



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.)

This Week

Mon - Tue 01/30-01/31
Wed 02/01
Fri 02/03

MES Star Math, Star Reading, & Star Early Lit Assessment Window
Malibu Middle School Tour for MES 5th grade parent / 9:30 @ MMS ([Flier](#))
Report Cards Go Home

Beyond

Feb 13 - Feb 17
Wed 02/15
Thur 02/16
Fri 02/17

"For the Love of Books" Book Fair / Library (Parents may come on Friday, 9-9:30.)
PTA Association Meeting / 9:30 - 10:30 @ [Zoom Link](#)
ELAC / 9-10 @ [Zoom Link](#) ([Agenda](#): EL Metrics & New Goals for EL Students)
Valentines Student Pancake Breakfast / 8:30 - 9:30 @ Playground near Office (Students receive hot pancakes from PTA volunteers and eat their dots on the blacktop!) We will go with one grade level at a time. (Official Volunteers Only)
"For the Love of Books" Book Fair / Library (Parents may come on Friday, 9-9:30.)

Mon 02/20
Wed 03/01

No School for Presidents' Day
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)

Mon 03/27
Thur 03/30

No School for Cesar Chavez Day
Minimum Day - Dismissal 12:45
MES Open House / 5 - 6

Fri 03/31

Last Day Before Spring Break

Mon 04/17
May 1 - May 12

First Day Back After Spring Break
3rd-5th grade Annual California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress / English, Math, & Science Assessment ([Parent Notice](#)) ([Parent Notice in Spanish](#))
Art & Marine Science Festival, HSAs & World Cultural Diversity Day Celebration / 5 - 6:30pm
5th Grade Promotion / 9:00 - 10:00

Thur 05/25
Wed 06/07
Thur 06/08
Mon 06/12

Minimum Day - Dismissal 12:45
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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.)

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

Twin Day was 100% great! Student council reported that every student in every class participated. Thank you, parents for helping our young students coordinate their outfits.

Grease is the word, they say. And I do too! Our students were amazing singers, dancers, and actors this weekend. I am so impressed with our after-school theater program and cannot wait to see what we will have next school year!

Valentine's **Pancake Breakfast will be a blast!** The students loved the pancakes, fruit, and maple syrup last year!. The pumping music will add to a festive atmosphere. What fun! Many thanks to the Meeker family for generating the idea of this special event, working with PTA leadership to recruit volunteers and purchasing the supplies. Events like Valentines Pancake Breakfast help build school spirit and community. Our school is dedicated to making sure **campus life is fun** for young students. Again, thank you Meeker Family, PTA, and volunteers. Good times!

At our recent School Site Council meeting we noted that [student achievement](#) in math and language arts has steadily improved since September. We also reviewed our [Safe School Goals](#) where we pleased to see that eight of fifteen physical safety goals have been achieved and two of our seven Environmental Goals.

MES's students' use of DreamBox is the highest in the School District for two straight quarters! Go team MES! This metric shows what can happen when teachers and parents work together. On average, MES students complete 4.9 lessons a week (Goal is 5.) However, on average, our EL students complete 3.7 lessons a week (Goal is 5.) We are focused here. (DreamBox is excellent for EL students!) **Parents can help by creating their own DreamBox Dashboard ([Directions](#)).**

On January 26 we held our annual Kindergarten Round Up and it was very well attended (The most families in four years!) We had over 40 people attend! About 20 came for TK. We hope to open a TK next year in room K3. We will see.

Please see below that our PTA Board Elections for 2023-2024 are under way. As you should know, a strong PTA equates to a stronger school. Our students, school community, and the greater west Malibu area benefits when parents work with staff to create synergy. Thank you for your strong involvement in your child's school. Together, we can achieve more.

Lastly, please ask your child for their report card on Friday. Find something to praise your child for and set a goal area too. Your interest in your child's achievement is key to motivation and future successes.

Your partner in education,

Proud Principal Chris Hertz



Parent General Resources

[Link](#)

Student Health Resources

[Link](#)

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!!!

- In May we hope to have Shakespeare in the Garden
- A Midsummer Night's Dream. (Held outside.)

Contact Principal Hertz if you would like to sponsor Zoe's Lunchtime Theater.

1. Checks can be made out to PTA (therefore receiving a tax credit) in memo lunch time theater.

2. Contributions can be any \$ amount so collectively the amount may be reached. This may help , thanks again for your consideration.

MBGC Information

[Link](#)

Zoe's Lunchtime Theater - Sponsorship Opportunities

There are amazing opportunities available to sponsor the next four productions!

Each Production is \$600 includes classes at lunch
Monday -Wednesday plus Performance , set up stage
props (3 to 4 weeks .)

Parent Dina Flannagan has already generously
sponsored *The Coco Musical* and the *Nutcracker* !!

Starting in January 2023 we hope to have an
All Star Talent / Variety Show

- In March we hope to have *Peter Pan the Musical*.
- In April we hope to have the *Celtic and Maypole Dance*
- (Held outside.)

