SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 10, 2026

Dear Parents,

November is upon on already and in some respects, it seems like the year just started. November is the month of gratitude and I can tell you that I continue to be so grateful to work with your families each day. In education, there is a saying that states "Gratitude moves a student's or teacher's mind from what is missing to the value of what has already been gained." May your life be full of gratitude during the month of November and always.

Staffing: We continue to look for a teacher for our Social Skills Program at Franklin. We hope to have someone by December 1st , so hoping that in next month's letter I will finally be sharing this great news.

Parent Workshops: There was a slight error in our communication about the next Parent Workshop. We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday November 17th at 9 am** at the District Office. The flyers are attached to this letter and Wassim Issa, Special Education Coordinator, will be presenting on "Parent Rights and Responsibilities."

Parent Resource Network:
Our next Parent Resource Network meeting is on November 17th at 10:15 am via zoom. Parent Resource Network representatives serve to support parents at each school site. Parents are able to support parents who are going through the IEP process, have assessment questions, talk about resources in the community or just need someone to talk to. We are looking for reps from Edison, JAMS, and Mckinley. If you are interested in being on PRN please contact Victoria at vhurst@smmusd.org.

Progress Reports:
Elementary Conference Day (Pupil Free Day) was November 3rd. If your child is in preschool or elementary school, you should have received a progress report regarding your child's IEP goals. If you have not received it yet please reach out to your child's case manager.

Thank you for allowing me to work with your children,

With Gratitude,
Victoria

Victoria Hurst,
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