



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

Tues 10/04
Wed 10/05
Wed-Fri 10/05-10/07
Thur-Fri 10/06-10/07

Fri 10/07

Antigen Tests Distributed to 5th grade students (Test before we board the bus!)
Local Holiday / No School
5th Grade Overnight Field Trip to Catalina / 6:30 am Departure from School ([Details](#))
Principal Hertz at Catalina Field Trip
Grayfox Gate Closed (Principal Hertz Unavailable to Open)
Antigen Tests Distributed to K-4 students (Two-week supply. Test every weekend!)

Beyond

Mon-Fri 10/10-10/14
Thur 10/13
Thur 10/20
Thur 10/20

Fri 10/21
Mon-Fri 10/24-10/28
Wed 10/26
Fri 10/28

Sat 10/29

Digital Citizenship Week ([Parent Video](#))
SSC Meeting #2 / 3:30 - 4:45 [@ Zoom Link](#) ([Agenda](#))
Earthquake Drill / 10:20 @ lower field (We will practice our reunification procedure. See article below.)
ELAC / 9-10am @ MES Library Courtyard (Refreshments and light breakfast served.) Agenda forthcoming
Earthquake Drill / 10:20 @ MES ([How parents can help link.](#))
Make Up Picture Day
Spooky Book Fair @ Library ([Details](#))
PTA Association Meeting / 9:30 - 10:30 [@ Zoom link](#)
Halloween Parade / 8:30-9 @ lower field ([Costume Guidelines & Viewing Details](#))
PTA "Trunk or Treat" Parent-Child Event / 5 - 6pm @ parking lot
PTA Art Contest "Reflections" Submissions Due (See article below)

November

Tues 11/01
Wed 11/02
Thur 11/03
Fri 11/11
Wed 11/23
Thur 11/24
Fri 11/25

No School / Parent Conference Day
Minimum Day / Parent Conferences Continue (Mini Day 4 of 10)
Minimum Day / Parent Conferences Continue (Mini Day 5 of 10)
No School - Veterans' Day
No School / local holiday
No School for Thanksgiving
No School

[Archived MES Parent Newsletters](#)

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

PTA Calendar: www.malibuelementary.org/calendar

Principal's Pen

MES is always preparing for a natural disaster or crisis. This year we are trying to reestablish the [Comfort Bag Plan](#). If you have not yet done so, please send your child's bag to the teacher this week. It is never too early to be prepared. Over the next two months, our SSC will be reviewing our Safe School Plan and establishing new goals. There will be a public hearing in November or December.

Earthquakes are a scary reality in California. Teach your kids to [Drop, Cover, and Hold On](#). You can also play the 'Earthquake Game' where when anyone says "earthquake!" Everyone has to pretend an earthquake is happening and practice their response. Teach your children that they should go under a table and hold on if one is near. If they are in a room without a table, crouch against an interior wall, away from windows. Find an "earthquake-safe" location in every room of the house so they don't try to run during an earthquake. On October 20 teachers will reinforce Drop/Cover/Hold during our drill. We will test our "Reunification Plan". See the article below for details.

Peace Day was a lovely event. Many thanks to our PTA for organizing the students, to our art teacher Nicole for conducting the Peace Day flags lessons, and to our Student Council for making a Spirit Day out of the event. With all the conflict in the world, it is wise to help children learn to value peace. Please enjoy this [aerial photo](#)!

As you recorded in the calendar above we have a few minimum days and holidays coming up. A few of these are dedicated to Parent-Teacher Fall Conferences. Soon teachers will be sending out sign-up information. Thank you for your participation.

Lastly, please review the "Student Health Resources" box below. It has been completely overhauled by Health Assistant Trisha Magbanua. We are fortunate for Trisha's dedication to our students' well-being.

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



Parent General Resources

[Link](#)

Student Health Resources

[Link](#)

School Pictures Are Ready

School portraits taken by Cornerstone Photography are now available for viewing and ordering! All orders must be placed online, will incur a \$5 shipping charge, and will be mailed directly home. Portrait pickup on campus or in the Cornerstone studio is not available. To view your portrait, click the link below and enter your online code which is MLBU and your Student ID. If you do not know your child's student ID, please contact our school office and we will provide it for you.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW YOUR PORTRAIT](#)

Online Code: MLBU+Student ID (For Example: MLBU123456)

What if I missed picture day?

A makeup opportunity is scheduled for Friday, October 21st for those who missed picture day or for those who are not satisfied with their portrait and want to try again.

For additional questions, you may contact customercare@cornerstone.photo or (805) 529-1635.

Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill - Reunification

At MES we have a plan to keep all students safe in case of all sorts of emergencies and natural disasters. Try not to panic! Don't immediately rush to school – take care of your home first! No child will be sent home in an emergency – children will be kept safe at school until they are signed out to a designated adult.

When you arrive at school, park away from the campus to keep the parking lot clear for emergency vehicles.

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 Request 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](#))

How Do I Purchase Spirit Wear?

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

MBGC Information

[Link](#)

PTA Reflections Art Contest Reminder

Here is the link to the PTA Newsletter regarding [Reflections 2022](#):

(all of the Reflections info is in this newsletter: link to CAPTA, theme for 2022, how to enter, rules, due date, contact info, etc)

Here is the link for the [Reflections Entry Info](#)

Here is the link for CAPTA on Reflections:

<https://capta.org/programs-events/reflections/>

If you would like to include just this in your class newsletter you are welcome to!

TIMELINE:

The projects are due 10.29

Judging will be done by 11.2

Winners will be announced on 11/18 at the Friday Assembly

Parent, Cassie Copperfield-Slosser is our Reflections Chair!

Please let Cassie and me know if you have any questions or if your parents do.

Best regards,

Melanie Hesecker, PTA President

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](#)

Grayfox Gate Closed Some Days - Don't Climb Fence

When I am not able to be on campus I am not able to open the Grayfox gate. We do not have extra staff hours to man the gate. I will advertise in advance the dates that the gate will be closed unless of course I am out sick. When the gate is closed, please do **NOT** encourage students to climb the fence. It is not safe and undermines our school rule that students do not climb fences. Thank you.

DreamBox - Family Dashboard

DreamBox is a signature program for MES. DreamBox is adaptive and builds conceptual understanding through games. Students are expected to complete five (5) lessons a week. Dreambox is accessible through Clever on our school website: [Link](#). Students who do so will be recognized regularly at MES. DreamBox also provides data to teachers who can in turn customize assignments for students. Our Teacher Leadership Team and the SSC continue to prioritize DreamBox. DreamBox not only helps all students but it is good at supporting EL students' growth and particularly Spanish-speaking students. If you think your child may need more guidance with DreamBox, please write to the teacher, but first please examine these three

Home Support resources for parents:

1. **Home Learning Guide for Parents & Guardians** - Set Up Your Family DashBoard! The **Family Insight Dashboard** (sometimes simply referred to as the Family Dashboard) allows parents and guardians to monitor their student's learning trends, gaps, and growth. It allows you to see at a glance if your student is mastering the concepts and making progress with DreamBox. Detailed activity and proficiency reports help you set learning goals and prepare conversations with your student and your student's teacher.

2. **YouTube Support Videos for Parents & Guardians** - Watch short videos on best home practices - Spanish too!
3. **Understanding the Family Insight Dashboard**
4. **Home Use Guide**

Art Fundraiser - Square 1

Art teacher Nicole is working to raise funds and give students an opportunity to create Holiday gifts. The art will be made in the art studio. Below are details:

<https://shop.square1art.com/shop>

Procedure & Dates:

9/26/2022 Make an original work of art in art class on the paper Square 1 provided.

9/29/2022 We ship the art the students made to Square 1.

10/21/2022 (approximately) School receives custom catalogs and a free set of stickers that go home with each student.

11/2/2022 Deadline for parents to order art online to get it in time for the Holidays. Parents can continue to order online until the end of the school year.

A check will be sent to the PTA a few weeks after the 11/2 deadline, and we will continue to receive checks if people continue to order.

The % of our take depends on how much we sell.

Purpose: Raise money for the PTA arts fund

Questions: art@nicolefisher.me

Flier: [Link](#)

School Receives Custom Catalogs w/kids art by class:
10/21/22

FIRM Order Deadline: 11/2/22

