



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

Parent Annual Climate and Culture Survey (Feb 1 - Feb 28) ([link](#))

This Week

Mon 02/20

No School for Presidents' Day

Thur 02/23

Principal Chris Off Campus at Training in Santa Monica / 8 - 3:30

Greyfox Gate Closed

SSC / 3:30 - 4:45 @ [zoom link](#) ([Agenda](#): Draft Plan for 2023 - 2024)

Fri 02/24

Dress Like Your Teacher Spirit Day

Beyond

Wed 03/01

National Women's History Month (Great opportunity to speak with your children)

4th Grade Parent Orientation to 5th grade Pali Outdoor School / 1:45 - 2:30 @ Cafeteria

(Detail Preview: [Video](#), [Health and Safety Information + Cabin Tour](#), [Packing List and Paperwork Information](#), and Dates: October 18 - 20)

Thur 03/02

~~Principal Chris Off Campus at Training in Santa Monica / 8 - 3:30~~

~~Greyfox Gate Closed~~

~~SSC / 3:30 - 4:45 @ [zoom link](#) ([Agenda](#): Draft Plan for 2023 - 2024)~~

Fri 03/03

Movie Night / 6:00 @ Mark's Property near Zuma (Movie: TBD) \$50 per car/family

Sun 03/12

MES Student Flea Market / 10:00 - 3:00 @ playground (Hold the date. Approval pending.) ([Flier](#))

Wed 03/15

PTA Association Meeting / 9:30 - 10:30 @ [Zoom Link](#) ([Agenda](#): 2023-24 PTA Slate Announcement)

Bingo Night & Mexican Dinner / 5 - 6:30 @ Cafeteria (Supports 5th grade EOY Projects) (Cash Only)

Thur 03/16

ELAC / 9-10 @ [Zoom Link](#) ([Agenda](#): EL Metrics & New Goals for EL Students)

Thur 03/23

SSC / 3:30 - 4:45 @ [zoom link](#) ([Agenda](#): Approve Final Plan for 2023 - 2024)

Mon 03/27

No School for Cesar Chavez Day

Thur 03/30

Minimum Day - Dismissal 12:45

MES Open House / 4:30 - 6 ([Schedule](#))

Fri 03/31

Last Day Before Spring Break

Mon 04/17

First Day Back After Spring Break

Wed 04/19

PTA Association Meeting / 9:30 - 10:30 @ [Zoom Link](#) ([Agenda](#): 2023-24 PTA Board Vote)

May 1 - May 12	3rd-5th grade Annual California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress / English, Math, & Science Assessment (Parent Notice) (Parent Notice in Spanish)
Thur 05/18	ELAC Meeting / 9 - 10 @ Zoom (Agenda forthcoming)
Thur 05/25	Art & Marine Science Festival, HSAs & World Cultural Diversity Day Celebration / 5 - 6:30pm
Wed 06/07	5th Grade Promotion / 9:00 - 10:00
Thur 06/08	Minimum Day - Dismissal 12:45
Mon 06/12	Minimum Day - Dismissal 12:45
	Last Day of School
June 20 - July 14	Summer School @ MES (Student Identification: Ed Services will use Star Reading and Math to identify students for IISS that need Tier III support.)

[Archived MES Parent Newsletters](#)

District Announcements

[Link](#)

MES PTA

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 Meetings: www.malibuelementary.org/associationmeetings

PTA Calendar: www.malibuelementary.org/calendar

Principal's Pen

Hello MES Families,

Our PTA has raised 80% of our \$250,000 goal. Visit the PTA website to see our program targets. Tax-deductible donation are welcome. Thank you for your consideration of our school.

Our students had a very fun Valentines week and much of this is due to our outstanding volunteers. The Book Fair was great. The Valentines Pancake breakfast was amazing. The Valentines parties were wonderful!

[SMMUSD Permit page is now live!](#) Permit applications are now available on our SMMUSD website. Intradistrict permit applications are due April 30, 2023 and Interdistrict Permit applications are due June 30, 2023. In addition, a district-wide notification was sent out to ALL district families to remind them to fill out a Verification of Continuing Enrollment if they are on an interdistrict permit. If you wonder why you received a reminder, you can just ignore it unless you are on an interdistrict permit.

Please take the Parent Annual Climate and Culture Survey (Feb 1 - Feb 28) ([link](#)).

Your partner in education,
Proud Principal Chris Hertz



Parent General Resources

[Link](#)

Student Health Resources

[Link](#)

From the Attendance Desk

A reminder your child **MUST** be vomit-free for 24 hours prior to a return to school. Your child must also be fever-free *without* the use of medication for 24 hours prior to a return to school.

Tardies! - Help Us Help Your Child and You

If your child is late, please make sure to come to the window and sign the tardy log, **DO NOT** drop them off to sign themselves in. **We would not know to look for your child in the event of an emergency.** The only way we know to change an ABSENCE to a TARDY is to check the tardy log. If a child simply grabs a tardy slip without a parent signing them in, they will be marked absent for the day. We appreciate your cooperation with this system. The first bell rings at 8:10am; students are expected to be on campus BY 8:10am. If you drop your child off at 8:15, they are late. You may drop your child off as early as 7:45am.

The Office Team

Independent Study - The Rules

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 (two weeks / 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.

- Independent Study Informational Overview: [Link](#)
- Independent Study SMMUSD Website: [Link](#)
- Independent Study Written Agreement Form: [Link](#)

Statewide Testing - Overview for Parents

California students take several mandated statewide tests. These tests provide parents/guardians, teachers, and educators with information about how well students are learning and becoming college and career ready. The test results may be used for local, state, and federal accountability purposes.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) is a system that includes a number of

assessments that are administered each spring to students in grades 3 through 8 and grade 11. These tests were created specifically to gauge each student's performance in English language arts/literacy, mathematics, and science as they develop – grade by grade – the skills called for by the standards, including the ability to write clearly, think critically and solve problems. Because CAASPP tests are given statewide, they provide an opportunity to measure the skills of all students against the same academic standards. Given online, the tests are computer-adaptive, allowing more precise measurement of individual skills.

The CAASPP system consists of the following assessments:

- Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Assessments

The CAASPP computer adaptive assessments are aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics tests are administered in grades 3 through 8 and grade 11 to measure whether students are on track to college and career readiness. In grade 11, results from the ELA and math assessments can be used as an indicator of college readiness.

The California State University (CSU) and participating California Community Colleges (CCC) can use student results as a student's Early Assessment Program (EAP) status. The EAP is designed to provide students, their families, and high schools with early signals about students' readiness for college-level English and mathematics. With parent/guardian consent, the District may release a student's test results to a postsecondary educational institution for the purposes of credit, placement, determination of readiness for college-level coursework, or admission. The release of the results does not affect the student's application for admission; results are only used to determine placement of students after they have been admitted to the university.

- California Science Tests (CAST)

The new, computer-based CAST measures student acquisition of the California Next Generation Science Standards. It is administered in grades 5 and 8, and once in high school. The new computer-based CAST replaces the California Standards Tests (CST) for Science.

- California Alternate Assessments (CAA)

The computer-based CAA for ELA and CAA for mathematics is administered to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in grades 3 through 8 and grade 11.

Test items are aligned with the CCSS and are based on the Core Content Connectors. The instructionally embedded CAA for Science is administered in grades five and eight, and once in high school.

English Language Proficiency Assessments for California

California transitioned from the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) to the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) in 2017–18. The ELPAC is aligned with the 2012 California English Language Development Standards. It consists of two separate English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessments: one for the initial identification of students as English learners and the other for the annual summative assessment to identify students' English language proficiency level and to measure their progress in learning English.

Annually our students who are English Learners (EL) take the ELPAC. Students in grades K-2 will be taking the Listening, Speaking, and Reading portions of the ELPAC in a one-on-one setting (no group administration) so they will have the support of the test examiner at all times. 3rd - 5th grade students will take an online version of the assessment. The examination period is listed in the calendar above. The exam is one of several ways we track and support our English Learner students to learn English faster.

Thank you Dina Flanagan for sponsoring the first two sessions (Coco and The Nutcracker)! Thank you Melissa Smith for sponsoring the current session (Peter Pan). Thank you Abbey Benson, Karmel Allison and Sheena Yaitanes for sponsoring the next sessions!

The \$600 sponsorship can be purchased through the PTA website: www.malibuelementary.org/donate or turn in a check to the office.

Please email pta@malibuelementary.org for any questions. We are all set for the remainder of this school year. But we can still accept donations for next school year, and create a list of sponsors for Zoe Langley Theater; so we can continue this program at MES!!!

PTA BOARD Nominating Committee for 2023-24

- On 2/15 we need to form a Nominating Committee (5 PTA members and 2 alternates)
- On 3/15 the Nominating Committee needs to present the Slate (a name per each of the PTA positions)
- On 4/19 the PTA Association will vote on the nominees for the 2023-24 PTA Board
- Please consider being on the Nominating Committee and/or the PTA Board or please help get the word out that we need more wonderful volunteers!
- We have to have a quorum on 2/15, 3/15 & 4/19 - everyone who can make these meetings needs to attend!!!

MBGC Information

[Link](#)

Sponsor a session of Zoe Langley Theater!

Sessions are 4-6 weeks with a performance at the end and 3-4 rehearsals per week, during lunch time and FREE to all students. The Peter Pan performance will be early/mid March. More info to come!

