



Junipero Serra Elementary School

# Padre Press

May/June 2021

## **May/June Calendar**

### **May 4:**

PTA Meeting  
@ 7:00 pm  
via Zoom

### **May 12:**

Distribution Day for  
Distance Learners

### **May 14:**

**SPiRiT DAY**  
80s Day!

### **May 17 – 21:**

Teacher Request  
Submissions Window

### **May 18:**

California  
Pizza Kitchen  
Take-Out Fundraiser

### **May 31:**

Memorial Day  
NO SCHOOL

### **June 4:**

PROMOTION DAY

- Kindergarten:  
1:00-2:00 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:  
2:30-4:00 pm

### **June 10:**

Last Day of School  
Dismissal at  
11:30/11:40 am

### **August 25:**

First Day of School  
2021-2022

Dear Parents and Friends of Serra School,

Thank you to our students, families, teachers and staff who have worked together to learn online and in person this year. Your persistence and flexibility are to be commended. I am so proud of all of our students as they persevered throughout the school year and did their very best every day with a positive attitude!

Parents, please continue to read ParentSquare posts from J Serra and VUSD. Please check the J Serra and VUSD websites often for the most current information on school news for next fall.

### **Kindergarten and Fifth Grade Promotions**

Both Kindergarten and Fifth Grade Promotions will be held drive-through style for our Distance Learners and In-Person students. Parents will receive very specific directions and guidelines for promotion. These guidelines will be sent closer to the events.

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Kindergarten Promotion: Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 2:00 PM**

**Fifth Grade Promotion: Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 – 4:00 PM**

### **Summer Reading**

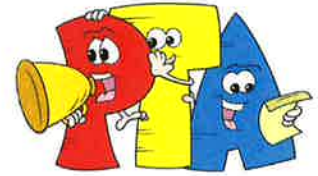
Please remember to continue to read with your child every day and during the summer. The Ventura County Library is now open with safety guidelines. Books can be checked out online and picked up at the library. Appointments can be made to browse for a book in person, as well as use the computers on site. The library has many virtual story times and events. Check the calendar at [vencolibrary.org](http://vencolibrary.org) for dates and times, or call the Hill Road Library at (805) 677-7180. The Ventura County Library has an app to check out e-books and audio books. The Summer Reading Program, "Reading Colors Your World," begins on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Watch for more information on the program in ParentSquare.

**Congratulations to Mrs. Sharon Ward**, who will retire at the end of this school year. Thank you, Mrs. Ward, for your dedication to our students throughout your 12-year career at Serra School. We wish you the best in your retirement!

Have a safe and fun summer, Serra families! The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendars!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Senesac  
Serra School Principal

# President's Corner:



Hello Serra Families,

Wowee! I cannot believe that this year is almost over! We can see the finish line on what can only be described as an incredibly unique year here at J. Serra.

Coming up in May we have Teacher Appreciation week May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. PTA has some fun surprises in store for our amazing teachers. Please check your email and ParentSquare for how you can help. Also, on May 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our last Take-Out Fundraiser hosted by California Pizza Kitchen (CPK). The flyer will be posted via ParentSquare, on our social media, and in this newsletter.

The next PTA Meeting will be May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm on Zoom. I cannot thank this year's Executive Board enough for their hard work and perseverance during this ever-changing year. We will be planning for next year soon and would love to have your feedback and participation for planning! Remember PTA funds programs (like field trips, art, a PE Teacher, Teacher Appreciation, etc.) – some of which would not be otherwise provided. While for the time being these programs have been on hold, we will hopefully be back to "business as usual" next year. We cannot run these programs without fundraising, volunteers, and family support.

Have a safe, happy, and healthy summer! See you next year Padre Families!

Thank you for supporting PTA during this 2020-2021 school year!

Kristyn Meyer  
PTA President  
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## UPDATE ON READ-A-THON!

Thanks to all our Padres who participated, we raised a total of

# \$3,713.33!

### WHOOOOO READ THE MOST FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL?



Transitional Kindergarten	Maddox Halmicek - 480 minutes
Kindergarten	Isaac Boon - 1,405 minutes
First Grade	Kyle Verardo - 788 minutes
Second Grade	Sofi Tran - 1,853 minutes
Third Grade	McKenly Halmicek - 1,470 minutes
Fourth Grade	Avery Verardo - 1,371 minutes
Fifth Grade	Abby Marek - 2,499 minutes

All students will receive a participation packet on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

# TEACHER REQUESTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

**Submission Window: May 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

Teacher requests may be considered as only one of the determining factors taken into consideration regarding class assignments. In light of the criteria noted below, there is no guarantee that such a request will be granted. Placement of students will not be made upon the basis of friendship bonds.

Class placement is so vital that the Board of Trustees has adopted the following criteria to guide placement of students:

- Teacher Recommendation
- Academic Balance (high/medium/low achievers)
- Students with Special Needs
- Students' Social Interaction
- Boy/Girl Ratio
- Class Size



We will be handling Teacher Requests for the 2021-2022 school year a little differently this year. Mark your calendars: the window to submit your request will be May 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. We will not be using a paper form this year, nor will forms be emailed out to parents. Instead Mrs. Senesac will push out a post via ParentSquare on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, with a link to a Google survey. **The link will go live at 8:00am on Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> and it will close at 4:00pm on May 21<sup>st</sup>.** Be on the lookout for the post!

Contact the office at (805) 672-2717 should you have any questions or concerns.



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**PIZZA KITCHEN**

Join Junipero Serra PTA  
for our last  
Take-Out/Dine-In Fundraiser  
of the year!

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**ALL DAY!**

\*Due to very limited seating,  
it is requested that your order be  
Take-Out instead of Dine-In.

Show the flyer on your smart phone  
when picking up or  
mention this fundraiser when ordering.

Thank you for your continued support!  
20% of all food & beverage purchases on your check will be donated



From June 1<sup>st</sup> until August 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Ventura County Library will have many activities offered for students of all ages to participate in:

- There will be a special virtual performance from the Ojai Raptor Center.
- Throughout the summer, grab and go activity kits will be given away. Our main theme for the kits will be STEAM but we will be offering other kits such as Craft Packs, Minecraft-themed ones, and many more.
- The goal is to commence story times outdoors beginning mid-summer, and also offer one of our STEAM activities outdoors in the month of August.

Soon the county libraries will be opening their doors even more for even more library customers to come in. Right now, they are doing holds and pick-up services, computer appointments, and limited browsing appointments.

Details for these services are on the county library home page: <https://vencolibrary.org/>. These services will change as Ventura County goes into a different tier of reopening.



# Serra School Shout Outs!!

The following teachers would like to acknowledge those who helped to make their 2020 - 2021 school year one to remember!

**From Mrs. Senesac:**

- To all J Serra students, staff and families – Way to Go! You have all done an amazing job and show Padre PRIDE every day! Thank you for all of your hard work and patience!

**From Mrs. Gates:**

- Here is a giant “Wa-hoo!” and “Congratulations” to the 2nd grade Distance Learning class! You all have been working so hard. I am extremely proud of every single one of you! You have been patient, kind, respectful, and helpful throughout the entire year. I am so fortunate to have had such an AMAZING group of kids in my class. Be proud of your work and success! With much love and admiration...

**From Mrs. McLaughlin:**

- Thank you to everyone in the office for EVERYTHING you did to support our Distance Learners this school year! You are all amazing!
- HUGE shout out to ALL of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at J. Serra! You triumphed over a unique year! You are ready for middle school! I will miss each and every one of you. Remember, every day is a great day for a taco!
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Leadership, thank you for your dedication to J. Serra and helping to make this year SO special!! You are awesome!
- Shout out to the sensational Mrs. Senesac, the glue that kept this year together with all of the twists and turns! You truly supported each student, family, and staff member throughout the year. Not only did we survive because of you, but J. Serra THRIVED because of you!
- J. Serra PTA is the best!! Thanks for all of your continued support to ensure this year was a great success! You are a vital part of our school community.

**From Mrs. Trigo:**

- I am so proud of you, Room 6! I have been so impressed with how well you adjusted to all of our changes. You all were so fun to have on Zoom and in the classroom. Thanks for a great year!

**From Mrs. Richards:**

- Hello to ALL my amazing students in Room 20! You are creative, kind, artistic, and smart! Keep on striving for success! I am so proud of you.

**From Ms. Martinez:**

- To ALL of the fifth graders (whether I had you in my class or not), I would like to say congratulations on surviving this school year, your last at J Serra, and the best of luck to you as you enter middle school. This year was much more than reading, writing, and arithmetic...think of the tremendous amount of skills you learned...computer know-how, social/emotional skills, hard work, perseverance, patience, and understanding. I am so proud of each and every one of you!
- To ALL of the third, fourth, and fifth graders I taught remotely this school year...we made it, we did it, we survived together like one big happy family! A huge shout-out to your families as well; this year more than ever before, it truly took a village! This is a year none of us will ever forget; let's take all of the lessons we learned throughout and do some positive out there in the world!
- Remember...ALWAYS BE KIND! Love to all the J Serra students, families, and staff!

**THANKYOU!**

# Pizza with a purpose

Show this flyer, to your server on your visit and we'll donate **20%** of all food & beverage purchases on your check to your organization listed below. Purchases include dine in, take out, catering, and online orders at CPK.com when you enter promo code BACK20%.

**Fundraiser in  
support of:**

**Junipero Serra Elementary PTA**

**May 18th , 2021**

**All Day**

**Valid at the following location:**  
California Pizza Kitchen

**3301 E. Main St  
Ventura , CA 93003  
805-639-5060**



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PIZZA KITCHEN**

Join the **CPK Rewards**® program and receive a **free Small Plate** on your next visit after registering. Register today at **cpk.com** or download our new app today!

*Fundraiser valid only on the date(s) and at the CPK location(s) identified on this flyer. Only 501c organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in CPK's fundraiser program. CPK will donate 20% (twenty percent) of all food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gratuity, gift card and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Valid for dine-in, takeout, online, catering, curbside or delivery orders placed directly with CPK. Not valid for orders placed or fulfilled through third-party delivery. Void if flyer is distributed in or near restaurant. For more information about the 501c organization participating in the fundraiser, please contact the organization directly. Not valid at franchise locations in Guam, stadium, university, international, airport locations, or the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino.*

