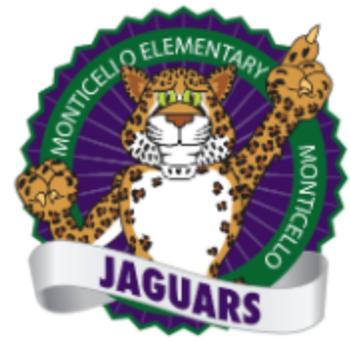


Monticello Elementary School

NEWSLETTER



September 29, 2023

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Good Evening Monticello Families,

It was wonderful to see so many families on campus this week for Parent Teacher Conferences. Just a few reminders. Our October Break runs October 9-13 and school resumes on Monday, October 16th. We are so excited that Artist in Residence starts for Kindergarten this week. They will be having a dance instructor. This is one of the programs that MJPPFA helps to support. Each grade will have an opportunity to participate in Artist In Residence at some point this year. Thank you and have a wonderful weekend.

Monday, October 2nd is a Minimum Day

Thank you,

Mrs. Bunch



UPCOMING DATES:

October 9-13 - Fall Break
No School

October 18 - Fall GATE
testing

October 24 - Fall Picture
Makeups

November 3 - End of
Trimester 1

Every Monday: Minimum
Day!
1:30 PM Release - All
grades

Tuesday-Friday:
TK-3rd Gr. - 2pm release
4th Gr. - 3 pm release

If you have any pictures of your child and would like them in the yearbook, please email them to hmarchini@jsdtracy.com.



REMINDER: If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please email Michelle Zabaldo, Monticello's Attendance Clerk at mzabaldo@jsdtracy.com each day your student is absent.



ATTENDANCE

in the early grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?



Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

1 in 10 kids

in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.¹



2 in 10
low-income kids
miss too much
school. They're also
more likely to suffer
academically.²



2.5 in 10
homeless kids
are chronically
absent.²



4 in 10
transient kids
miss too much
school when
families move.²



¹ Chang, Hedy; Romera, Marijose. *Present, Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades*. National Center for Children in Poverty. NY, NY, September, 2008.

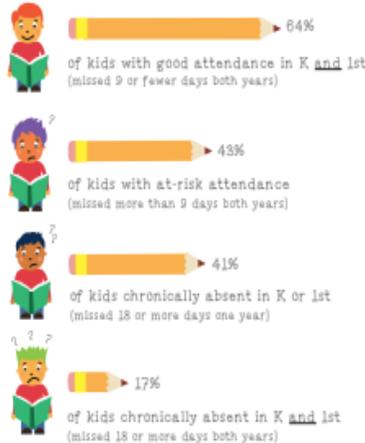
² *Chronic Absence in Utah*, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?³



³ *Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes*, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

What We Can Do



Engage Families

Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.



Fix Transportation

The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.



Address Health Needs

Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.



Track the Right Data

Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

These are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?



ASISTENCIA en los primeros grados

Muchos de nuestros estudiantes más pequeños faltan a la escuela el 10% del año escolar - como 18 días al año o sólo dos días al mes. La ausencia crónica en kinder e incluso en la pre escuela, puede predecir bajas calificaciones en exámenes, mala asistencia escolar y baja retención en los próximos años escolares, especialmente si el problema de ausencia persiste durante más de un año. ¿Sabe usted cuántos niños pequeños están ausentes crónicamente en su escuela y comunidad?



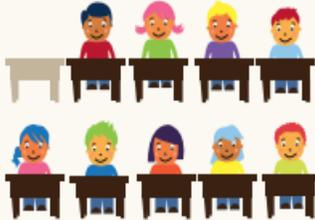
Quién es Afectado

Los estudiantes de kinder y 1er grado frecuentemente tienen niveles de ausencia tan altos como los de la preparatoria, (high school).

Muchas de estas faltas son justificadas, pero igual, se suman al tiempo perdido en clase.

1 de cada 10 niños

en kinder y 1er grado es crónicamente ausente. En algunas escuelas es tan alto como 1 en cada 4 niños.¹



2 de cada 10 niños de bajos ingresos

faltan demasiado. También es más probable que tengan problemas académicos.¹



2.5 de cada 10 niños sin hogar

están ausentes crónicamente.²



4 de cada 10 niños migrantes

faltan demasiado cuando la familia se muda.³



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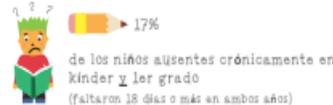
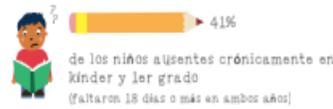
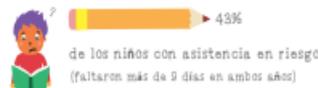
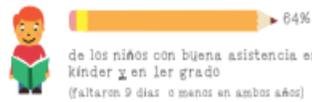
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Por Qué Importa

Si los niños no asisten regularmente, pierden habilidades fundamentales de lectura y matemáticas y la oportunidad de crear el hábito de buena asistencia, que los conduce a la universidad y una carrera.

Datos preliminares de un estudio en California encontró que los niños que fueron crónicamente ausentes en kinder y 1er grado tuvieron menos probabilidad de leer a nivel al final del 3er grado.

¿Quién puede leer a nivel después del 3er grado?



¹ *Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes*, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

Qué Podemos Hacer



Involucrar a las Familias

Muchos padres y estudiantes no saben cómo las ausencias en los primeros años pueden aumentar rápidamente los problemas académicos. Miembros comunitarios y maestros pueden educar a las familias, creando una cultura de asistencia escolar, dando información temprana, incentivos y atendiendo estadísticas.



Hacer Arreglos para Llegar a la Escuela

La falta de un carro o perder el bus escolar causan que algunos niños no vayan a clase. Las escuelas, agencias de transporte y miembros comunitarios pueden organizar viajes compartidos en carro, proveer pasajes para el bus u otras maneras para que lleguen a la escuela.



Atender las Necesidades de Salud

Problemas de salud infantil, particularmente el asma y los problemas dentales, son de las principales causas de ausentismo escolar durante los primeros años. Escuelas y médicos pueden trabajar juntos y proveer atención médica y recomendaciones a los niños y las familias.



Monitorear los Datos Correctos

Con frecuencia las escuelas ignoran las ausencias crónicas ya que monitorean el promedio de asistencia o ausencias sin excusa, y no cuántos niños faltan muchos días por cualquier razón. Attendance Works tiene herramientas sin costo, para dar seguimiento a estos datos.

Estos son algunos pasos que las comunidades y escuelas pueden tomar. ¿Cómo puede ayudar usted?



Absences
Add up!

#SCHOOLEVERYDAY
Missing just 2 days a month
means a child misses 10% of the
school year.

 **Attendance Works**
Improving Student Attendance by Reducing Chronic Absences

RUPERT GANZER



MONTICELLO'S REGULAR DAY SCHEDULE (Tuesday-Friday)

Warning Bell	8:10 A.M.	All Grades
Instruction Begins	8:15 A.M.	All Grades
Recess	9:25 A.M. ~ 9:39 A.M.	Kinder (Kinder Yard)
Recess	9:40 A.M. ~ 9:54 A.M.	Kinder (Kinder Yard)
Recess	9:45 A.M. ~ 9:59 A.M.	1, 2, SDC (Main Yard)
Recess	10:05 A.M. ~ 10:19 A.M.	3, 4 (Main Yard)
Lunch	10:55 A.M. ~ 11:15 A.M.	Kinder
Lunch Recess	11:15 A.M. ~ 11:40 A.M.	Kinder (Big Yard)
Lunch	11:10 A.M. ~ 11:35 A.M.	1st Grade/SDC
Lunch Recess	11:35 A.M. ~ 11:55 A.M.	1st Grade/SDC
Lunch	11:20 A.M. ~ 11:45 A.M.	2nd Grade
Lunch Recess	11:45 A.M. ~ 12:05 A.M.	2nd Grade
Lunch	11:35 A.M. ~ 12:00 P.M.	3rd Grade
Lunch Recess	12:00 P.M. ~ 12:20 P.M.	3rd Grade
Lunch	12:00 P.M. ~ 12:25 P.M.	4th Grade
Lunch Recess	12:25 P.M. ~ 12:45 P.M.	4th Grade
Dismissal	2:00 P.M.	K ~ 3rd Grade
Dismissal	3:00 P.M.	4th Grade

MONTICELLO'S MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE (Monday)

Warning Bell	8:10 A.M.	All Grades
Instruction Begins	8:15 A.M.	All Grades
Recess	9:25 A.M. ~ 9:39 A.M.	Kinder (Kinder Yard)
Recess	9:40 A.M. ~ 9:54 A.M.	Kinder (Kinder Yard)
Recess	9:45 A.M. ~ 9:59 A.M.	1, 2, SDC (Main Yard)
Recess	10:05 A.M. ~ 10:19 A.M.	3, 4 (Main Yard)
Lunch	10:55 A.M. ~ 11:15 A.M.	Kinder
Lunch Recess	11:15 A.M. ~ 11:40 A.M.	Kinder (Big Yard)
Lunch	11:10 A.M. ~ 11:35 A.M.	1st Grade/SDC
Lunch Recess	11:35 A.M. ~ 11:55 A.M.	1st Grade/SDC
Lunch	11:20 A.M. ~ 11:45 A.M.	2nd Grade
Lunch Recess	11:45 A.M. ~ 12:05 A.M.	2nd Grade
Lunch	11:45 A.M. ~ 12:05 P.M.	4th Grade
Lunch Recess	12:05 P.M. ~ 12:30 P.M.	4th Grade
Lunch	12:00 P.M. ~ 12:20 P.M.	3rd Grade
Lunch Recess	12:20 P.M. ~ 12:45 P.M.	3rd Grade
Dismissal	1:30 P.M.	All Grades



PBIS Parent/Family Survey

Please click on the link below if you would like to give us some feedback on how Monticello is implementing Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions.

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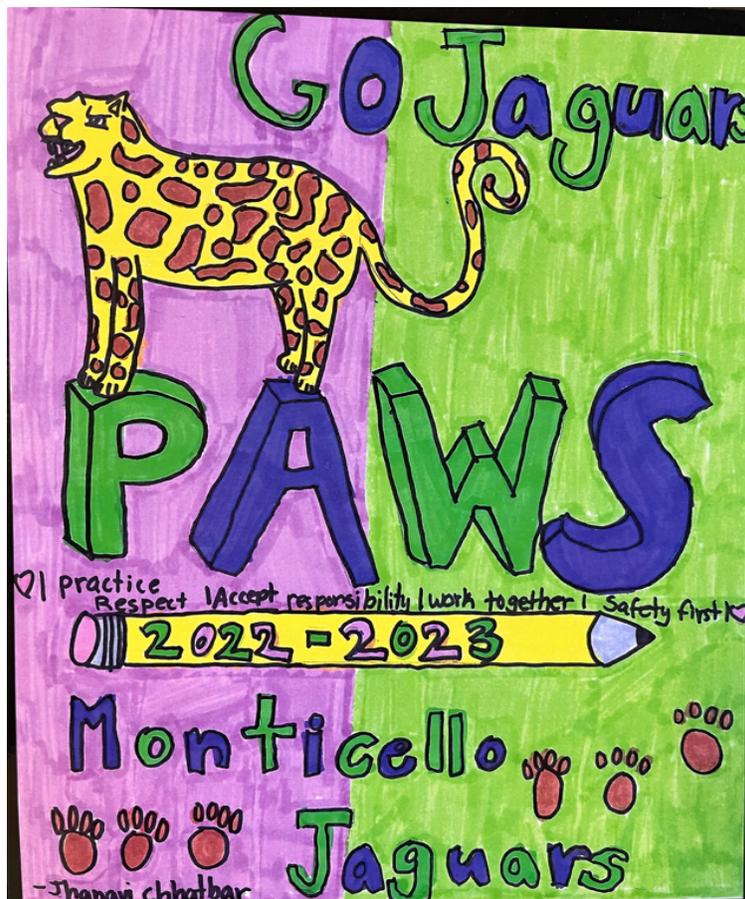
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Attention Monticello Families,
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October



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Pancake & Turkey Sausage on a Stick Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	Mozzarella Bread Sticks Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	Mini Cheese burgers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	Dominos Cheese Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
French Bread Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	Mozzarella Bread Sticks Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	Mini Cheese burgers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	Dominos Cheese Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
23	24	25	26	27
Bean & Green Chili Burrito Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	Chicken Teriyaki & Rice Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	Dominos Cheese Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
30	31			
Pancake & Turkey Sausage on a Stick Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	Mozzarella Bread Sticks Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables			

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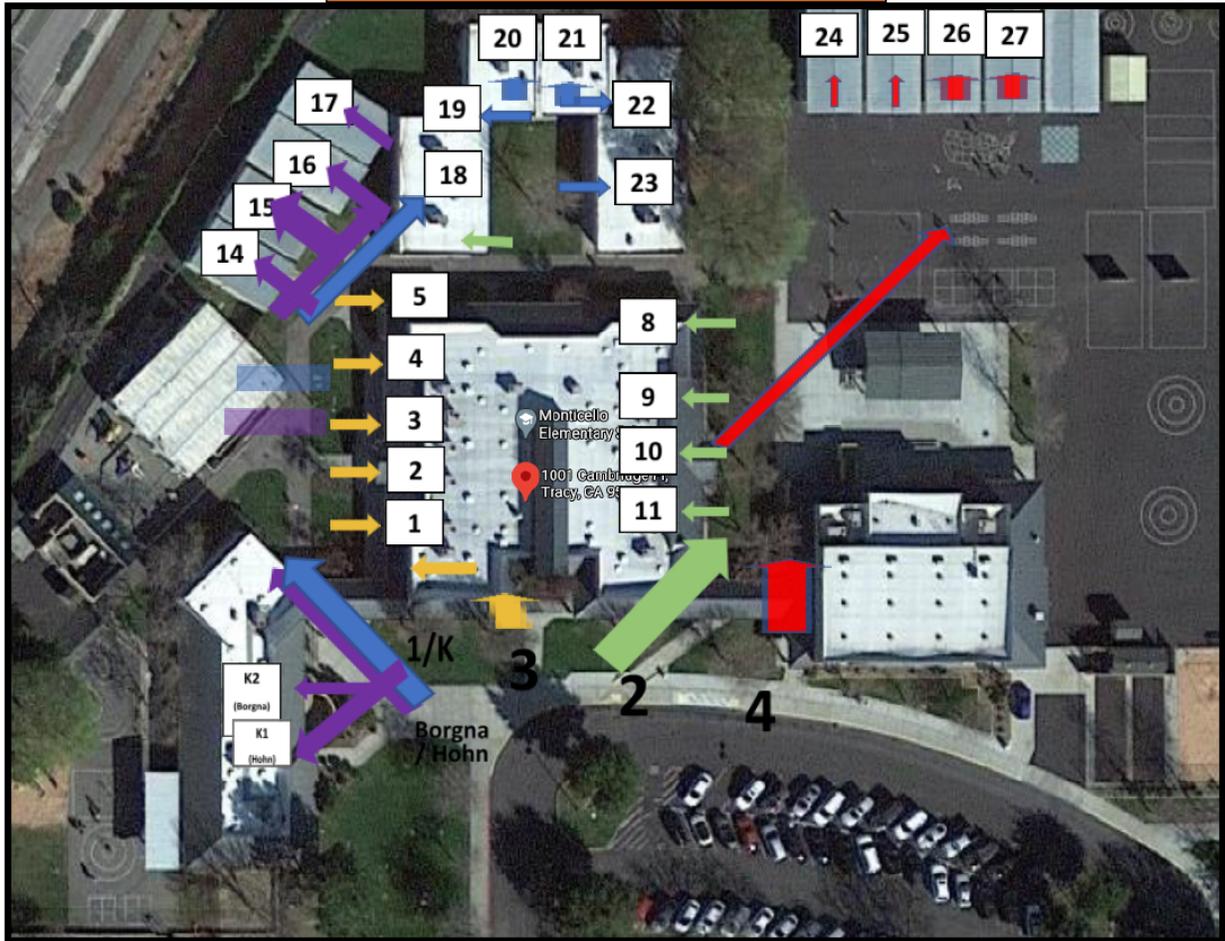


2023-2024 ASB Activity Calendar

October 2023							November 2023						
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22	23	24	★	★	★	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
29	★	★					26	27	28	29	30		
OCTOBER NOTABLES							NOVEMBER NOTABLES						
10/6 - Breast Cancer Awareness Day - Wear Pink							11/17 - Pajama Day						
10/25 - RRW: Twin Day							11/14-12/13 - Brighter Christmas Food Drive						
10/26 - RRW: Red Day													
10/27 - RRW: Crazy Hair & Crazy Socks Day													
10/30 - RRW: Hat Day													
10/31 - RRW: Costume Day													



STUDENT DROP-OFF INFORMATION



Please see the information below
That corresponds with this map.



K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
<p>Students are to be dropped off in the car loop, and enter through the MAIN Gate A (Kille, Varner, Manning and, Rodriguez), or the Kinder Gate (Borgna and Hohn) ONLY.</p> <p>Gates will open promptly at 8:00am.</p> <p>Students may be dropped off NO earlier than 7:30 am at the cafeteria gate</p> <p>Parents are not permitted on campus after the first day</p> <p>RM K1 – Hohn RM K2– Borgna RM 14 – Varner RM 15 - Kille RM 16 – Manning RM 17 – Rodriguez</p>	<p>Students are to be dropped off in the car loop, and enter through the MAIN Gate A ONLY.</p> <p>Gates will open promptly at 8:00am.</p> <p>Students may be dropped off NO earlier than 7:30 am at the cafeteria gate</p> <p>Parents are not permitted on campus after the first day</p> <p>RM 19 – Collinsworth RM 20 – Dias RM 21 – Cervantez RM 22 – Kirkpatrick RM 23 – Dunnum RM K2 - Borgna</p>	<p>Students are to be dropped off in the car loop, and enter through GATE C ONLY.</p> <p>Gates will open promptly at 8:00am.</p> <p>Students may be dropped off NO earlier than 7:30 am at the cafeteria gate</p> <p>Parents are not permitted on campus after the first day</p> <p>Borgna's class will enter through Gate A.</p> <p>RM 8 – Throssel RM 9 – Marchini RM 10 – Davis RM 11 – Balestrieri RM 18 –Bowen RM K2 – Borgna *Enter gate A*</p>	<p>Students are to be dropped off in the car loop, and enter through the LIBRARY GATE B ONLY.</p> <p>Gates will open promptly at 8:00am.</p> <p>Students may be dropped off NO earlier than 7:30 am at the cafeteria gate</p> <p>Parents are not permitted on campus after the first day</p> <p>RM 1 – Chase RM 2 – Fernandez RM 3 – Lowe RM 4 – Messamer RM 5 – Boparai</p>	<p>Students are to be dropped off in the car loop, and enter through the CAFETERIA GATE D ONLY.</p> <p>Gates will open promptly at 8:00am.</p> <p>Students may be dropped off NO earlier than 7:30 am at the cafeteria gate</p> <p>Parents are not permitted on campus after the first day</p> <p>RM 24 – Freitas RM 25 – McEnery RM 26 – Abris RM 27 – Watson</p>



Traffic reminders:

- Please remain in your vehicle for drop off and pick up.
- Students should be ready to exit the vehicle as soon and as you enter the driveway
- When exiting onto Cambridge from the school parking lot or the park parking lot, please exit left or right. Please exit whichever way has less traffic to continue to move the traffic line.
- No U-turns at anytime
- The neighborhood next to Monticello is a circle and will lead you to Tracy Blvd. Drivers can make a left on Tracy Blvd to get to Valpico Rd. or a right on Tracy Blvd to get to Linne Rd. Please utilize this exit as traffic allows
- Drivers should make a right on Sycamore Parkway during heavy traffic times.



JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON CAMPUS.





**Jefferson School District
2023 - 2024 Instructional Calendar**

JULY				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
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AUGUST				
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21*	22	23	24	25
28*	29	30	31	

SEPTEMBER				
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18*	19	20	21	22
25	26**	27**	28**	29**

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
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30*	31			

NOVEMBER				
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DECEMBER				
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FEBRUARY				
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APRIL				
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**Total Instructional
School Days**

August	19
September	19
October	17
November	16
December	14
January	19
February	19
March	15
April	21
May	21
Total	180

Holidays		
Students First Day		
Students Last Day		
Minimum Day (1:30 pm Release)	*	
Minimum Day (2 pm Release)	**	
Teachers First/Last Work Day		Full day
Teachers First/Last Work Day		Half day
End of First/Second Trimester		
P/T Conference (no students)		
Professional Development Day (MOU) (no students)		



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SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Drawing Contest



Oct 8th - Oct 13th

FOLLOW US



The contest is open to all Kindergarten through 5th Grade Students in Tracy and Banta.

*Please see reverse side for details. Winners will be posted on social media.



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South San Joaquin County Fire Authority - Tracy, CA



COOKING SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU DRAWING CONTEST

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

- October 13th: Posters must be turned in to your school or Fire Administration Bldg.
- October 16th to October 20th: Submissions will be voted on by South San Joaquin County Fire Authority staff and Firefighters.
- October 23rd: Winners will be announced.

GUIDELINES

- One entry per student.
- Each poster must clearly state the NFPA Fire Prevention Week theme, but please AVOID including any personal information.
- THE POSTER SIZE ACCEPTED is 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches .
- No 3 dimensional objects over 1/2 inches thickness or height may be placed/affixed on the posters
- The following information must be placed on the back of the poster:
 - Student Name
 - Student Grade
 - Teacher or Parent Name
 - School or Home Address & Phone number

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW

- Submissions will be divided into 2 groups:
 - Primary: Kindergarten through 2nd Grade.
 - Intermediate: 3rd through 5th Grade.
 - Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place.
 - All winning posters will be displayed at South San Joaquin County Fire Authority's Administrative Office for one year.
- *Failure to follow all guidelines will lead to the poster submitted being automatically disqualified.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE FIRE PREVENTION AT 209.831.6707 OR EMAIL FIRE.PREVENTION@SJCFFIRE.ORG