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# Trailwood Weekly

*Striving to exceed the needs of every student in every classroom every day.*



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## Upcoming

1/12  
7:00pm PTA Meeting via ZOOM

1/18  
NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

1/22  
End of 2nd Quarter

1/25  
NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day

1/26  
2nd Semester Begins

1/26  
Kindness Week Begins - Daily Spirit Wear

1/26  
"Kindness Ties Us Together"  
Wear a tie, bow tie or hair tie

1/27  
"Peace, Love and Kindness"  
Wear 70's inspired clothing

1/28  
"Share the Spirit of Kindness"  
Wear Trailwood spirit gear

1/29  
"Powered by Kindness"  
Dress like a superhero or "Trailwood Power" gear

## SMSD Bond Initiative

Our Shawnee Mission community is looking toward the future. The Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution to place a \$264.2 million bond proposal on a mail ballot this January. [Click here to learn more about the SMSD mail-in bond referendum being held in January 2021.](#)

**Ballots are expected to arrive in the mailboxes of SMSD residents this week. Ballots are due to the Johnson County Election Office by noon on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.**

This bond proposal is designed to provide lasting facilities improvements across the district, and to strengthen student learning. [View a video overview about the proposed bond here.](#) Our beautiful Trailwood building is a result of the previous bond initiative.

The goal is that the Shawnee Mission School District can continue to be ranked among the finest school districts in the nation, employing exceptional educators who work in state-of-the-art facilities, where learners achieve their full potential.

Thank you!

## Winter Benchmark Assessments

Students take benchmark assessments (MAP and Acadience) three times each year. The mid-year, winter benchmark assessments will be given sometime between January 11th and February 12th. Your child's teacher will communicate more detailed information.

## Kindness Week

We will be celebrating Kindness Week this year from **January 26th - 29th** (*the 25th is a no school day*). Along with classroom activities, we will have a spirit week with the following themed days:

### **Tuesday, Jan. 26th**

- "Kindness Ties Us Together"
- Wear a tie, bow tie or hair tie

### **Wednesday, Jan. 27th**

- "Peace, Love and Kindness"
- Wear 70's inspired clothing

### **Thursday, Jan. 28th**

- "Share the Spirit of Kindness"
- Wear Trailwood spirit gear

### **Friday, Jan. 29th**

- "Powered by Kindness"
- Dress like a superhero or show your Trailwood power with spirit wear

## Social Worker Update

As we head into this new year, I want to remind families that if you need connection to community resources, or would like to be added to the waitlist for BackSnacks, please [contact me](#). There are additional [phone numbers](#) and [resources](#) listed on my website.

School meals are currently free for all students, and meals for the weekend or for students learning remotely are available for pick-up on Friday mornings at school from 6:30-7:45 am. Additionally, if you think your family may qualify, it may also benefit your family to apply for free and reduced status with the school district, as this can be used for other applications as proof of income. It is also helpful to the district in obtaining appropriate funding from the state to ensure equitable education for students. Here is additional information from the school district: "All families that have not already applied for free or reduced meals this year are encouraged to apply if they feel they may qualify. There is a possibility that additional Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer ( P-EBT) funding may be available later this school year for those who have been approved for free or

reduced meals. [Click here for information and applications](#). If you have questions please call the Food Service Office at 913-993-9710.”

In the spring, families that had free and reduced lunch status qualified for EBT benefits to use at the grocery store in order to purchase groceries—this is what the district is referring to in their communication. If a family already received food stamps/SNAP benefits, the amount was added to their card, and if not, a card was sent out to families to utilize.

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