



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.)

Now

Practice punctuality / arrive at school early, not late
September is "Attendance Awareness Month" [Letter to Parents](#)
Attendance Recovery Social Worker Calendar of Calls and Home Visits [Link](#)

This Week

Mon 09/26
Tues 09/27
Wed 09/28

Thur 09/29

Fri 09/30

Local Holiday / No School
Volunteer Training / 9 - 9:30 @ [Zoom Link](#) (**Volunteering at MES:** [Link](#))
5th grade CIMI Donations and Field Trip Permission Forms Due ([5th Grade parent letter link](#))
5th grade parents must decide if their child is going to CIMI by this date. Thank you. .
Principal Hertz at All Principals Meeting / 8-4 @ Santa Monica
Grayfox Gate Closed (Principal Hertz Unavailable to Open)
Student Council Spirit Day: Peace Day - wear a favorite outfit that promotes peace
International Peace Day @ field / 8:30 - 8:45

Beyond

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

Thur 10/13

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

Sat 10/29

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)
SSC Meeting #2 / 3:30 - 4:45 @ Zoom Link Forthcoming (Draft Agenda: Election Bylaw Final Review, Fall Testing Analysis, Safe School Plan,)
Make Up Picture Day
Spooky Book Fair @ Library
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

I hope you enjoyed the weekend. Summer is hanging in strong! We have more hot weather coming for the school week and we must continue to help our students hydrate and not over exert themselves. At school students will be reminded to hydrate every 10 minutes during outdoor activities. Students may sit out as well. Please remind your child to frequently drink water at school.

September is wrapping up and October is approaching quickly. As you will see in the calendar above a few big events are coming up including International Peace Day. Peace Day is also a Student Spirit Day. Students are encouraged to wear symbols of peace or school spirit wear on Friday! Friday will be very nice.

October brings us the 5th grade Marine Science trip to Catalina, Spooky Book Fair, the Halloween Parade, and "Trunk or Treat". 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. I want to pass it along to you. [News Release](#). 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](#)

How Do I Purchase Spirit Wear?

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

MBGC Information

[Link](#)

PTA Art Contest Information



We are in need of a Reflec

Please email

[pta@malibuelement](mailto:pta@malibuelementary.org)

[ary.org](mailto:pta@malibuelementary.org) if you would

like to learn more!

Submission Due

10/29. For more info

on submissions visit:

<https://capta.org/pro>

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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

