



Junipero Serra Elementary School

# Padre Press

March/April 2021

## March/April Calendar

### March 2:

- Read Across America Day
- PTA General Meeting @ 7:00 pm via Zoom

### March 9/10/12:

School Spirit Days  
**BOOK CHARACTER DAYS!**

### March 10:

- TK/Kindergarten Registration Begins
- Distance Learning Distribution Day

### March 17:

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Virtual Middle School Welcome Day

### March 18:

Sharky's Take-Out Fundraiser

### March 18 – 23:

Parent/Teacher Conferences

### April 2:

Board Holiday  
**NO SCHOOL**

### April 5 – 9:

Spring Break  
**NO SCHOOL**

### April 9:

Read-A-Thon Ends

### April 13/14/16:

School Spirit Days  
**COUNTRY WESTERN DAYS!**

### April 13:

PTA meeting @ 7:00 pm via Zoom

### April 14:

Distance Learning Distribution Day

Dear Parents and Friends of Serra School,

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Leadership students are hosting a recess for TK and Kindergarten students via Zoom. The 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will have a fun activity planned for the students. Recess will be held on Wednesday, March 17 at 11:00am for TK students and at 11:30am for Kindergarten students. The Zoom link will be sent through ParentSquare and shared with the teachers. I encourage your child to participate. It's a fun, optional activity for your child!

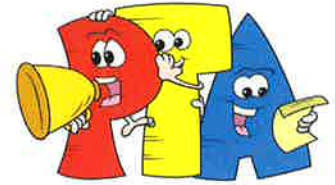
Parent conferences begin Thursday, March 18 and continue through Tuesday, March 23. This is a perfect opportunity for you to check on your child's progress towards meeting the grade level standards. If you are invited to your child's conference, please plan to attend. Your participation in your child's education makes a difference.

For the four days of Parent Conferences, dismissal time for ALL hybrid students will be at 11:00 AM. Zoom class for the students who are not in person will be held from 11:30 to 12:00. With all classes dismissing at the same time for these 4 days, traffic will be more congested. To ease the traffic on the streets and in the driveway, please allow parents of TK, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade to arrive at 11:00. Parents of older students, please plan to arrive at 11:10/11:15. We will have your students safely waiting near the gates. Thank you for your cooperation!

There will be NO change to the times of Zoom classes for our Distance Learning students.

Karen Senesac  
Serra School Principal

# President's Corner



Hello Junipero Serra Families,

This year is zooming by! We are about half way through our first Read-A-Thon. From now until April 9<sup>th</sup>, be sure your students are logging their minutes and collecting pledges. The funds raised will be used for student appreciation and virtual assemblies.

March 18<sup>th</sup> will be our first Take-Out Fundraiser of the year at Sharky's Ventura. Take a night off from cooking and enjoy a "fin-tastic" meal while supporting Junipero Serra PTA! Be on the lookout for the next Take-Out Fundraiser in April.

The next PTA Meeting will be our General Meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm via Zoom. During the meeting we will be electing our 2021-2022 Executive Board:

- **President:** Kristyn Meyer
- **Secretary:** Michelle Brown
- **Family Engagement:** Liz Heiberger
- **Vice President:** Sara Baumgardner
- **Treasurer:** TBD

**We are still in need of a Treasurer for next year.** If you or someone you know would like to join the Executive Board, email your interest to [juniperoserrapta@outlook.com](mailto:juniperoserrapta@outlook.com).

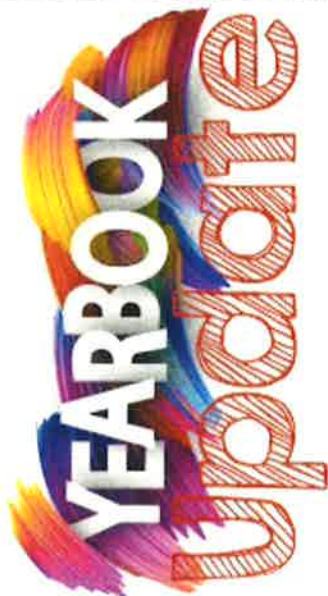
Remember, the PTA funds programs that include field trips, art, a PE teacher, Teacher Appreciation, etc. – some of which would not be otherwise provided. While during these trying times some of these programs have been on hold, we will be back to business-as-usual soon and we cannot support these programs without fundraising, volunteers, and family support.

Thank you!

Kristyn Meyer  
PTA President  
[juniperoserrapta@outlook.org](mailto:juniperoserrapta@outlook.org)



Come by Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>!



## Pictures are still being accepted for:

- ☑ **Grade level portraits – due by Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**
- ☑ **1<sup>st</sup> Day of School – due by Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**
- ☑ **Pajama Day – due by Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**
- ☑ **Color Day – due by Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**
- ☑ **Twin Day – due by Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**
- ☑ **Distance Learning Activities – due by Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**
- ☑ **Book Character Day – will be due by Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**
- ☑ **Country Western Day – will be due by Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

## Information will be sent out the week of March 8<sup>th</sup> about:

- Yearbook orders
- Hip Hip Hoorays

Email photos and questions to [juniperoserrayearbook@gmail.com](mailto:juniperoserrayearbook@gmail.com).

And now for some...

**GOOD NEWS**



# The Great Kindness Challenge®

The Great Kindness Challenge was held in January. Mrs. Senesac challenged all students to complete at least 5 kind acts for their family and friends.

Congratulations to the 10 Serra students who completed the challenge!

- ✚ Damien Boon
  - ✚ Brody Holley
  - ✚ Ja'Dore Lopez
  - ✚ Khloey Michalec
  - ✚ Corbin Spahr
- ✚ Zoey Hebard-Massey
  - ✚ Emily Kretschmer
  - ✚ Oscar Mejia
  - ✚ Grace Sleppy
  - ✚ Avery Verardo

Congratulations to Serra School 5<sup>th</sup> grader Joaquin Martinez! He is a winner in the *Students with Solutions* poster contest. The contest was sponsored by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center. We at Serra School are so proud of Joaquin for his message to stop bullying and sharing that message with others!



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Thanks to this year's "unique" learning situation, Serra School would like for EVERY student to be able to participate with their learning group in their own Spirit Day! Dates have been chosen to coincide with Distance Learning Distribution Days, so hopefully every student can be on campus at some point showing their school spirit. Below are dates for the remainder of the year to mark your calendars. Reminders will be sent out via *Padre Press*, ParentSquare, Facebook, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Leadership presentations.

Spirit Week Theme	Hybrid Group A	100% Distance Learners	Hybrid Group B
<p><b>Book Character Day!</b></p>	**Tuesday, March 9	**Wednesday, March 10	**Friday, March 12
<p><b>COUNTRY WESTERN</b></p>	**Tuesday, April 13	**Wednesday, April 14	**Friday, April 16
<p><b>SOB</b></p>	Tuesday, May 11	Wednesday, May 12	Friday, May 14

**\*\*Send your photos taken during your Spirit Day to [juniperoserrayearbook@gmail.com](mailto:juniperoserrayearbook@gmail.com).**

## Transitional Kindergarten (TK) & Kindergarten Registration Begins Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) & Kindergarten registration will begin on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The district will be rolling out a new Online Enrollment Process for all brand new to VUSD students. Please visit [www.venturausd.org](http://www.venturausd.org) for more information. If your child has ever been enrolled in VUSD (including the EIC or Jumpstart Preschool), then the online process is not for you. You will be required to pick up a paper registration packet from the school office.

Required documentation required to enroll:

- Child's original birth certificate
  - TK eligibility: Child must turn 5 between September 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 2, 2021
  - Kindergarten eligibility: Child must turn 5 on or before September 1, 2021
- Child's Proof of Immunizations (child must be up to date in order to start school)
- Two Proofs of Residency
  - Utility bills and/or property tax statement, rental property agreement, loan documents, voter registration, W-2, pay stub, correspondence from government agency

All students entering TK and Kindergarten are required to have a physical examination. This exam should be given **after March 1, 2021** prior to the start of school. They are also required to have an oral health assessment. The physical and oral health assessment forms will be provided during the registration process.

If you should have any questions about registration or how to do the online enrollment process, please do not hesitate to call the school office at (805) 672-2717.



# Read-A-Thon



Today a **Reader**, tomorrow a **Leader**.

## Why participate?



Reinforce good reading habits!



Help make our students stronger, more enthusiastic readers!

## How it works:

### Students Read

February 15th - April 9th

**Pledges:** Flat donations, students can collect them anytime during the Read-A-Thon.

**Participation:** Optional but we encourage you to read daily.



Reading Logs, Pledge Forms and Pledges are due the week of April 12th.



Pledges will help support virtual assemblies and student appreciation.



## Prizes:

All students will receive a participation packet and be entered into a raffle for additional prizes.



The most minutes for each grade will be posted on PTA website & Padre Press

## What Minutes Count?

- ✓ Reading before and after school
- ✓ Reading for homework
- ✓ Being read to by other people (not during school)
- ✓ Reading aloud to a pet or other people

Please address any questions/comments to the Read-a-thon coordinator, Kristyn Meyer at [juniperoserrapta@outlook.com](mailto:juniperoserrapta@outlook.com)



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**Junipero Serra  
Elementary School**

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

March 18<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Ventura 805-339-9600

Patio Dining, Take Out, Phone Orders

Order Online & pick up at restaurant

Order Online for curbside pickup

Enter Fundraiser Name at Checkout for

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