - 2/15 Kindergarten Roundup for 19-20 School Year

2/4 - 2/8 National School Counseling Week!

Tuesday, February 5th - Preschool Story Time (8:20-9 in the Library)

Wednesday, February 6th - Joe Odhiambo Assembly (8:40 for K-3 and 9:30 for 4-6)

Wednesday, February 6th - Mrs. Clanton and Mrs. Ortega to Valley Days (8:30-1:45)

Wednesday, February 6th - **College Wear Day**

Wednesday, February 6th - DELAC Meeting (District Office 5:30-6:30 p.m.)

Friday, February 8th - Holiday: Lincoln's Birthday

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- Tuesday, February 12th - ELAC Meeting (8:30-9:00 in Silva's Library)
Tuesday, February 12th - 4th Grade Horses Art Presentation in Classrooms
Wednesday, February 13th - **Common Planning Minimum Day 12:22/25 Dismissal/ College Wear Day!**
Saturday, February 16th - PTA Crab Feed (Elk Lodge and 6-11)
Monday, February 18th - Holiday: Washington's Birthday
Wednesday, February 20th - Triple A Period 5 Handout/ **College Wear Day!**
Wednesday, Feb. 20 - 6th Grade Band Concert @ Christa McAuliffe MS- Recruiting Cluster Concert with CMMS and BCHS (6:30 p.m.)
Thursday, February 21st - Rotary Read-In (K-3rd in the AM)
Friday, February 22nd - Shark Tank Quarter 3 Ends
Friday, February 22nd - Spirit Day: Purple Passion Day
Monday, February 25th - Start of Shark Tank Quarter 4
Wednesday, February 27th - **Assessment and Collaboration Minimum Day 12:22/25 Dismissal**
Wednesday, February 27th - **College Wear Day!**/ Interactive Family Workshop (5:30-7 p.m. Library)
Thursday, February 28th - 2nd Grade to Reader's Theater and Elk Grove Regional Park (8:45-1:15)
Friday, March 1st - 5th Grade Shark Contest Begins (Ends March 8th)
Friday, March 1st - K and 6th Grade Promotion Pictures and any new students since 10/23 (8:30-12:00 @ Cafeteria)
3/5 - 3/8: Bring Your Family to School Week
Tuesday, March 5th - Pastries with Parents
Tuesday, March 5th - 3rd Graders to AgVenture Field Trip
Tuesday, March 5th - Dental Hygiene Presentation (K-2 presentations in classrooms, 8:30-10:00)
Wednesday, March 6th - Preschool Story Time (8:20-9 Library)
Wednesday, March 6th - **College Wear Day!**
Wednesday, March 6th - Movie Night (6:30-8:00 p.m. Cafeteria)
Wednesday, March 6th - McAuliffe Middle School Band Concert (4th - 6th at 8:40-9:20)
Wednesday, March 6th - PTA General Assembly (5:30-6:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, March 6th - PTA Board Meeting (6:00-6:20 p.m. Library)
Thursday, March 7th - Lunch with Family
Thursday, March 7th - PBIS Training (Vickie, Beth, Melissa, Lori B., Tony, and Ben to Church of God 8:30-3:00)
Friday, March 8th - Triple A Period 6 Ends
Friday, March 8th - Life Skills Awards Ceremony Q3 (8:45 - 1st, 9:25 - 2nd, 10:00 - 3rd)
Friday, March 8th - Father/Daughter Dance (6-8:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria)
Saturday, March 9th - Science Olympiad (McNair High School)
3/11 - 3/22: Spring Break
Important 4th Quarter Dates
Monday, March 25th - 4th Quarter Begins/ Triple A Period 7 Begins
Wednesday, April 10th - Honor Roll Q3 Breakfast
Thursday, April 11th - Open House (6:00-7:00 p.m.)
4/30 - 5/9: CAASPP SBA Testing
May 15th - Staff Appreciation Luncheon
May 16th - Band and Choir Concert
Thursday, May 23rd - Honor Roll Trip to Sunsplash
Friday, May 24th - APEX Fun Run