

Hello Special Education Families,

In light of the current conditions, we continue to celebrate the community commitment to continuous improvement of health and safety that allows NUSD to provide a phased in approach to in-classroom learning under public health guidelines. It is important to remember that educating students in this context is ever evolving and complex for families and educators alike.

As we continue to navigate through the next phase of re-entry to school, we want to reassure you that your child's IEP team remains central and core to the decision making of students with disabilities. Our staff welcomes families as partners and we encourage families to make contact at the school site level with your child's case manager first; because, that is, ultimately where the decisions are made. Rest assured that our staff of special educators are committed to collaborative relationships with families.

If your child will be returning to flexible, in-person learning, your child's case manager may be reaching out to you to discuss your child's Flexible, In-Person Learning Plan. Your child's IEP team will work with you to determine the most appropriate service delivery plan. The Flexible, In-Person Learning Plan will be developed and revised with ongoing collaboration and consultation with parents/guardians and is a working document that is reviewed regularly in order to meet the potential changing needs of families, students and staff during an emergency circumstance.

If your child is currently enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy, the Distance Learning Plan will stay in effect until your child returns to in-person learning or a change to the plan is requested by a member of the IEP Team.

Please know that when you have concerns regarding your child's IEP and/or the implementation of a learning plan in accordance with that IEP, you have the right to request an IEP meeting to discuss your concerns at any time. Please contact your child's case manager to request a meeting.

NUSD SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT NIGHT - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19. 6pm-7pm

We invite you to join us for a presentation by the NUSD Occupational Therapist Team. One of the topics that emerged from a previous parent event was interest in more information about sensory processing. The NUSD OT Team will present information on sensory integration, self-regulation, and provide fine motor and gross motor activity suggestions for the home setting as well as strategies utilized in school settings.

Part 2 of the SpEd Parent Meeting will be an opportunity to connect with other members of the special education community and NUSD Special Education Q&A. The thoughts and questions collected from the RSVP form prior to Tuesday, November 17 will be used to build the Q&A agenda.

[SpEd Parent Night RSVP November 2020](#) - Please submit thoughts and questions prior to 11/17

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://nUSD-org.zoom.us/j/85699070950?pwd=OXZYnIcKZlKQmp3SzZlWDkrc2krUT09>

Meeting ID: 856 9907 0950

Passcode: 190973

New Student Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year and Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten Information Night

New student registration for the 2021-2022 school year opened on November 2, 2020. NUSD has online registration that can be accessed on the NUSD website under <https://nUSD.org/enroll/>.

Parents of incoming TK/Kindergartners for the 2021-22 school year are welcome and encouraged to attend and Information Night on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. The members of the NUSD Education Services Team will give a presentation and answer questions. Spanish interpretation will be provided.

The Kindergarten Information Night on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 5 pm can be accessed via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://nUSD-org.zoom.us/j/89492625801?pwd=ZXh3SzhhaDV2ZW9rU1dlcW8rZ0Vvdz09>

Meeting ID: 894 9262 5801

Passcode: 037548

In addition, NUSD has a Dual Immersion Program at Lynwood Elementary School for Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First, Second, Third and Fourth Grades.

Students enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year are required to have their fifth birthday on or before September 1, 2021. Students enrolling in Transitional Kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year are required to have their fifth birthday between September 2 and December 2, 2021.

For more information, please contact your neighborhood school or Jennifer Casper, Education Services, jcasper@nUSD.org, 415 493-4250.

NORTH MARIN COUNCIL PTA

North Marin Council PTA would like to announce a new Standing Committee Chair opening for our Special Education families. In this role, the SPED Chair would represent all SPED students and families throughout NUSD and assist NMCPTA in its advocacy work and community building efforts for all. Please join our group of amazing leaders and bring your voice for all NUSD students and families. As part of the board, you would attend 2 morning meetings a month. Interested parents may contact NMCPTA President, Haven O'Halloran at havenohalloran@gmail.com or Parliamentarian Lisa Swanson at swansonhome@gmail.com.

AUTISM SPEAKS ANNUAL EVENT

Autism Speaks has moved their annual event to a **[VIRTUAL San Francisco Walk](#)** in November 2020. While the San Francisco Autism Speaks Walk will look different this year as a virtual event, Autism Speaks is incredibly excited for students, teachers, families and friends to still unite (from a safe distance) around one common cause on November 15, 2020.

[Register Here](#) - You can register for the event as a team, join a team, or register as an individual.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY WEBINARS

We also want you to be aware of some upcoming community webinars that will be held in this month:

- **Monday, November 9. 3pm-5pm.** [Flipping the Script: Prioritizing the Autistic Voice in the Understanding of Scripting as "Key to Autistic Identity"](#). Hosted by Matrix.
- **Tuesday, November 10. 10am-12pm** [Understanding transition to Kindergarten](#) Hosted by Matrix.
- **Tuesday, November 10. 7pm-8pm** Parent Connections. This is a supportive forum for sharing resources, experiences, and wins with each other! Most important, it's a place where we can all relate to the journey of being a

special needs parent. Hosted by Dedication to Special Education. Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222378471> Meeting ID: 322 237 8471

- **Thursday, November 12. 10am-12pm** [Comprensión de la transición a Kindergarten](#) Hosted by Matrix.
- **Tuesday, November 17. 10am-12pm** [Derechos de Educación Especial: Garantías Procesales Parte 1](#) Hosted by Matrix.
- **Thursday, November 19. 10am-12pm** [Special Education Rights: Procedural Safeguards Part 1](#) Hosted by Matrix.
- **Monday, December 7. 6pm-7:30pm** [Keep Talking! Narrative Development for Language and Social Learning](#). Hosted by Marin County SELPA Parent Series.
- **Tuesday, December 8. 7pm-8pm** Parent Connections. Hosted by Dedication to Special Education. Zoom Meeting Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222378471> Meeting ID: 322 237 8471
- **Tuesday, December 15. 10am-12pm** [Special Education Remedies: Procedural Safeguards Part 2](#). Hosted by Matrix
- **Thursday, December 17. 10am-12pm** Derechos de Educación Especial: Garantías Procesales Parte 2. Hosted by Matrix.

DEDICATION TO SPECIAL EDUCATION

DSE Connections Meetings

These meetings are for parents of children with special needs and are currently held the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm via zoom.

Dates: December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8

Meeting ID: 322 237 8471

Password: 8080

DSE Playtime Cooking

Dates: November 14, December 12

*Contact Alicia Ncho-Oguie (ancho2186@yahoo.com) for Zoom info and ingredients needed.