



# El Informativo

Assistant Principal's Corner

Message from Assistant Principal Alejandro-Mattson

Dear Green Families,

Happy New Year. I hope you were able to spend the last couple of weeks relaxing as well as spending time with your family.

Have your student contact the School Health Office here at Green Central Escuela Bilingüe to ask for a take-home test kit, which contains two tests. Make plans to use one of the tests just before any large gatherings and then the second test three days after the gathering. You can view an instructional video [here, on how to use the BinaxNow Antigen Self-test.](#)

You can also always [go to this link for testing sites throughout our community.](#)

If your student has been vaccinated against COVID-19, you can send a copy of their vaccine card to the school nurse or their teacher, so that we may update our records.

Thanks for helping Green Central Escuela Bilingüe stay as healthy as possible during these challenging times.

Norma Alejandro-Mattson



## JANUARY CALENDAR

- 13 – [Virtual Open House \(Español\)](#)  
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
- 17 – NO SCHOOL  
Martin Luther King Day
- 19 – [El Cafecito](#)  
10 am
- 20 – [PTO Meeting](#)  
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- 27 – [Virtual Open House \(English\)](#)  
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
- NO SCHOOL,  
Record keeping day

*Bilingual students leading the way or a more equitable future.*

### WhatsApp PTO group

Thank you to everyone who attended the December PTO meeting. Follow this link if you would like to join the WhatsApp group to stay informed!

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HFx2ircwzhKIZI5hEmoJ7v>

The next meeting will be January 20 at 6:30 pm.  
The time has changed so we hope more of you can join!



### Help us keep schools open!

If your child is not feeling well, keep them home, check for temperature and other symptoms daily. Please report absences to the attendance line 612-668-3744. For a symptom tracker and updated health and safety information, visit the districts [Covid-19 webpage](#)



### Message about weather from MPS

This winter season, Transportation may experience additional delays during inclement weather events. Extra snowfall or chilly weather may not be enough to move to e-learning for the day but could possibly impact driver availability and on-time arrivals for both morning and afternoon routes.

As needed, Transportation will robocall and text families to let them know their students will be picked up later or dropped off later than normal. Delayed pick-up and drop-off times could range between 30 minutes to 2 hours later than normal. Families will be informed on the robocall and text message how much later they can expect the bus.

### We consider closing school when:



- Wind chill is at -35°F below 0 (-37°C) or colder at 6:30 am
- More than 6 inches of snow falls in 12 hours
- More than 8 inches of snow falls in 24 hours

### We try to tell parents:

- By 5:30 a.m. the day of the cancellation, we announce cancellations by phone calls, texts, website, Facebook, Twitter, radio and TV

**\*Green Families: It is extremely important we have your updated phone numbers. Please call our office and verify or update the phone numbers.**

Visit [www.mpls.k12.mn.us/school\\_closing](http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/school_closing) for more information



## Ways to Get Involved



\* **New PTO:** We are a new community! Therefore, our parents will decide the purpose and goals of this group. Meeting every third Thursday of the month 6:30 pm. Meeting will be virtual.

\* **Volunteers:** Welcome volunteers! If you would like to volunteer in a classroom or at special events, please look at the [volunteer page](#) on our school website.

**Colectiva Bilingue:** A new parent nonprofit organization to support dual language schools in MPS and unite a larger community of bilingual learners. Find out more on the Colectiva [webpage!](#)

\* **Adult Ed Group:** Tuesday Mornings 9:30-11:30am. A wide variety of educational talks and activities where they develop new craft skills that strengthen and help enrich their knowledge and maintain better communication with their family. For more information contact Irene Pizana at 612-6684291 or at [irpiz001@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:irpiz001@mpls.k12.mn.us)

### Joke of the month:

**What did the chair say when  
it left the room?**



**- Silla.**

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