

January Newsletter

2020

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL LEMBO

Dear Joe Michell Families,

It is so great to be back at school and see all of our students smiling and happy to return. The Winter Break has provided us with an opportunity to refresh and refuel and prepare for the remainder of the school year. The dawn of a new year is a time for us to look forward with hope, set new goals, and work hard to achieve those goals. Students came back ready to learn and continue what they had started before the break. Our students love to learn and it is so rewarding to see that passion.

I am very excited to share that Joe Michell received two Rotary grants worth almost \$1,000 which will be used to support our middle school science program and provide uniforms for our very own golf team. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community who values our educational program at Michell.

We're sending students to represent Joe Michell in two upcoming District competitions: LVJUSD Spelling Bee and Math Counts! Middle school students will be showing their "math-letism" in the upcoming District wide math competition in January. Students compete in teams and then individually during the "lightning round". February is the District Spelling Bee to determine who will be representing our District at the Alameda County Spelling Bee. We've had winners in the past and wish all of our students the very best! They are already winners in our eyes!

The New Year is off to a great start and we anticipate that 2020 will be our best year ever! We thank you for your continued support.

With warm regards,

Laura Lembo Ed.D

Upcoming Dates

- 1/13: FJMS Meeting at 7pm- Library
- 1/20: No School - MLK
- 1/21: TK/K Registration Information Meeting at 6pm- MPR
- 1/21: School Site Council at 3pm
- 1/22: Talent Show First Review at 1:30pm
- 1/22: ELAC at 6pm
- 1/24: FJMS - Multicultural Night at 6pm- 8pm
- 1/28: Winter Concert at 7pm- MPR
- 1/29: IB Awards Assembly
 - TK -2nd at 8:45am
 - 3rd-5th at 9:30am





Looking Ahead

- 2/1: Last Day to get discount on Yearbooks
- 2/10: FJMS Meeting at 7pm- Library
- 2/13: Science Odyssey at 6pm - Junction School
- 2/17: No School- Presidents Day
- 2/19: TK/K Registration Fair at 2pm-6pm - RLCC
- 2/20: TK/K Registration Fair at 3pm-6pm - RLCC
- 2/27: End of 2nd Trimester
- 2/28: No School - Teacher Work Day

IB NEWS

It's an exciting time for our 8th graders as they really get going on the I.B. Community Project, a long-term, self-directed inquiry in which students use all of the IB Traits they've practiced throughout their years here at Joe Michell.



The projects begin as students form groups and then identify a need they see in the school, community, or world. Each group works to learn everything they can about their chosen area of need. Next, they consider how they might use their own talents and interests to create a plan for how to serve this need. We call this "service as action." Each group is assigned a teacher who serves as the group's supervisor to help guide them in planning their service action.

Actions they might take include campaigns to raise awareness, presentations to local authorities, creating events to raise money, providing trainings, etc. Once the service action is completed, groups create a formal presentation which will be shared at an exhibition in May, alongside the fifth graders' exhibition projects.

Some of the ideas that students are working on so far include:

- Building a website about mental health in teens
- Interviewing cancer survivors about their journeys
- Hat and glove drive for the homeless
- Collecting stories of senior citizens' lives
- Researching state and federal taxes, and how the money gets used; advocating for change

As you can see, this project truly requires students to utilize ALL of the IB Learner Traits:

Open-Minded, Reflective, Knowledgeable, Principled, Balanced, Caring, Inquirers, Risk Takers, Thinkers, Communicators.

Meanwhile, our 5th graders are getting geared up to start their own culminating projects, called The Fifth Grade Exhibition, which will begin at the end of February. This project is similar to the 8th grade project, but with much more in-class time and teacher-directed support provided.

At Joe Michell, we are preparing students to grow up to be global-minded citizens who know how to be of service and take action for the things they care about. As our school motto says: Each day, we challenge and inspire each other to love learning and create a better world.

Oxford Summer School 2020 - Opportunities for International Schools

Oxford is in the process of organising Oxford's largest academic summer school for overseas students ([ORA 2020](#)) and wanted to offer the opportunity to attend this unique programme to students from Joe Michell Elementary & Middle School.

Now in its sixteenth year, the summer school will take place on the world-renowned University of Oxford between 7th June to 28th August (students typically stay for two or more weeks), and is aimed at international students aged between 13 and 18 from all over the world. To date, we have welcomed over 25,000 students to our summer schools, and last year our student body represented over 150 nations.

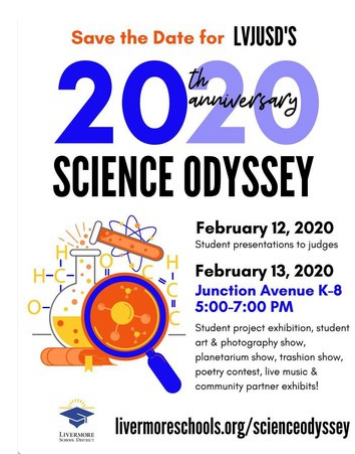
Students will have exclusive opportunities to work alongside University academics passionate about their subjects in disciplines as far reaching as: *Politics and International Relations, Medical School Prep, Law School Prep, Physics, Computer Science, Engineering, Experimental Psychology, Architecture, Cryptocurrencies, English as a Foreign Language*, and many more.

Through an intensive programme of seminars, workshops and guest lectures designed to challenge, motivate and inspire, students will develop the skills needed to progress to the next stage of their academic journey.

If the above is something you think your students would be interested in then please visit [our website](#) or contact me directly for more information. Hear what teachers at leading International Schools have to say about our programme in our new [2020 Video available here](#).

Science Odyssey

The LVJUSD Science Odyssey is an annual science and engineering event for the whole family. Students proudly display their experiments to the public. Judges evaluate the content on the display boards and interview the students about the experimental process and what the students learned throughout the process. Students in grades 1 through 12 can enter science projects, and students in grades 4 through 12 can also enter engineering projects. Please see Ms. Martin's website or the LVJUSD website for more information and online registration.



January 17, 2020: Last day for online project registration.

February 12, 2020: Students present projects to judges. (Students will be assigned an afternoon time to present to judges.)

February 13, 2020: Science Odyssey EXPO & Trashion Show- 5:00-7:00pm @ Junction Avenue K-8

The Science Odyssey event on February 13 is open to everyone - you are invited! There are numerous things to do and see.

Project Lead the Way Expansion

Since 2014, Michell students in grades 1 through 5 have been experiencing Project Lead the Way (PLTW) in the science lab. PLTW is a science and engineering curriculum that teaches students problem solving and engineering. Last year, Michell was awarded a grant so we could expand our PLTW program to TK and K. This fall, Ms. Martin trained Michell's TK and K teachers, who are now incorporating PLTW into their IB units. Middle school students at Michell continue PLTW in the STEM

program, and PLTW courses are also offered at Granada High School. This gives our Michell students a TK-12 engineering pathway!

Library News



News from the Library

Library News

- With the beginning of the new year, I am sharing the California Young Reader Award nominated books for this school year. For grades TK through 3rd, we are reading five picture books, and then students will vote for their favorite. In grades 4th and 5th, there are three books in the category "Picture Books for Older Readers," and we will also vote for our favorite. I count the votes and send them in, as do Librarians from all over California, and then we find out, in the spring, which books become award winners. You can check out all the titles at <http://www.californiayoungreadermedal.org/>
- Many thanks to the Egan Family for their rocking chair donation to the Library. It is a beautiful wood chair, that I will refinish over the next break.
- You can order Scholastic books through the Library on-line. To order, go to: www.scholastic.com/readingclub

The class code for the Library is LPTTY. Every time you order, you are helping the Joe Michell Library earn books. You will need to set up an account and pay directly to Scholastic, or order with cash or check made out to [Scholastic Reading Clubs](#).

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Lunch Time Yard Duty Supervisor

We are currently hiring for yard duty for lunch 11:30am-1:30pm. This shift is available Monday-Friday. This is an important position for the safety of all students and an great opportunity to help make a difference at Joe Michell. Please contact April in the Joe Michell office at 925-606-4738 if you are interested or have any questions. Thank you

Students Say the Darndest Things

Kinder-" I need to see the Nurse, I am going on a 100 days of being sick"

Geanie asking 1st Grader- "Is this your jacket? It has your name in it."

1st Grader- " No it's not mine, but I do have the same jacket at home though."

1st Grader: " It's funny, when I read bubbles come out of my mouth."



Movie Review : Frozen II

By Rhanor Gillette and Tobin Miller

Genre: Fantasy-Adventure-Family-Animated-Musical

Directed by Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck

Cast: Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, Jonathan Groff, Josh Gad, Sterling K. Brown, and Martha Plimpton

Rating: PG

From the inspiration of Hans Christian Andersen's Classic fairy tale "The Snow Queen", and the sequel to the well-loved animated film "Frozen" comes "Frozen II." This film is the continuation from it's previous movie in the life of Anna and Elsa and a bit of past from when Anna and Elsa were kids. Frozen II is the highest-grossing or most money-making animated film ever and has so far earned \$1.032 billion and beat the record set by the original movie (which earned \$1.02 billion). In this animated adventure, when Elsa (Idina Menzel) hears a strange calling from beyond Arendale (the voice is beautifully sung by singer-songwriter AURORA), she and her friends must enter an enchanted forest and save their kingdom.

This animated movie is good for kids and family 6+ with some intense scenes and sweet messages, and with songs that will get stuck in your head, from "Into The Unknown" to "Lost In The Woods". With parts of classic Disney content yet also new ones, this newly formed adventure will capture your attention and make you want to experience more adventures with Anna (played by Kristin Bell) and Elsa.

4\5 stars, a Pick

Yearbook Order

Order your 2019-2020 Eagle yearbook today at [Lifetouch Yearbooks!](#) Save \$5 if you purchase before February 1, 2020

Yearbook ID: 782220



2020-2021 TK/Kindergarten Registration Info



Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District
TK/Kindergarten Enrollment Fair
Building Bright Futures

PARENTS OF NEW TK/KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS FOR THE 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR LVJUSD PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2020, to enroll for Kindergarten. Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is offered for those students who turn 5 years between September 2, 2020 and December 2, 2020.

Parents are highly encouraged to attend **one** of the four scheduled informational meetings to learn about the enrollment process, a typical Kindergarten day, and current information about the Transitional Kindergarten program. We have scheduled four dates and locations to meet your needs.

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| <p>Tuesday, January 21st 6:00 – 7:00PM, Multipurpose Room Joe Michell K-8 School 1001 Elaine Ave, Livermore</p> | <p>Thursday, January 23rd 6:00 – 7:00PM Multipurpose Room Croce Elementary School 5650 Scenic Ave, Livermore</p> |
| <p>Monday, January 27th 6:00 – 7:00PM, Multipurpose Room Junction K-8 School 298 Junction Ave, Livermore</p> | <p>Wednesday, January 29th 6:00 – 7:00PM, Multipurpose Room Jackson Elementary School 554 Jackson Ave, Livermore</p> |

**Please select one night as each session contains the same information. Spanish translation is available at each meeting.*

INFORMATION NIGHT AGENDA

- Enrollment and procedures reviewed
- TK/Kindergarten Fair explained
- Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten readiness and typical school day
- Required immunizations and dental information

TK/KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT FAIR DATES

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| <p>Wednesday, February 19th Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Ave., Livermore Cresta Blanca Room 2:00 – 6:00PM</p> | <p>Thursday, February 20th Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Ave., Livermore Cresta Blanca Room 3:00 – 6:00PM</p> |
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The informational meetings and Enrollment Fair are intended for parents only.

For more information, feel free to contact Student Services:
Website: www.livermoreschools.org/student-services
Contact: Sydney Humphrey 925.606.3206, shumphrey@lvjUSD.org
Terri Saenz 925.606.3207, tsaenz@lvjUSD.org

We look forward to meeting you as we welcome your family into our district!



Distrito Escolar Unificado Livermore Valley Joint
Feria de Inscripciones para Kínder Transicional y Kínder
Construyendo un futuro brillante

**PADRES DE FAMILIA DE LOS NUEVOS ESTUDIANTES DE
TK/KÍNDER PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2020/2021
NOCHES INFORMATIVAS PARA LOS PADRES DEL LVJUSD**

Los estudiantes deberán tener 5 años cumplidos para/o antes del **1º de septiembre de 2020**. El distrito escolar de Livermore ofrecerá un programa de Kínder Transicional para aquellos estudiantes que cumplan 5 años entre el 2 de septiembre y el 2 de diciembre del 2020.

Se anima a los padres de familia a asistir a una de las cuatro reuniones programadas para informarse sobre el proceso de inscripciones, un día típico en el Kínder e información actual sobre el programa del Kínder Transicional. Hemos programado cuatro fechas y lugares para su conveniencia.

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| Martes 21 de enero 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Salón de usos múltiples Escuela Joe Michell K-8 1001 Elaine Ave, Livermore | Jueves 23 de enero 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Salón de usos múltiples Escuela Primaria Croce 5650 Scenic Ave, Livermore |
| Lunes 27 de enero 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Salón de usos múltiples Escuela Junction K-8 298 Junction Ave, Livermore | Miércoles 29 de enero 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Salón de usos múltiples Escuela Primaria Jackson 554 Jackson Ave, Livermore |

**Favor de acudir únicamente una noche ya que todas las sesiones ofrecen la misma información. En cada reunión habrá servicio disponible de intérpretes en español.*

AGENDA PARA LA NOCHE DE INFORMATIVA

- Revisión del proceso de inscripción
- Explicación de la Feria de TK/Kínder
- Información de un típico día de clases en el Kínder Transicional y en el Kínder
- Vacunas requeridas e información dental

MARQUE SU AGENDA PARA ASISTIR A LA FERIA DE INSCRIPCIONES DE TK/KÍNDER

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| Miércoles 19 de febrero Centro Comunitario de Livermore 4444 East Ave., Livermore Salón Cresta Blanca 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Jueves 20 de febrero Centro Comunitario de Livermore 4444 East Ave., Livermore Salón Cresta Blanca 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
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Las reuniones y la feria de inscripciones de TK/Kínder están dirigidas exclusivamente para los padres de familia.

Para mayor información siéntase en libertad de llamar a Servicios Estudiantiles:

Sitio Web: www.livermoreschools.org

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¡Esperamos conocerles y a la vez dar la bienvenida a su familia a nuestro distrito!