



# Parent Newsletter

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## Updated Calendar

### [PTA 22-23 Calendar / SMMUSD 22-23 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. Revenue benefits MES.)

Now

Send in your child's Comfort Bag [Comfort Bag Plan](#)

Speak with your child about how **effort** and **perseverance** are keys to success.

This Week

Beyond

Mon-Fri 10/24-10/28

Spooky Book Fair @ Library ([Details](#))

October 24 - November 1

Annual EL Parent Needs Assessment - MES ELAC ([Link](#))

Mon 10/24

Volunteer Training Opportunity/ 11-11:30 [@ Zoom Link](#) ([Volunteering at MES](#))

Tues 10/25

Principal Hertz at Principals' Meeting / 8-4 @ Santa Monica

**Greyfox Gate Closed**

Wed 10/26

PTA Association Meeting / 9:30 - 10:30 [@ Zoom link](#)

Fri 10/28

Halloween Parade / 8:30-9 @ lower field ([Costume Guidelines & Viewing Details](#))

Sat 10/29

PTA "Trunk or Treat" Parent-Child Event / 5 - 6pm @ parking lot

PTA Art Contest "Reflections" Submissions Due

**November**

Nov 1 - Nov 30

5th Grade California Healthy Kids Survey

Tues 11/01

**No School / Parent Conference Day**

Annual Parent Survey Opens ([Link](#)) (Closes November 30)

Wed 11/02

**Minimum Day / Parent Conferences Continue (Mini Day 4 of 10)**

Square1Art Fundraiser Order Deadline to receive by the holidays

Thur 11/03

**Minimum Day / Parent Conferences Continue (Mini Day 5 of 10)**

Thur 11/10

ELAC / 9-10 @ MES Library Courtyard ([Agenda Link](#))

Fri 11/11

**No School - Veterans' Day / Veterans' Day Ceremony Event ([Flier Link](#))**

Thur 11/17

SSC / 3:30 - 4:45 @ Zoom Link (Agenda Forthcoming)

Wed 11/23

**No School / local holiday**

Thur 11/24

**No School for Thanksgiving**

Fri 11/25

**No School**

Fri 12/16

Last Day before Winter Break

Tues 01/03

First Day Back after Winter Break

**District Announcements**

[Link](#)

**MES PTA Announcements**

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 Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com> (Select Malibu Elementary PTA!)

PTA Meetings: [www.malibuelementary.org/associationmeetings](https://www.malibuelementary.org/associationmeetings)

PTA Calendar: [www.malibuelementary.org/calendar](https://www.malibuelementary.org/calendar)

**Principal's Pen**

Our earthquake drill was productive. We ducked, we covered, we held on, we exited, and we took attendance. Search and Rescue found our “missing” classroom. We practiced our Reunion Gate procedure with a few parents. We brought each classroom their Comfort Kits. Unfortunately only about 5% of students have a personal Comfort Kit. ([Comfort Bag Plan](#)) To alleviate this, teachers will help the remaining students create their own “All About Me” book. In the event of a major disaster it is possible that it will be a little while before your child can be picked up from school. A Comfort Kit with a small stuffed animal, a family picture, a non-perishable snack and anything else you think would help your child and still fit in a one-gallon zip bag. If you are going to make a comfort kit please bring it to the classroom so the teacher can ensure that it makes it safely into the earthquake bin we have on campus.

During a major disaster your child will not be released unless checked out by a parent or someone authorized by the parent on the Emergency Card. To have your child released to your care, go to the “Request Gate” near the play structure. The members of the Request Gate Team are responsible for greeting parents, guardians, or designees and providing them with tags or other identifications authorizing the holders to reunite with their students at the Reunion Gate. Once you have your tag, walk to the “Reunion Gate”. The members of the Reunion Gate Team are responsible for sending a runner to bring your child to you. Your child will remain with his or her teacher, or with another staff member until you or a designated representative arrives. After 72 hours other civil authorities will provide additional care for unclaimed children and MES will likely become a disaster relief center. ([Reunification Map](#)) ([On-site Assembly Map](#)) Note: **Children will only be released to a person listed on the current Emergency Card.** That person will have to show valid identification to the teacher, and sign a release form which our school will retain for recording purposes.

On Friday our Superintendent sent us this important message: [Dangers of Fentanyl - One Pill Can Kill](#). It has information that may save lives. With Halloween approaching I want to remind parents of the decades-old concern of tainted candy. Parents should caution children from accepting candy from strangers. I recently read this news release from LADPH about Fentanyl laced pills and candies. Together we can keep our young children safe.

Halloween brings other considerations for parents too. Here are tips for staying safe while trick o' treating: Always walk on the sidewalk, never wear a mask that restricts your vision, decorate your costume with reflective tape or stickers to make yourself visible, carry a flashlight, stay in familiar neighborhoods, stay in groups of three or more, never enter a stranger's house, and have a parent inspect candy before a child eats it. Finally we look forward to our annual parade. Parents may watch and cheer on campus. As always, no weapons or discriminatory, sexist, or hateful costumes are allowed. Masks may be worn during the parade but not during class instructional time. Linked here is our parade route and viewing areas. [Halloween Parade Information Link](#).

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



## Parent General Resources

[Link](#)

## Student Health Resources

[Link](#)

### Coastal Commission Art Contest

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q1Vr6CPNjU7AtqkiyOm1\\_WIW8SYctbHg/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q1Vr6CPNjU7AtqkiyOm1_WIW8SYctbHg/view?usp=sharing)

### MBGC Information

[Link](#)

### **The Spooky BookFair is Coming!**

Here is the link to our upcoming BookFair:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/Malibu>

Who: all MES students/school

What: MES "Spooky" Book Fair

When: October 24 - 28, 2022, during school time

Where: MES Library

Why: Fundraising to help support our Library

Link to SET UP [eWALLET](#)

