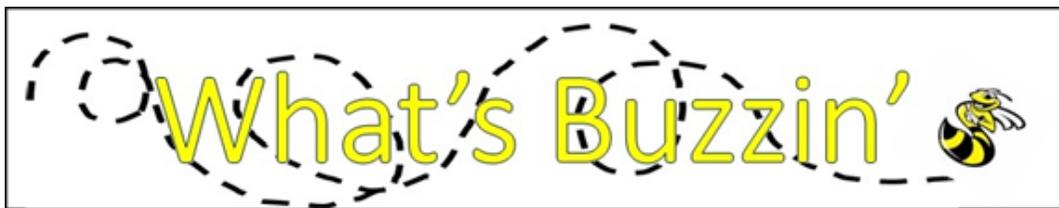


What's Buzzin' Newsletter - August 5th, 2020

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Principal's Message

Hi Sinsheimer Families,

I hope you all are having a good summer break and have been able to mix in some fun amidst our pandemic. My typical welcome back letter is being replaced this year by this more streamlined principal update. I am trying to change my approach, and be brief to meet your needs during this time where we all have so many unanswered questions. Needless to say these are highly unusual times and as a result we will be experiencing many firsts together when it comes to schooling this year. As you are well aware, we will be starting the school year virtually, and plan to remain virtual until winter break. The school board will make the decision on when, and in what form, we return to campus as we get closer to 2021, based on the health and safety of students, staff and families. Although there is still some uncertainty and some unanswered questions, I plan to continue to share short updates on important information as I get it. Even with virtual learning there is an anticipation surrounding the start of a new school year. I look forward to leading Sinsheimer this year to offer the best education possible for your child.

New Faces at Sinsheimer

Before I get to some of the basics below, I have exciting news about some new faces to Sinsheimer. This summer I hired new staff to join our Sinsheimer family and I would like to officially welcome Maria Kindel, Sally Rose, Laura Spiering, and Brittany Turner.

- Sally Rose has been hired as our EL teacher and will also be doing intervention support in place of Tricia Toews who moved into 6th grade to replace Mrs. Greenelsh. Last year Sally did a great job as our long term substitute for Mrs. Campa.
- Maria Kindel will be joining "Team 23" as a SDC paraeducator
- Laura Spiering will be teaching 4th grade with us and comes to Sinsheimer with a wealth of knowledge and experience teaching in various school settings. She has most recently taught 3rd grade at Monarch Grove where she also served as an instructional coach.
- Brittany Turner will also be teaching 4th grade this year. Brittany has come highly recommended as someone who is a hard worker, willing to do whatever it takes, brings a positive attitude, and is great with kids. She taught 4th grade at Bishop's Peak this past year during distance learning so will be able to hit the ground running.
- Brooke Brubaker will be teaching transitional kindergarten at Sinsheimer this year, moving her program from Los Ranchos where she taught with Joyce Romero as her instructional aide to provide student support.

Upcoming Events

Thurs, Aug. 13th and Fri., Aug. 14th - TK/Kinder Roundup

First Day of School - Mon. Aug. 24th

Class Placement Requests

I have received several requests by parents for students to be placed with other students for childcare or general home learning support. This completely makes sense and I would love to accommodate all requests. However, I will not be making changes to our class lists that have been created. Making changes would be especially challenging given the number of requests and the inequities it would likely create. Please also keep in mind that there is a 50/50 chance they will end up together anyway.

Class Lists and Parent Directory

What I will try to do however is post class lists (except Kinder which will be done following Roundup) as early as next week to allow families to arrange childcare knowing which other students/families are in their class. At the same time, we will share the ParentSquare directory for families to voluntarily offer their contact information if they are open to have other families contact them. Hopefully this will give you the opportunity to arrange support with, and for, one another that many of you have expressed a need for.

How will school be different from last Spring?

From August 17-21 our teachers will be receiving training on how to be the best teachers possible in a virtual environment. This Fall we will improve upon our model from the Spring based on your feedback and what we learned. Expect to see fewer curricular programs for parents to manage, more live/synchronous instruction offered by teachers, more consistent daily teaching schedules, and increased coherence and consistency between teachers at the same grade levels.

Technology and Materials Pick Up

We will have chromebooks and wifi hotspots available for all students in need, and will notify you of a scheduled pick-up day the week of August 17th. A form will be sent home next week for you to sign up to be given a chromebook and/or wifi hotspot for your child's educational use at home.

Dates to Remember:

*Class Lists and ParentSquare Directory Shared -

Week of August 10

*Principal Forum on School Reopening -

Wednesday, August 12 @ 6:00 pm

*Technology/Materials Pick Up -

Week of August 17 (exact date and time TBD)

*First Day of School - Monday, August 24

*Back to School Night - Thursday, August 27 (Times TBD)

For detailed information on the school board's 7/16/20 vote to reopen school virtually please visit:

<https://www.slcsd.org/announcements-details.php?id=1898>

If you need help paying for food, shelter, clothing, bills, utilities, internet, or phone services please call the Family Resource Center at 805-596-4033 or email at frc@slcsd.org

School News

Enrollment Verification

As the beginning of the school year under distance learning approaches, it is very important that Sinsheimer has the most accurate enrollment numbers possible. We are asking for your help. Please let the Sinsheimer office know as soon as possible if you have moved out of the Sinsheimer area or plan to enroll your student into an educational program other than Sinsheimer or the district Virtual Learning Program. We are available in the office Monday through Thursday, 9am to 2pm at 805-596-4088. You can also leave a message at this office number, send a message in ParentSquare, or e mail Mrs.Wampler at jswampler@slcusd.org.

Thank you for your help.

District News

Parent and Community Forums



Join us for the following virtual **Parent and Community Forums**. All meetings are from 3:00-4:30 p.m. unless indicated below. Click on the topic for the zoom link.

Topic	Date	Facilitators
<u>Childcare</u>	Aug 5	Ryan Pinkerton, YMCA, SLO & Morro Bay cities
<u>Extracurriculars and Athletics</u>	Aug 10	Principals, Ads & staff at Secondary Schools
<u>Special Education</u>	Aug 12	Diane Frost and Joyce Hansen
<u>Dual Language Immersion</u>	Aug 13	Rick Mayfield, Lisa Stephens, Chris Jones, Dawn Addis
<u>Food Services & Family Resource Center</u>	Aug 14	Erin Primer and Chris Dowler
<u>Virtual Learning Program</u>	Aug 17	Rick Mayfield, Darla Batistic & Chris Dowler
<u>Distance Learning Program</u>	Aug 19	Kim McGrath & Rick Mayfield
<u>Mental Health Supports & Intervention</u>	Aug 24	Diane Frost and Chris Dowler
<u>EL/DELAC</u> (5:00-6:30 p.m.)	Aug 26	Rick Mayfield & Dawn Addis
<u>Multi-tiers Systems of Support</u>	Aug 28	Kim McGrath, Rick Mayfield, Diane Frost, Lara Storm