



Parent Newsletter

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Updated Calendar

[SMMUSD 21-22 Calendar](#) / [PTA Sponsored Events](#)

Sat/Sun

Cameron Field is Open to the Public / 8-3 (Campus is visited throughout the day by security personnel and the children's bathrooms are opened and maintained. This service is paid for by the City Parks Department.)

Now

PTA Annual Giving Drive (If you have not yet, it's not too late to give your tax deductible gift of \$1,200 to our PTA. \$1,200 per student is what we need to maintain all our supplementary expenses. The total cost is roughly \$241,000. Approximately 1/3 of our families have given \$1,200. The PTA has already collected enough to maintain everything but our Instructional Aides. ([Link to the details.](#))

This Week

Mon 04/25
Mon-Fri 04/25-05/20
Fri 04/29

2nd Grade to the Tide Pools / 12:30 - 2:30
Annual Academic Testing for 3rd - 5th Students (Federal/State Tests)
School Spirit Day - come dressed as your "Favorite Book Character"
School Site Council Nomination/Application Periods Closes (See article below)

Beyond

Thur 05/05
Thur 05/12

Mon-Fri 05/16 - 05/20
Wed 05/18
Thur 05/19

~~ELAC / 9:15 - 10:15 @ zoom link forthcoming~~ (Rescheduled to the 12th)
ELAC / 9:15 - 10:15 @ zoom link forthcoming (Rescheduled from the 5th)
SSC / 3:30 - 4:45 @ Zoom Link Forthcoming (Agenda: Finalize the 22-23 SPSA)
PTA "Teacher/Staff/Nurse Appreciation Week" (moved from 05/31-06/03) ([Flier](#))
PTA Association Meeting / 9:30 - 10:30 [@ Zoom Link](#)
5th Grade Human Growth and Development Lesson Day / 1:45
4th Grade Parent Catalina Island Field Trip Meeting / 3:30 - 4pm [@ Zoom](#) ([Presentation](#))
Who is in? Who is out? Let's not incur any unnecessary cancellation charges.
PTA Field Day (Students enjoy a fun day of physical challenges.)([Flier](#)) ([Overview](#))
4th Grade Catalina Island Field Trip Decision Day / **Is there enough interest?**
World Cultural Diversity Day ([Flier](#))
Tentative 5th Grade End-of-Year Field Trip to Ventura Harbor and Santa Cruz Island ([Details](#))
(Permission Slips coming home closer to the date. Voluntary Donation is \$90 each.)
California Healthy Kids Survey for 5th Grade / 1:45 ([Parent Consent Letter](#))
Minimum Day 12:45 Dismissal

Fri 05/20

Mon 05/23
Tues 05/24

Wed 05/25
Thur 05/26

Art Show and Marine Science Fair & Open House / 4:30 - 6:30 ([Schedule of Events Link](#))
([Open House Flier](#))

Fri 05/30
Fri 06/03

Holiday / Memorial Day
PTA Jog-a-Thon Fundraiser (Save the MES Instructional Assistants!) (Incentives for top classrooms!)

Tues 06/07
Wed 06/08
Thur 06/09

5th Grade Promotion Ceremony / 9:30 - 10:30 @ Cafeteria (Details coming)
Minimum Day 12:45 Dismissal
Report Cards Go Home

Fri 06/10
Mon 6/13
June 20 - July 15

Last day of School / **Minimum Day 12:45 Dismissal**
Summer Vacation Begins
Summer Vacation Continues
Summer School @ Webster

[Archived MES Parent Newsletters](#)

District Announcements

[Link](#)

MES PTA Announcements

Home Page: <https://www.malibuelementary.org/>

PTA Newsletter: <https://www.malibuelementary.org/newsletter>

Join the PTA / Membership Link: <https://www.malibuelementary.org/membership>

PTA Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7010618>

Principal's Pen

Your children were amazing last week! They fell back into routines and were very academic. I am proud of them and their effort. Next week we begin our annual State exams. This is a great opportunity for our students to "show what they know". I think they will impress us!

Our PTA has two fundraisers left to save the Instructional Aides: Business Banners and the Jog-a-Thon. The Business Banners initiative involves leasing fence space on the perimeter of the school for business banners. Please watch for details on this new fundraiser. **Perhaps your family business may want to make a contribution?** The Jog-a-Thon will be on June 3rd.

Parents can help by getting pledges for their child. Recently Webster School had a Jog-a-Thon that earned over \$50K! MES can do the same, right?

As you know from my newsletters all year, we have a few important facility challenges at MES: mold in room 12, slip hazards on staircases, old public address system (PA), dilapidated handball courts, a clogged storm drain system, missing shade sails, no heat in the library, and a crumbling blacktop. I am pleased to share that the mold has been remediated. Drywall and carpet are on order and then our room 12 will be ready for use again. The staircases now have durable traction on them that should last decades. The conduit for the new PA system has been installed. Now the low voltage team is coming. The 2nd handball court has been fabricated and is ready to be painted and have flashing installed. The storm drains are cleared and I will monitor each one each fall and winter. The missing sail shade has been selected but I am unsure about an installation date. The blacktop is supposed to be replaced this summer. The new library heater damper flap was ordered last week. I will keep you and the School Site Council posted on our progress.

Beginning Monday, April 18 all students began arriving and departing from the Fernhill gate. Thank you for your cooperation with this change. Here are my observations and requests of parents. Observations: Arrival would improve if everyone came five minutes earlier. Most students arrive about 5 minutes before school starts. That is way too hectic and causes traffic backups on the street. Dismissal has averaged 12 minutes each day including Friday. Thursday was the worst at 15 minutes. Thursday is a music day for our 3rd-5th graders. The bulky musical instruments are cumbersome and slow the students down. At 12:45 on Friday we only had 4 students and one auto in the loading zone. **Requests of parents:** For drop off, **Come early.** We accept children at 7:45. At 8am we have virtually no students or autos at school. For pick up, use a name placard or visor card with your family name on it. **Come 5- 10 minutes late and avoid the crush of dismissal.**

Together for good health, happy students, and high-achievement,
Proud Principal Chris Hertz



Parent General Resources

[Link](#)

Parent Covid Resources

[Link](#)

MBGC Weekly Information

[Link](#)

CAASPP testing for 3rd-5th graders ONLY

Each year, students participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This year, SMMUSD will give the summative assessments *in-person*, during the Month of May.

4/25 - 4/29 Gr. 3-5 ELA

5/2 - 5/6 Gr. 3-5 MATH

5/9 - 5/13 Gr. 3-5 Makeups and SCIENCE (5th)

You are an important part of your child's education. To make sure your child feels comfortable taking tests, you can. 1) Explain to your child that these tests are tools to help them learn, and they should not be anxious or scared. 2) Explore the practice tests with your child at caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html so they can become familiar with the platform and setup of the tests. 3) Remind your child that you and their teacher want them to try their best and are there to help, every step of the way. To learn more about these tests go to the Starting Smarter web page at ca.startingsmarter.org/, or review the Parent Guides to Understanding at cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp. If you have questions, please contact your teacher or Principal Hertz at chertz@smmUSD.org.

Car Visor Tags

Car Visor Tags with student last names went out last week. We hope this will help speed up the student pick up process. Thank you for your help.

Student Council Spirit Days Line-Up

4/29 Come Dressed as your Favorite Book Character

5/27 Crazy Mask Day TBD

Remaining Minimum Days / 12:45

August 19, 2021

August 24, 2021

August 31, 2021

November 3, 2021

November 4, 2021

November 5, 2021

December 17, 2021

May 26, 2022

June 8, 2022

June 9, 2022

PTA Elections Update

On April 20th the Association voted on a new PTA. Here are the new Officers for 22-23. Congratulations and thank you.

- President - Melanie Hesecker
- Executive VP - Laura Shokoufandeh
- VP 1 Hospitality - Open
- VP 2 Programs - Melissa Solano
- VP 3 Fundraising - Josh Homme
- Recording Secretary - Marry Ruth
- Treasurer - Anna Klymenko
- Financial Secretary - Sarah Ryan
- Auditor - Jessica Levin
- Historian - Winnie Johnson
- Parliamentarian - non-voted position, appointed by President
- Corresponding Secretary - non-voted position, appointed by President

Thank you to outgoing Officers Desi Bradley, Kelly Kincaid, Jenn O'Hara, Melissa Mastrippolito and Larry Givertz for your long-time commitment to volunteering.

Planning for the 2022-2023 School Year / Parent Input Period 4/18 - 5/6

Teachers and I will be building preliminary class lists using [balanced criteria](#). It is my practice to gather parent input. Linked below is a survey tool that has helped me a lot through the years. **I do not encourage parents to use this form unless there is a special circumstance you really want me to consider.** This link will take you to the form. The deadline is May 6, so I

can best meet your child's needs. [Parent Input Form Link](#)

School Site Council Parent Elections

There are two vacant two-year seats for parents on our (2022-2023 & 2023-2024) School Site Council. We need parent-candidates to run for office. This is the single most important committee at school in steering school improvement goals. The committee consists of five parents, three teachers, one support staff member, & the principal. The principal helps the committee to analyze needs, set direction, and evaluate progress. The Board of Education sets expectations for the Site Council and establishes criteria for the approval of the School Improvement Plan (also known as the School Plan for Student Achievement / SPSA) and School Safety Plan (SSP).

This year's SPSA was finalized last May by last year's committee and constitutes a large number of the priorities for staff and principal. This year's SSP was finalized in January. Throughout the school year the committee reviews progress and discusses next steps. At the end of the year an assessment of progress and an adjustment or confirmation of goals occurs.

We meet on Thursdays once a month via Zoom from 3:30 - 4:45 and obviously some additional reading beyond meeting times will be needed in order to be an informed representative. Are you interested in running for office? Please complete this [Official Candidate Form](#) by Friday, April 29.

SSC Election Calendar

- Self-nominations Deadline is Friday, April 29.
- Candidates will be announced by Monday, May 2.
- If there are multiple candidates or just one candidate, there will be an election.
- A paper ballot will be sent to parents on Friday, May 6. (Also available in the office.)

- Polls will be open Friday, May 6. (Closes Friday, May 27.)
- Election results will be published on Monday, May 30.

Saving our MES Instructional Assistants and Playground Supervisors - \$141,107

Our school is dependent upon the voluntary donations of parents and the larger community to maintain our Instructional Assistant program for next school year. Our PTA is our only fundraising entity and is tasked with helping to maintain this program. Our skilled and loyal IA team provides support to teachers, students and the school at large through supervision, instruction, and material preparation. Please watch for opportunities to help with fundraising.

Enrollment Permits for 2022 - 2023

The 2022-2023 Permit Season has officially opened. If you were not aware, this year's permit season (and all seasons moving forward) is ELECTRONIC! No More Paper! (Collective cheer inserted here). The Permits Department already has applications submitted! 😊

All applications, including Outgoing and the Verification of Enrollment form, may be found on www.smmusd.org/permits. Linked here is a "flier" with easy access, QR Codes. They may be scanned to begin (or complete) the process on your smartphone. All support documents must be uploaded with the application. All requests must be submitted through the new application process. The Permits Department will not accept any paper submissions.

If you have questions, please email permits@smmusd.org or call the permit line at 310-450-8338 ext. 70216.

New Student Enrollment Procedure

[Link](#)

