



Mendez Minutes

Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School

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Introducing "Mendez Minutes"

By: Ms. Elmore

Mendez's Journalism 7 Staff is proud to introduce "Mendez Minutes," a newsletter to keep students, staff, families, friends, and community members informed on all the wonderful events happening at Mendez Fundamental Intermediate and within the community.

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Feature Article First Semester at Mendez

By: Isaac & Belen

Mendez has had a good start to the 2024-2025 school year. Principal Gabriel Moreno said that he is very excited for the rest of the year! "Our 6th Grade students have done a great job transitioning to Intermediate school, and our 7th and 8th Grade students are serving as role models".

When asked where he would like to see Mendez grow, Principal Moreno said, "I would like to see our Mustangs continue to grow in their academic achievement while maintaining a positive attitude and respecting one another."

The advice and words of wisdom that Principal Moreno would like to offer to our Mustangs, "Take this time in your lives to explore what goals are and then focus on what steps you need to make them a reality."

Principal Gabriel Moreno



Announcements

Spirit Week

By: Camila & Aiden

Mendez's Spirit Week kicks-off on Monday 16 December and ends on Friday 20 December 2024.

Here are the events for the week:

Monday: CROCS with SOCKS
Lunch Activity: **Winter Bingo**

Tuesday: COLOR WARS
Lunch Activity: **Bring Me**

Wednesday: CHARACTER COSTUME
Lunch Activity: **Guess the Song**

Thursday: FREE DRESS
Lunch Activity: **Winter Trivia**

Friday: COMFY CLOTHES
Lunch Activity: **Watch "Frozen"**

The Gingerbread Gala (i.e. School Dance) is this Thursday December 19, 2024 from 1:45 to 3:15. You must have a signed permission slip in order to purchase a dance ticket. We hope to see you doing the Gingerbread Boogie!



Feature Story

Meet Ms. Chris Muniz!

By: Elias & Romeo

Before Ms. Muniz became a Mustang, she was working at Lugo Elementary school teaching 6th graders, helping students with their work, and helping them do their assignments.

This is Ms. Chris's first time working as a Discipline Secretary and hopes that this year is going to be a good year. She also hopes she gets to know all the students face-to-face. Ms. Chris is also interested in getting to know students' parents/guardians and she wants to try to remember them each by heart.

Ms. Chris Muniz



Entertainment!

Movies

By: Joana & Angel

Two cool movies coming-out this Friday, December 20, 2024 are:

“Mufasa: The Lion King” Rated: PG

“Sonic the Hedgehog 3” Rated PG

More great movies will be coming-out in 2025, so be on the lookout, Mustangs, for our recommendations!

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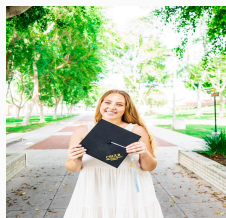
Meet Ms. Kenzi Williamson!

By: Jayden & Jacob

Ms. Williamson grew up right here in Santa Ana. Ms. Williamson loves learning about her students and helping them in any way she can.

In addition to being an English teacher, Ms. Williamson is a pet owner. She has two dogs that she loves taking to the beach.

Listening to calm music and practicing breathing exercises is her jam!. She tells her students how much breathing techniques help the mind and body and she hopes that many will practice this in the spring semester with all the tests that will be coming their way.



Ms. Kenzi Williamson

Gift-Giving Season

By: Noemi & Melany

If you cannot afford gifts for everyone on your list, you can always **make great homemade gifts** instead:

1. A **handmade card** is always nice!
2. A **handmade craft or ornament** shows how much you care!
3. A **photo collage** makes for great memories!

YouTube has a lot of great videos on making gifts with just a few materials that you may have at home.

Community Events

Fun Things to Do During the Winter Break

By: Alexandria & Genesis

Here are a couple fun things to do near our Santa Ana community during the holiday break.

Winterfest OC

Where: Costa Mesa

When: November 22 - January 5

Details: The OC Fair & Event Center transforms into a winter wonderland with oversized holiday decorations, beautiful lights, and endless opportunities for memory-making. Enjoy the magic of the holiday season with family and friends. Activities include; North Pole journey, ice-skating under the stars, 150-foot long ice tubing slide, snowboard simulator, carnival thrills, food, refreshments, a holiday market, photo opportunities, and much more!

Price: Prices vary depending on the activities

More Info: Go to: winterfest.com

First Night in Fullerton

Where: Downtown Fullerton

When: December 31, 2024

7PM - 12AM

Details: Family oriented New Year's Eve party. Admission to the event is free..

More Info:

www.cityoffullerton.com