



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 IA Drive (Please write your voluntary tax-deductible donation checks to the MES PTA. On the memo write: "Save our IAs". Goal: \$141,107. Suggested Gift: \$705. ([Link to the details.](#))

This Week

Sun 03/27
Mon 03/28

PTA Spring Boutique / 11 - 4pm @ MES (Benefits PTA IA Fund) ([Flier](#))
4th grade Dance Show / 10:15 and 11:15 @ Cafeteria
2nd Grade Field Trip / 12:30 - 2:30 @ Little Dume Beach
All students bring home their Spring Break Antigen Test ([Instructions Link](#))
Last Day Before Spring Break
Lost and Found to Charity / 3:30

Beyond

April 4 - April 17
Mon 04/18

Spring Break
First Day Back from Spring Break
Grayfox Gate Closed Until Further Notice / All students will arrive and depart from the Fernhill gate.
Test your child with your take-home Spring Break Antigen Test ([Instructions Link](#))
Provide proof of a Negative Spring Break Antigen Test at Fernhill gate - Needed to Reenter Campus
Parent Input Form Opened for Next Year's Classes (Closes 5/6) (See article below)
PTA Association Meeting / 9:30 - 10:30 @ [Zoom Link](#)
Earth Day Student Service Day - Students Remove Litter from School and rake up leaves.
Annual Academic Testing for 3rd - 5th Students (Federal/State Tests)
ELAC / 9:15 - 10:15 @ zoom link forthcoming
~~Annual PTA Gala~~
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)
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. Details coming.)
World Cultural Day
International Day
Tentative 5th Grade End-of-Year Field Trip to Ventura Harbor and Santa Cruz Island ([Details](#))
Minimum Day 12:45 Dismissal
Art Show and Marine Science Fair & Open House / 4:30 - 6:30 ([Schedule of Events Link](#))
Holiday / Memorial Day

Wed 04/20
Fri 04/22
Mon-Fri 04/25-05/20
Thur 05/05
Fri 05/06
Thur 05/12
Mon-Fri 05/16 - 05/20
Wed 05/18
Thur 05/19

Fri 05/20
Sat 05/21
Mon 05/23
Tues 05/24
Thur 05/26

Fri 05/30

Fri	06/03	PTA Jog-a-Thon Fundraiser (Save the MES Instructional Assistants!) (Incentives for top classrooms!)
Tues	06/07	5th Grade Promotion Ceremony / 9:30 - 10:30 @ Cafeteria (Details coming)
Wed	06/08	Minimum Day 12:45 Dismissal
Thur	06/09	Report Cards Go Home Last day of School / Minimum Day 12:45 Dismissal
Fri	06/10	Summer Vacation Begins
Mon	6/13	Summer Vacation Continues
June 20 - July 15		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

Student Council "Decades Day" was a blast today. The kids really showed their spirit and loved seeing everyone's creativity! Our next School Spirit Day is on 4/29 - come dressed as your "Favorite Book Character". The possibilities are limitless!

Five Zeros! MES has had no positives detected for five weeks straight. (Every week we conduct Covid surveillance testing on all students and staff.) On Monday, March 28th your child will bring home their "Spring Break Antigen Test". The teachers will distribute them. Please see the calendar above and the [Instructions Link](#).

The Lost and Found is overflowing with clothing, lunch bags, water bottles, and hats. I am taking it all to the Good Will on Friday after school. Please stop by this week and take a look for your child's things.

As you should know, I remain extremely concerned about MES retaining our Instructional Assistants for the 2022-2023 School Year. SMMUSD decided that Malibu schools (MES & WES) are on their own to fundraise for IAs and the Arts. (Santa Monica schools will continue to enjoy the professional fundraising talents of the Santa Monica Education Foundation which is largely supported by hotels serving the tourist industry.) The costs of our contracted MES IA labor and insurance requirements is \$141,000. This is about \$705 per student. **What can MES do?** We can accept voluntary donations and fundraise. Our PTA is our one and only fundraising organization. **Please write your voluntary tax-deductible donation checks to the MES PTA. On the memo write "Save our IAs."** Any donation no matter how small is genuinely welcomed. For fundraisers our PTA is organizing the following fundraisers: **Spring Boutique, Business Banners, and a Jog-a-Thon.** (There will be no gala dinner as there just are not enough volunteers to organize one.) If we have one IA for just kindergarten or one for every classroom, I would be so grateful. Please come to the Boutique this Sunday, pay for a Business Banner (details coming), and sponsor the Jog-a-Thon. Thank you for your concern for your child's school.

Our PTA election is coming up on April 20th at that month's PTA Association Meeting. I encourage parents to zoom in and participate in the PTA. The MES PTA is the lifeline that makes our good school great - really great!

Following Spring Break and beginning Monday, April 18 all students will arrive and depart from the Fernhill gate. Until then the Garyfox gate will be staffed in the morning and afternoon. Signage will be posted to make this clear to anyone inadvertently arriving at the Grayfox Gate.

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

[Link](#)

MBGC Weekly Information

[Link](#)

Library Shelving Volunteers Wanted

Our library is coming along but there are still lots of books to shelve and 1,000 new ones too. If you would like to help and are an Approved Volunteer, please write Library Technician Andrew White:

awhite@smmusd.org.

Thank you for wanting to help the MES library.

Spring Boutique PTA Fundraiser

Spring Boutique is this Sunday 11am - 3pm @MES sport court

Over 20 local Malibu Designers (all in one convenient location!)

Free soccer training 11-2pm!

Sidewalk chalk and games for kids!

Plus the playground will be open!

Fundraiser for MES PTA, we are working towards paying for IAs for next year!

[Flier](#)

PTA Elections Coming Up

On January 25th, our PTA announced per the bylaws that a Nominating Committee needed to be formed before the February 16th association meeting; and will present their slate on March

16th, the current PTA Board will vote in the new Board Members on April 20th, and the New Board Members will start in August!

The nominating committee was formed before February 16th, whoever volunteered to be on this committee.

The nominating committee was confirmed at the Association meeting on February 16th.

Member: Sarah Ryan

Member: Lise Sloan

Member: Desi Bradley

Member: Annie Conte

Member: Anna Klymenko

Alternate: Cat Givertz

Alternate: Angela Whittman

The Nominating committee met on March 10th to discuss who would be on the slate. The Nominating Committee meeting was organized by the Parliamentarian.

At the March 16th Association meeting the nominating committee presented the following slate:

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

On April 20th the Association will vote on this slate. Additional nominations can be called from the floor.

Thank you again Desi Bradley, Kelly Kincaid, Jenn O'Hara, Melissa Matrippolito and Larry Givertz for your long-time commitment to volunteering. Thank you to the new nominees, Laura Shokoufandeh, Josh Homme and Jessica Levin.

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.

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.

Student Council Spirit Days Line-Up

4/29 Come Dressed as your Favorite Book Character
 5/27 Crazy Mask Day

REPRINTS

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

Spring Break Covid-19 on Site and Testing Hub information

PCR testing at the District Office:

- April 6th and 13th 10:00am-3:00pm

PCR testing at CDS

- April 5th and 12th
- Washington West 7:30am-8:30am
- April 6th and 13th
- Edison Elementary 8:30am-12 noon

Testing Hub Information: (All district staff and students are eligible to use the spring break hubs for response testing)

- Spring break PCR and Antigen testing hubs will be held at:
- John Adams Middle School (2425 16th street in Santa Monica)
- Malibu Middle/ High School ([30215 Morning View Drive Malibu, CA 90265](#))
- The PCR and Antigen hubs will also run from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm on Saturday April 16th with both Antigen (for individuals who have tested positive over break and need to clear before returning on Monday, or prior positives who are symptomatic) and PCR for those without a history of positive result within 90 days who have symptoms or anyone would like added peace of mind after travel/gathering.

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.

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**

consideration 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](#) (Form opens on April 18.)

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.

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.

New Student Enrollment Procedure Link

