



Parent Newsletter

Monday, December 06, 2021

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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 (\$76,321.94/ 103 Donors / \$220,000 goal: <https://www.malibuelementary.org/donate>)
SweetBu Candy - 5th Grade Fundraiser ([link](#))

This Week

Thurs 12/09

ELAC / 9:15 - 10:15 [@ zoom](#) ([Agenda](#))
SSC / 3:30 - 4:45 [@ Zoom Link](#) ([Agenda](#))

Fri 12/10

5th Grade Bake Sale to Support End-of-Year Events / 12:45 - 2 @ corner of Greyfox and Fernhill
PTA Movie Night 2 "Grinch Cartoon" / 5pm ([Details Link](#)) / \$50 per vehicle)

Beyond

Tues 12/14

Holiday Show Tickets go on sale ([link](#))

Fri 12/17

Last Day Before Winter Break
Student Council Spirit Day / PJ Day!
Holiday Show Lower Grades (K-2) / 8:30 - 9:30 / [parent sign up procedure](#) @ library courtyard
Holiday Show Upper Grades (3-5) / 10:30 - 11:30 / [parent sign up procedure](#) @ library courtyard
Minimum Day 7 of 10 / 12:45

Mon 01/03

First Day After Winter Break

Thur 01/13

ELAC / 9:15 - 10:15 [@ Zoom Link](#) (Agenda forthcoming)
SSC / 3:30 - 4:45 [@ Zoom Link](#) (Draft Agenda: Public Hearing on the Safe School Plan & more)

Mon 01/17

Holiday / MLK Jr. Day

Thur 01/27

Kindergarten & New Student Round Up / 9am [@ Zoom Link](#)

Tue 2/1

100th Day of School

Fri 2/4

Report Cards Go Home

Mon 02/21

Holiday / Presidents' Day

Thur 03/31

Open House (**Minimum Day 12:45 Dismissal**)

Fri 4/1

Last Day Before Spring Break

Mon 4/18

First Day Back from Spring Break

Tues 03/15

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

Thur 06/09

Report Cards Go Home

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 October Events Calendar: [Link](#)

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

Thank you to the many families and community at large for supporting our **Arts Fundraiser** last Friday. The dinner, auction, and entertainment were excellent. Big thanks to our PTA, the Marks Family, and to Joshua Homme for making it happen. The PTA will report out on our earnings very soon. I think it's safe to say that we will have arts education from Ms. Nicole Fisher not only from January to June but for all of next year too!

Reminder: On the 17th students will hold a live **Holiday Show** for registered visitors. They will be wearing snowman, elf, and penguin costumes! To attend the Friday, December 17th Holiday Shows, parents must "purchase" a free ticket. Limited tickets will be "sold" 72 to 48 hours in advance. (Tickets go on sale Tuesday, December 14th.) This [Holiday Show Google Survey](#) will be used by parents to get their name on the "Will Call" list and to upload either their Covid-19 Vaccination or Proof of Negative Covid-19 PCR. (The Negative Covid-19 PCR must be dated within the last 72 hours.) You may bring a physical copy with you to the Will Call gate. The survey will serve as our Guest List/Will Call. Parents may purchase tickets to both shows. Required masks will be available upon arrival. Please carpool and watch for parking restrictions. Please arrive early.

Last week we again had **no positive Covid tests**. (We screen every Tuesday at school.) As always, if you or your child has symptoms of Covid, do not come to campus, inform our health aide and nurse, and get tested.

We remain steadfast in protecting our school community and are so relieved when we get good reports. Please see the Parent Resource box below for more details on how we are **taking extra steps** to keep the pandemic from closing down our school and to keep everyone healthy. Please check your email daily, including each night and each morning before coming to school, to see if a positive COVID-19 case has been identified in your child's class and if your child needs to follow the quarantine protocols. Sometimes we are informed of a positive case late at night, and we need to inform multiple families as quickly as possible that their child needs to be quarantined. If a positive case is identified in your child's class, please know that district nursing staff will follow up with you as part of contact tracing. If you have specific questions please email me directly. I am glad to help.

Lastly, please see my safety articles below. **If you see something, say something.** We are in this together. :)

In gratitude,
Proud Principal Christopher Hertz



Parent Covid Resources

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

Updates for Parents of School-Aged Children: Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in TK-12 Schools - Updated: 9/7/21

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

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

Before School Student Prescreening App: [Link](#)

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

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

Illness Reporting: [Link](#)

Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways: [Link](#)

SMMUSD "Live" Covid Dashboard: [Link](#)

Masks at MES: [Link](#)

Student Isolation Orders & Travel Quarantines: [Link](#)

Weekly Bell Schedule: [Link](#)

Outdoor Recess & Lunch Break, Zone Schedules, and Designated Outdoor Learning Zone Plan : [Link](#)

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

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

Student Orientation to Full Return SlideShow: [Link](#)

Adult Overview of Full Return SlideShow: [Link](#)

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

Handwashing: Tell your children to wash their hands often. (See SlideShow above).

MES Parent Handbook: [Link](#)

Quarantine Classroom Plan: [Link](#)

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

Volunteering at MES: [Link](#)

Current Lunch Menu

MBGC Information - Week of December 6, 2021

[Link](#)

MBGC Winter Break Sign-Ups

[Link](#)

Report Safety Concerns to the Principal

Parents, if you see a safety concern, please send me an email at chertz@smmusd.org or call me at 310-457-9370 ext. 78-202. Your observations and ideas have been extremely valuable over the past days. I look forward to working with you to make our school even safer. Also, please tell your child to contact me or a staff member if they think there is a dangerous incident. This includes aggression on campus, stranger danger, or if someone talks about harassment or suicide. Your child's safety is of utmost importance to each of us.

School Safety

In light of the tragedy at a high school in Michigan last week, there is no time like the present to remind

students, and parents: "If you SEE something, SAY something." Students and parents can and should report concerns using **WE TIP. 1-800-78-CRIME**. It is an excellent anonymous platform for parents and students to report their concerns. **We Tip [parent letter in English](#)**
We Tip [parent letter in Spanish](#) *We Tip can be used to report:*

- Bullying/ Threats
- Property Destruction
- Violent Crimes
- Unsafe Conditions/ Safety Violations
- Workers Compensation/ Insurance Fraud
- Drugs/ Illegal Substance/ Alcohol Abuse
- Theft/ Robbery/ Burglary
- Discrimination/ Harassment
- Arson/ Terrorism/ Bombs

No Power - Special Phone

With the recent power outages and heavy winds, we have found ourselves without a landline on several

occasions. In these circumstances, we have district-issued cell phones. If you see a call from a number starting with 424-581-...., please pick up.
Diane Sullivan
Administrative Assistant

BGCM 39th Holiday Toy Drive

Bring a new unwrapped toy (newborn to 17 years old) to our Malibu High School Library by December 18th. The boxes will be located inside the library, our goal is to have about 200 toys to give out to families in need.

City of Malibu 14th annual Malibu Student Art Exhibit.

[Link to flyer](#)

The City encourages young artists to showcase their work for the community; please help the City with this effort and encourage your student artists to submit their artwork.

Students can submit their artwork online at 2022StudentArt.ArtCall.org/ beginning December 1 through December 31. For the guidelines and more information on how to submit artwork, visit MalibuCity.org/StudentArtExhibit.

If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact Adrianna Fiori at (310) 456-2489 ext. 239 or Afiori@malibucity.org

Thank you for your support!
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Attendance Matters - Be at School

Attendance is paramount
The most important message to convey to your child is that s/he must be at school everyday and on time. Of course there are illnesses and other circumstances but the message must be clear and unambiguous. Please see the link below for more information:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PKvUY8tnc-WYlW_DsgTSdHX5xuoJOi9nQ/view?usp=sharing

Student Council Spirit Days Line-Up

12/17 Pajama Day (Yes, this event is on.)
1/28 Crazy Hair Day
2/25 Sports Day
3/25 Favorite Decade Day

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

Malibu Elementary School Site Council Parent Elections

In April through August of 2021 parents were notified of vacancies and elections for three parent positions in the Parent Newsletters. Results were published in the Newsletter on May 17 and August 9. Three parents submitted nominations for the three vacancies by the deadline(s). They have been serving in the role since September 2. Because no other parents ran against them, an election was not held. In November all schools were informed that an election must still be held. A Ballot was sent out to parents via this Newsletter to parents. Parents had a chance to vote on this ballot for those three positions. Congratulations again to parents Heather Alfano, (Term ends 7/23), Alicia Peak(Term ends 7/23), and Melanie Hesecker (Term ends 7/23)!

REPRINTS

Cash Handling at MES

Cash is to be avoided. Checks or electronic donations are best. Accounting must be communicated before, during, and after an outreach for resources. This Fundraising form will help the Principal, the PTA Room Parents, and the MES PTA avoid unnecessary drama: [Download this form](#); see directions on the form. PTA Room Parents will not be collecting cash for gifts for teachers. Rather individual parents may, if they choose, give gifts directly to the teacher.

MES Needs a Marine Science Teacher and an

Instructional Aide - Please Apply

As you read above, MES is searching for a Marine Science Teacher. Please visit <https://www.edjoin.org/Home/DistrictJobPosting/1513246> to review qualifications and to apply. MES is also looking for a new Classroom Instructional Assistant. Hours are 3.5 hours daily and eligible for up to 8 hours while the CARES Act funding is available. Please visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/smmusd/jobs/3270230/instructional-assistant-classroom?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs> to review qualifications and to apply.

Speedier and Easier Student Departure Procedure

Thank you to our SSC for revising our "[Safe Arrival and Departure Plan](#)" and to our PTA for creating the placards for everyone. Soon laminated student name placards will be sent home to parents / guardians. The highly visible name tags will support faster and safer student pick up at the end of the school day. Place the placard on your dash or flip it over your visor.

All of the names are numbered. That way staff have the option of saying a number or the name. Students will need to know their number, parents can share this info with students; as parents will have the placards with the number/name. Each family has a number. For example: two students from the same family will have the same number. That way when you pull up to the car line, staff can say, "##" or "Last Name" and both of your children will come to the pick up spot.

Family tags have just the last name.

Next year's incoming Kindergartners - if they are a new family, they will have a new number. If they have an older sibling, they will share that number; so each family has one car pick up number.

City of Malibu - Winter Rec Programs

[Link](#)

Independent Study - Clarifications

Independent Study is appropriate for Emergencies, catastrophic family situations, legal/government situations, severe health or other special circumstances. Independent Study is NOT for extending the length of school holidays, vacations or visiting family or friends.

The school must be informed in advance (we realize this isn't always possible in an Emergency). A contract needs to be filled out and signed by the parent, teacher and Principal. If work is not turned in or is not complete, partial credit or no credit may be given.

For more information: [Link](#)

