

May 7, 2021

Hello SEMS Community,

It was an amazing week seeing 75% of our students returning to 4 days of instruction. It was obvious our students were excited to see each other and feel a sense of normalcy. The staff and students maintained and continued the effort to ensure all safety measures were in place with sanitization, mask wearing and social distancing.

As part of the California Department of Education Expanded Learning Grant, **SEMS will be offering summer programs for June 14-25 and August 2-11**. These programs will be offered to students who may be interested in academic remediation, enrichment, self-guided academic support, physical activity, social-emotional learning and the arts. We are in the final stages of planning for these programs and hope to get more information and applications out to families by the end of the month.

Next week we will begin the **i-Ready testing for Math and ELA**. The i-Ready test is in lieu of the CAASPP state test which was waived for this year. As a result, districts were provided autonomy to conduct their own testing to assess student learning. All students will be assessed in either their Math/ELA class or in their Science/History class, depending what classes they have in Quarter 4.

Reminder to our 8th grade parents (in-person and LEVS) to continue filling out the promotion preference survey. It is important to get our numbers for the in-person and drive-thru event finalized by May 11. Survey closes at 6 p.m. on May 10. You must log in with your students SMUSD account username and password to access the survey.

Finally, we celebrated **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK** and **NATIONAL LUNCH HERO DAY**. It is the tireless work our SEMS staff do on a daily basis that makes this school community amazing. With great teachers, wonderful supportive families and amazing students, SEMS is truly an outstanding place to learn. I am proud to be a Golden Eagle!

Happy Mother's Day to all our moms. I hope your day is (was) special and relaxing! You deserve it!

Thank you,
Mr. Zeait