



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 Grateful Giving Drive Continues (**\$49,644.34/ 63 Donors / \$220,000 goal:** <https://www.malibuelementary.org/donate>)
The Drive runs Oct 11 - Nov 19 - Top Classes Announced Weekly at Spirit Rallies ([Flyer](#))
5% off Yearbook from 10/1 through 10/31
SweetBu Candy - 5th Grade Fundraiser ([link](#))
Thursday Parenting Workshops / 7pm ([Flyer with sign-up Info](#))

This Week

Mon-Fri 10/25-10/29
Tues 10/26

Scholastic Book Fair @ library ([Flyer Link](#)) / Support our school!
Volunteer Training 19 / 3:30pm @ [Zoom Link](#) (All volunteers need submit their proof of vaccination and weekly PCR tests. Submit your Vaccination Card here: [Link](#)
Volunteers who come weekly or more often must also submit weekly PCR proofs. Volunteers are to submit their Weekly Negative PCR Test results here: [Link](#) These sites are maintained by Mr. Hertz until our health staff can take over. Like staff, volunteers are to try to maintain 6 feet of distance with students at all times.) See article below for more details.

Wed 10/27

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Fri 10/29

Halloween "Book-O-Ween" Parade / 8:30 - 9:30am / Students-only / Yearbook photos taken (See article below)

Lost n Found sent to Charity / 3pm

Sun 10/31

Halloween Spooktacular / 4-6pm @ MES - Sponsored by Malibu Foundation

Beyond

Tues 11/02

No School / Parent Conference Day

Wed 11/03

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

Thur 11/04

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

Sun 11/7

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 AM (Fall Back 1 Hour)

Thur 11/11

No School - Veterans' Day

Wed 11/24

No School / local holiday

Thur 11/25

No School / Thanksgiving

Fri 11/26

No School / local holiday

Fri 12/03

PSArts Decision date for MES PTA / Did we make our goal? / ([Quote Link](#))

Fri	12/17	Benefit Concert - supports PSArts & More Arts at MES / 4-8:30 @ 6425 Busch Drive (Details coming)
Mon	01/03	Last Day Before Winter Break
		First Day After Winter Break

[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 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

Our students are doing great work with their studies and demonstrating much responsibility with one another. It is a true pleasure to see them growing both academically and socially.

This past Friday staff and I explored how we can make sure that we can provide quality supervision to students with fewer staff and with less struggle. We revamped our **Outdoor Lunch Recess and Grade Level Lunch Plan**: [Link](#) and our **Student Eating Procedure**: [Link](#) Additionally parents may use either gate for drop off and pick up while at the same time we are still encouraging parents to follow our gate plan that better spreads out the children. I believe these changes will yield positive results. Also, parents are asked to help by placing a placard with your child's name on it on your dashboard when you pull up to the loading zone after school. This helps the line move faster and helps staff who may not always recognize you at first glance. Thank you.

Again, volunteers have been helping me with student supervision at lunch. I am so glad we have prioritized volunteer training the past several weeks. Please see the requirements in the article below and the calendar above. I am grateful for community teamwork.

We are expecting rain today. Student lunches will be staggered so that students may eat inside the cafeteria or covered interior hallways. The long range forecast shows no more rain events through November.

Last week we again had no positive Covid tests. 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.

Together for MES,
Proud Principal Christopher Hertz



Parent Covid Resources

[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](#)

LADPH Travel Advisory & Guidance: [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).

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](#)

Linguistic Diversity at MES - Did you know?

Over 18% of students come from linguistically diverse backgrounds. Check out this chart. Let's celebrate our rich and varied cultural heritage.

[Link](#). Soon our ELAC will be setting an International Showcase Day. Look for details later next month.

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](#)

MBGC Information - Week of October 25th

[Link](#)

Fountains are Back!

The drinking fountains are now up and running!! Please let your students know.

Reprints

Halloween Book-o-ween Costumes & Parade

We look forward to our annual parade. Since we cannot have parents or visitors on campus we will bring the parade down to the walkway that circumnavigates the field. Parents may watch and cheer through the fence. 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. This year students are encouraged to select a costume that celebrates a literary character and carry a book that has that literary character but as always, they may wear any costume that meets the criteria above. Example: Harry Potter. Ideally this will help build interest in our Book Fair that week. (Books can be brought from home or checked out at the library.) [Flyer Link](#)

Halloween Plan - Slide Show with Map

Here is the plan: [Halloween Parade Route, Times, & Rules](#)

PTA Reflections Art Contest Deadline Extension to 10/18

Due to lower than expected participation the deadline has been extended a week. All entries will get all the entries to the judges. We had previously advertised announcing the winners in November.

4th & 5th Grade SMMUSD Elementary Music - Request for a school instrument form

[Link](#)

