



Parent Newsletter

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Updated Calendar

SMMUSD 21-22 Calendar

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 Giving Drive Continues (\$103,496.91 / 119 Donors / \$220,000 goal: <https://www.malibuelementary.org/donate/>)

Book Fair 2 of 2 ([Flier](#))(eWallet Link: www.scholastic.com/bf/malibues)

This Week

Mon 02/21
Tues 02/22
Fri 02/25

Holiday / Presidents' Day

New Instructional Assistant Caroline Archer Begins - Our team is growing!

Student Council Spirit Day: Sports Day

Report Cards Go Home

Beyond

Mon 02/28
Wed 03/02
Tues 03/15
Sun 03/27
Fri 04/01

New Library Coordinator Andrew White Begins - Please say hello!

Bingo Night Dinner & Dessert Fundraiser / 5 - 7:30 @ library courtyard (Benefits 5th Grade) ([Flier](#))

IAs for Next Year Decision Date for SMMUSD - Did MES raise enough?

Spring Boutique / Details Coming (Location, Hours, Vendors)

Last Day Before Spring Break

All students bring home their Spring Break Antigen Test

April 4 - April 17

Mon 04/18

Spring Break

First Day Back from Spring Break

Test your child with your take-home Spring Break Antigen Test

Provide proof of a Negative Spring Break Antigen Test - Needed to Reenter Campus

Earth Day Student Service Day - Students Remove Litter from School and rake up leaves.

Annual Academic Testing for 3rd - 5th Students (Federal/State Tests)

~~Annual PTA Gala (alt date is 05/13)~~ (New date forthcoming)

PTA Field Day (Students enjoy a fun day of physical challenges. Details coming.)

Art Show and Marine Science Fair - Student Projects Celebration Days / Cafeteria

Minimum Day 12:45 Dismissal

Open House / 5:30 - 6:30 @ Classrooms

Art Show and Marine Science Fair Parent Viewing / 5 - 6:30pm @ Cafeteria

Holiday / Memorial Day

PTA "Teacher/Staff/Nurse Appreciation Week" (moved from 05/02-05/06)

PTA Honorary Service Awards Day / Details Coming

5th Grade Promotion Ceremony / 9:30 - 10:30 @ Field (Details coming)

Report Cards Go Home

Last day of School

Summer Vacation Begins

Summer Vacation Continues

Summer School @ Webster

Fri 05/30

Tues-Fri 05/31-06/03

Fri 06/03

Tues 06/07

Thur 06/09

Fri 06/10

Mon 6/13

June 20 - July 15

[Archived MES Parent Newsletters](#)

District Announcements

<https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/schools/58471>

SMMUSD posts information parents may find valuable on the MES homepage. Please use the link above to quickly access this page.

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

Please be careful if you elect to continue using the Grayfox gate as we still have trip hazards and unsafe driving there. Please consider using the safer Fernhill gate even if it takes a bit longer. Fernhill is our preferred gate. Linked here is our original [Malibu Elementary Safe Student Drop Off and Pick Up Plan](#). (This plan was drafted with the City and our SSC when our school was founded some three years ago.) Again, I am asking you to re-familiarize yourselves with the plan. Note that we are no longer encouraging anyone to use the Grayfox Gate, but rather the safer Fernhill Gate. Text in red makes this point more clear. In March I will meet with the Teacher Leadership Team to consider reassigning teachers currently on Dismissal Gate Duty to AM recess duty. As you know we are short-handed and we must use our staff resources judiciously. To be determined. As always, let me know if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions,

Last week during our school Covid Surveillance testing two new positives were discovered. Both were in kindergarten. The class was placed on a Modified Quarantine that requires masking for 10 days, both inside and outside. To help everyone keep organized please use our **Calendar of Current Classroom Modified Quarantines for your ease of reference:** [Link](#) Students who are on quarantine while on campus will need to continue wearing masks outside during the course of their quarantine. We will monitor this as much as possible, however, recognize that adhering to this requirement will be the responsibility of the students and parents, as well as the staff. Each week we hope we receive no sad news about positive Covid cases, however when we do, that person is put on Home Isolation and classmates are placed on Modified Quarantine. With this in mind, our situation remains fluid.

On Friday, our students will bring home their report cards. Attendance marks are dated to February 11th. Please look for positives and goal areas to discuss with your child. Praise effort and support excellent attendance in the coming weeks. The remainder of February and March are key weeks for learning before we shift to spring break and then the final push for the school year. Now is a good time to reinforce on-task expectations with your child and by recommitting to routines that support excellent attendance. I want to thank our teachers for all the work they have put into documenting achievement, and helping students and parents stay focused on goal areas.

Together for good health, an open campus, happy students, and high-achievement,
Chris Hertz



Parent General Resources

MES Parent Handbook: [Link](#)

Weekly Bell Schedule: [Link](#)

Volunteering at MES: [Link](#)

Student Attendance: Students will be marked present, absent, tardy (<30min), or late (>30 min). [FAQ Link](#)

[Current Lunch Menu](#)

[School Goals](#)

[School Safety Goals](#)

Parent Covid Resources

Calendar of Current Classroom Modified Quarantines: [Link](#)

Masks at MES: [Link](#)

Getting the Most Out of Masking: [Link](#)

Exposure Management Plan (T2) (Update 01/30/22): [Link](#) (Sample letter to parents after an exposure: [Link](#))

Free At Home Covid Tests: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Tuesday PCR Testing: Every Tuesday, 8:30 - 10:30

Antigen Shortened Quarantine-Isolation Hub @ MES: M-F, 8:30 - 1:30 @ parking lot

Antigen Hub Purpose: [Link](#)

School Quarantine Flow Chart (01-13-22): [Link](#)

[Isolation and Quarantine Requirements and Recommendations: Summary for the General Public](#) – (1/11/22)

LACDPH Travel Advisory and Guidance (11/4/21): <http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/traveladvisory.htm>

Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools (T1) (Update 01/4/22): : [Link](#) (This is the base plan for all the plans you will see below.)

District Covid Information Website: <https://www.smmusd.org/coronavirus>

COVID-19 Mandatory Testing Registration & Consent + Exemption Forms: [Link](#)

No Cost Vaccine Clinics and PCR Testing: [Link](#)

Illness Reporting: [Link](#)

SMMUSD “Live” Covid Dashboard: [Link](#)

Outdoor Lunch Recess and Grade Level Lunch Plan: [Link](#) (Revamped 10/22/21)

Student Eating Procedure: ([Link](#))

Handwashing: Teach children to wash their hands often.

Quarantined Student Plan (IS Contract): [Link](#)

[Lunch and Bathroom Plan](#)

[Rainy Day Lunch Plan](#)

[Pandemic Student Eating Procedure](#)

MBGC Weekly Information

[Link](#)

CPR-AED/First Aid Trained Staff at MES

The Nurse, the Health Assistant, and all Special Ed Para-educators are required to know how to perform CPR-AED and First Aid. Our AED machine is located in the office with posted directions. If you have ever used an AED machine, you may recall the machine also “talks you through” each step. Fire Station 71 is also less than one mile for MES.

SMMUSD is Enrolling for Preschool! / Webster

If you, or someone you know, has a child who is ready to begin a preschool experience, our SMMUSD preschools have something for everyone! We have part-day, full-day, and extended day options available and we have a wide variety of locations. If finances need to be considered, we also offer subsidized programming for

qualifying families. For more information, please call (310) 399-5865 and ask to speak with a preschool staff member, or go to the following link for more information: www.smmusd.org/cds.

¡SMMUSD está Inscribiendo para Preescolar! / Webster

Si usted, o alguien que conoce, tiene un niño que está listo para comenzar una experiencia preescolar, ¡nuestros preescolares de SMMUSD tienen algo para todos! Tenemos opciones de día parcial, día completo y día extendido disponibles y tenemos una amplia variedad de ubicaciones. Si es necesario considerar las finanzas, también ofrecemos programas subsidiados para familias que califican. Para obtener más información, llame al (310) 399-5865 y pida hablar con un miembro del personal de preescolar, o visite el siguiente enlace para obtener más información: www.smmusd.org/cds.

5th Grade Poetry Workshop with Ricardo Means

Ybarra and Jolynn Regan

Our 5th grade has been busy learning about the power of poetry. Please see this warming reflection on this.

[Link](#)

5th Grade End-of-Year Fundraising - Friday Sales

Our 5th grade parent leaders are busy preparing for Promotion and many other special events for our out-going 5th grade class. Please support the following Friday events:

- ~~Bake Sale - 2/25 @ 12:45 @ corner of Grayfox and Heathercliff~~
- Popsicle Sale - 3/11 @ 12:45 @ corner of Grayfox and Heathercliff
- Bake Sale - 3/25 @ 12:45 @ corner of Grayfox and Heathercliff
- Bake Sale - 3/29 @ 12:45 @ corner of Grayfox and Heathercliff

Book Fair Successful

Our school earned \$2720.22 in Scholastic Dollars from the Book Fair. These funds will go towards new books for our Library and Classrooms. Thank you to our volunteers and PTA for yet another successful fundraiser.

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REPRINTS

City's Spring 2022 Recreation Guide and City Newsletter

[Details Link](#)

[Flier Link](#)

Parenting Workshop - Body Autonomy, February 23rd 5 pm to 6 pm

[Link](#)

Class Photos

We have some exciting news! Cornerstone photography has created a class group composite picture for each class. Class composites are now available for viewing and ordering online. All orders must be placed online and will be mailed directly home with FREE shipping. Portrait pickup on campus or in the Cornerstone studio is not available. To view your class, click the link and enter the online code. For additional questions, you may contact customercare@cornerstone.photo or (805) 529-1635.

[CLICK HERE to View Class Group Pictures](#)

Online Code: 2021GRPMLBU

Welcome New Library Coordinator Andrew White

On Monday, February 28th Mr. White will take over the school library. We are so excited to have him and his enthusiasm for libraries.

Four Ways Parents Can Help Their Child

DreamBox Math: [How Parents Can Help Link](#)

Thinking Maps: Help Your Child Think Analytically and Write Better: [Link](#)

Sentence Frames: Frames help students engage in academic discourse and are especially helpful to students who are newer to English: [Link](#)

Leveled Reading: Ensure you know your child's evolving reading level range. Ask the teacher periodically for your child's level range. Make sure your child reads within their level range for 30 minutes a day, seven days a week. Encourage your child to re-read and read aloud. This leads to prosody. (Prosody means **reading with expression** – with the appropriate rhythm, tone, pitch, pauses, and stresses for the text. Prosody depends on both accuracy and rate. In order to read with expression, the student must be able to read words efficiently and break the text into meaningful syntactic and semantic units.) Prosody leads to comprehension. Comprehension is king. Leveled Reading: [Link](#)

New Student Enrollment Procedure

[Link](#)

Private School Recommendation Letters

[Link](#)

Student Council Spirit Days Line-Up

2/25 Sports Day

3/25 Favorite Decade Day

4/29 Come Dressed as your Favorite Book Character

5/27 Crazy Mask Day

