



Parent Newsletter

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Updated Calendar

[PTA 22-23 Calendar](#) / [SMMUSD 22-23 Calendar](#) / [SMMUSD 23-24 Calendar](#)

Sat/Sun

Cameron Field is Open to the Public / 8-1 (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. Revenue benefits MES.)

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 \$250,000. Approximately ¼ of our families have given \$1,200. The PTA has already collected 93% of our goal thanks in large part to their robust fundraisers. ([Link to the details.](#)) ([Donate here link!](#))

This Week

Mon-Fri 05/22-05/26

3rd-5th grade Annual California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress / English, Math, & Science Assessment (Make Ups for absent students) / 8:30 - 10

May 22 - May 31

3-4-5 Annual Bully Prevention Survey ([Parent Letter](#)) ([Spanish parent Letter](#))

Mon 05/22

SSC Parent Representative Ballots distributed to parents via the MES Parent Newsletter ([Ballot Link](#))

SSC Meeting / 3:30 - 4:45 ([Agenda: Elections & Security](#))

Aeries Parent Portal Activated ([Parent Memo](#)) ([Parent Spanish Memo](#))

New Family Tour / 1:30 - 2

Tues 05/23

Last Day of Music for 3rd / Music Show 3rd grade Recorder Presentation / 11am @ room 5

4th Grade Music Show / 6pm @ Webster Elementary Cafeteria (3602 Winter Canyon Rd, Malibu, CA 90265)

5th Grade Music Show / 7pm @ Webster Elementary Cafeteria (3602 Winter Canyon Rd, Malibu, CA 90265)

Thur 05/25

Last Day of Art

Last Day of Music for 4th/5th (Students are to leave their instrument with their music teacher.

Report Cards withheld until library fines are paid)

ELAC Meeting / 9 - 10 @ Zoom ([Agenda: Celebration of EL Students](#))

Last Day of Music for 3rd / Music Show 3rd grade Recorder Presentation / 11am @ room 3

Art & Marine Science Festival, PTA Honorary Service Awards & Hot Dogs / 5 - 6:30pm ([Agenda Link](#))

Fri 05/26

Last Day of Library

Taiko Drumming Assembly with Mochi/ 8:30 - 9:15 @ blacktop

["Will Your Child Be Returning" Form](#) due Teachers

Beyond

Mon 05/29

Memorial day Holiday / No School

Wed 05/31

SSC Parent Representative Ballots due to the Nomination Committee For tally / 2:45 @ Office

Fri 06/02

3rd Grade Parents / Music Instrument Selection Deadline ([Details](#))

(Questions: contact Music Coordinator Tom Whaley: twhaley@smmusd.org)

All Library Books Due Back to the Library (Report Cards withheld until library fines are paid)

Sat	06/03	Jaxx Theater Lion King Show / 6pm @ cafeteria (Ticket info)
Mon	06/05	Jaxx Theater Lion King Show / 4pm @ cafeteria (Ticket info)
Wed	06/07	Student Council Kenyan Care last day to collect items
Thur	06/08	5th Grade Promotion / 9:30 - 10:30 @ cafeteria
Mon	06/12	Minimum Day - Dismissal 12:45
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		Last Day of School
		Report Cards Go Home

Summer

June 20	5th Grade Overnight Field Trip Deposit Due (4th grade parents are asked to donate by May.) PTA Donation Link
June 20 - July 14	Summer School @ MES (Student Identification: Ed Services will use Star Reading and Math to identify students for HSS that need Tier III support. Qualifying students' invitations have been mailed out)
June 20 - August 11	MBGC "Camp Bu" @ MES (Program and Enrollment Details) (TK-5, 8:30 - 5)
August 17	Clever Rolls Over - Students may temporarily lose some access to online programs until the new school year gets going

Next School Year

Wed	08/24	First day of School
Wed-Fri	10/18 - 10/20	5th Grade Overnight Trip to Pali Camp (See article below)

[Archived MES Parent Newsletters](#)

District Announcements

[Link](#)

MES PTA

Home Page: <https://www.malibuelementary.org/> (Purchase Spirit Wear Here)
 PTA Newsletter: <https://www.malibuelementary.org/newsletter>
 Join the PTA / Membership Link: <https://www.malibuelementary.org/membership>
 PTA Meetings: www.malibuelementary.org/associationmeetings
 PTA Calendar: www.malibuelementary.org/calendar

Principal's Pen

Thank you PTA, volunteers, and especially parent Katie Jensen for organizing our annual Field Day back on Friday. The children loved the athletic challenges and cheered for each other. Thank you also to the 5th Grade End-of Year Committee who officially opened our new GaGa court on Friday. GaGa is now an official part of Field Day.

SMMUSD uses Aeries as our Student Information System (SIS). We will launch the Elementary Parent Portal on May 22, 2023. At the elementary school level, the Aeries Parent Portal provides access to your student's data such as student attendance and state assessment test results. You can also check contact phone numbers and emails used for regular communications and in case of an emergency. Thank you for checking!

As school wraps up it is time to remind parents that students with missing library books and missing musical instruments will NOT receive a report card. Instruments are to be left at school beginning Thursday. Music Coordinator Dr. Sean Soddereger and Library Specialist Andrew White are your contacts for missing items and fines. Visit our [Directory](#) for emails and phone numbers.

We are about ninety-five percent through Federal/State CAASPP Exams. The students take the exams seriously and we look forward to receiving results over the summer. Many thanks to parents for prioritizing punctual attendance, to teachers for leading this big task, and to our dedicated students for giving it the best. I really think the kids are putting their best foot forward. Go Sea Lions!

Instructional Assistants and volunteers help teachers to run small project-based learning centers that truly engage our young learners. More funding is key to maintain our IAs in 2023 -2024. Can you make a contribution to our PTA? **We are only 7% away from our \$250,000 goal!** Thank you for your consideration.

We hope to bring a TK program to MES and need students to enroll before we can hire. Please save your child's spot by enrolling now. **(Twenty-five (25) TK applications have been picked up but only six (6) have been returned. We need students before we can hire a TK teacher and set up the classroom.)** We are now enrolling for next school year. Please contact Registrar Kim Rivetti in the office to begin. Enrollment is done online this year. This new paperless system not only saves parents and staff time, but improves data accuracy.

Thank you for your partnership,
Proud Principal Chris Hertz



Parent General Resources

[Link](#)

Student Health Resources

[Link](#)

Looking For An Opportunity To Be More Involved With Our School? Become an IA!

We are looking to hire a new Instructional Aide for the 23-24 school year ([Job Duties](#)). It is a three-hour (3) / five days (5) week position, paid \$16.00 - \$20.45 Hourly. Ideally hours are 9:30 - 12:30.

The Personnel Commission will be scheduling interviews soon. Click [here](#) to apply. If anyone may be interested, please have them email me at chertz@smmusd.org. My goal is to fill this position before August.

Clever Sync Pause

As standard yearly practice, Clever sync will be paused on June 9, 2023. This pause allows students to access the previous school year resources over the summer. The pause also gives teachers access to the previous year's teacher resources. Clever sync will be activated on August 17, 2023, at which point students may lose access to various services (resulting from grade level change). Teachers moving grade levels or subject areas will need to wait until the August sync for access to resources for their new assignment.

MBGC Information / NEW enrichment classes for Spring !

[Link](#)

Summer Chromebook Care

Please find the attached [Summer Chromebook Care Instructions](#) for students and families keeping their chromebooks over the summer.

Student Birthday Parties / All-natural popsicles

Such observances must be coordinated with the classroom teacher and should occur after lunch or at the end of the day. Food may be distributed at school. Healthier options should be encouraged. Cakes or very sweet treats are **NOT** allowed. **All-natural popsicles are the preferred choice for birthday celebrations.** Our SMMUSD Food and Nutrition Services Wellness Policy calls for staff to limit student consumption of sugar at school. No nuts, if there is a peanut allergy in the classroom. Party favors are ok to distribute. Birthday invitations for parties away from school may not be distributed unless every student in the class is invited.

SSC Parent Representative Nomination Form and Election Process

The Election Committee for School Site Council is accepting Nominations for SSC.

[Nomination Form](#) or [Self-nomination Form](#) *Please also provide a brief profile of the nominee.

May 19th - submit Nomination Form

Nomination Forms may be turned into the office or to the Election Committee.

The Election Committee will list all nominees on the ballot.

May 22nd - The ballot will be sent in the Principal's Newsletter the week of May 22nd.

May 31st - Paper ballots are due. Ballots may be turned into the office or to the Election Committee. Ballots will be tallied by the Election Committee and the winning nominees will be notified first and then announced to the school in the Principal's Newsletter.

Guidelines

Each parent/guardian seeking election must be nominated or self-nominated in writing, must have a child enrolled in the school and must declare that he or she is not employed at the school.

Each parent/guardian of a student enrolled in the school shall be entitled to one vote for each vacant parent/community membership on the School Site Council.

For the 2023-24 school year, there are two parent/guardian vacancies. The Election Committee consists of three members of the current SSC, none of which are currently up for election, (Erin Garnero, Melanie Hesecker and Jennifer Owahdi). (FAQ: [What has SSC done the last year?](#))

questions. If you have a computer or hotspot at home please return that to school this week.

4th/5th grade Spring Music Concert

- When: Tuesday, May 23rd:
 - 6pm 4th grade performs
 - 7pm 5th grade performs
- Where: **Webster Elementary Cafeteria*** ([3602 Winter Canyon Rd, Malibu, CA 90265](#))

4th & 5th Grade Music - Collecting Back Instruments End of Year

The 5th grade students will return district instruments and music books on the last day of music (5/25 this year). Make sure their name is on the item being returned. Students place everything in bungalow 24. Instruments from private vendors should not be returned to us.

4th grade students keep their district instruments and books to use over the summer.

Student Council Kenyan Care Drive is On

Please donate to the Student Council's Drive. Kenyan Care is an opportunity to support teenagers in need in Kenya. These teenagers were sent to an organization called Made in the Streets. They might be there because they are homeless, they are orphans, or they have nobody to take care of them. While they are used to having second hand clothing and donations only, we would like to give them brand new essential items. This may include packaged underwear and socks for teens of all genders. We believe donating this will give these Kenyan kids a strong sense of dignity. If you would like to participate in this donation drive, bring items to the office. The donation box is a big black bin with neon signs in the office – the last day for collecting is Wednesday, June 7th. After that, Ms. Kooy will make sure they get delivered to those Kenyan children in need.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home with students on the last day of school. Please be sure you have returned all books to the library. Report cards will be held in the office until all book fines are paid. Please reach out to Library Tech Mr. Andrew White should you have any

