



Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at San Miguel Elementary! It is with excitement and enthusiasm that I introduce myself as your new principal. I'd like to take this opportunity to share a little bit about me.

I began my career as a special education teacher in 2006 in San Diego Unified School District. In 2009, I transitioned to a role within the district's Special Education Department as a support teacher for elementary, middle and high schools. I was offered an administrative position in the department in 2015 and continued that work until 2018 when I joined the Lemon Grove School District as the Program Specialist in the Special Education and Student Services Department. I had the fortunate opportunity to work at San Miguel from January to March of 2020 as the school's interim principal. I am thrilled to be returning to San Miguel as the principal and am eager to partner with you as we continue to navigate these ever-changing and uncertain times.

Wednesday, August 26th is our first day of school. In accordance with county guidelines, all students will be beginning the school year in a distance learning model; at this time, students will not physically be on campus. While we know that this school year will look different, we are excited to learn and grow together as a San Miguel Stallion family.

Our amazing secretary, Tonya Harvell, and phenomenal health clerk, Alyss Hernandez, are in the school office Monday-Friday from 7:30am-3:00pm. You may call the school during these hours, 619-825-5619, or visit the main office only to pick-up or drop-off documents. If you do plan on picking-up or dropping-off paperwork, you *must* wear a face covering and adhere to all health and safety precautionary measures. You may not bring family members to the office for registration.

- Kindergarten Orientation is on August 25th, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM. During Kinder Orientation, families will learn more about what kindergarten academic expectations, meet our teachers and learn how to support a happy and successful start to the school year. In accordance with current county mandates, this event will be held virtually via the Zoom platform. A calendar invite and Zoom link will be provided soon. This meeting will also be recorded and posted electronically for you to watch at your convenience.
- First day of school is on Wednesday, August 26th. Students will be beginning the school year in a distance learning model; at this time, students will not physically be on campus. Class rosters will NOT be posted outside of the school, like it has been done in the past, as a health/safety precautionary measure. Student's class assignments will be shared with families in a digital format on Tuesday, August 25th by 3:30pm.
- Welcome back with the principal is on Wednesday, August 26th at 9:00am. This is an opportunity to meet me, hear updates on distance learning and learn about the exciting things San Miguel has planned for our students. This event will be held virtually via the Zoom platform; a calendar invite and Zoom link will be provided soon. This meeting will also be recorded and posted electronically for you to watch at your convenience.



- Back to School Night is on Thursday, September 3rd, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. This will also be an opportunity for families to learn about our Title 1 programs, connect with our school's PTA, and learn how to work collaboratively with our team to support student wellness and achievement. More information will be provided to you by your child's classroom teacher.
- Student breakfasts, lunches and supper will be provided during the regular school year to students actively enrolled at San Miguel. Meals will be provided via drive through pick-up in the staff parking lot on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30am. Children do not need to be present at meal pick up but families will need to present a district-issued student identification card. You will receive this card from our Nutrition Services department.
- Instructional materials will be provided to students, which includes a district issued Chromebook (laptop) if your child has not already received one. Instructional materials will be provided via drive through pick-up in the staff parking lot. Chromebooks will be distributed by the district office; you will receive additional details from our Technology Department.
- Weekly newsletters will be sent to the email that you provided via Constant Contact. Please look for these emails in your inbox every Friday afternoon during the regular school year. If for some reason you are not receiving these emails, please contact our office so we can make sure your email address is up to date in our system.
- San Miguel's school website is a great resource for families to get current information. Please make sure to visit <https://sme.lemongrovesd.net/> often! Your child's classroom teacher will be sending you an invite to join Class Dojo - make sure to accept this invitation!

I know that this is a difficult time for students, parents and staff and the usual back-to-school routines have been disrupted for all of us. I am confident that as a community we will problem-solve, adapt, and overcome challenges to make this a successful year for our students. We will do whatever it takes to ensure that everyone's health, safety, and well-being come first during this upcoming school year. While we know that there are many uncertainties at this time, partnering together will be more important than ever to ensure that our students thrive. You may contact me at the school, 619-825-5619, or via email, JJones@lemongrovesd.net. Remember, while our 'buildings' may be closed - school is open!

Your partner in education,

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Julie Jones