



Parent Newsletter

Monday, August 29, 2022

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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](#)
 Direct Donations Annual Giving Campaign / <https://www.malibuelementary.org/donate>

This Week

Mon	08/29	Library Opens! (Even though the new murals aren't done, the remodeled library is ready for use!) Volunteer Training Opportunity #1 / 3 - 3:20 @ Zoom Link
Tues	08/30	(Minimum Day 3 of 10) / 8:15 - 12:45 3rd - 5th Back to School Night / 6 - 7 @ cafeteria and then classrooms (Agenda: Welcome, introduction of teachers, teachers dismissed, brief parent rally in the cafeteria, and then parents head to the classrooms.)(Recruiting Tables: PTA Dues, Sign-ups, MBGC)
Thur	09/01	Basic Comfort Bag Program Begins Again (Parents put child comfort items in a 1 gallon ziplock and send it to the teacher. /details link/sample family note) SSC September Meeting / 3:30 - 4:45pm @ Zoom Link (Agenda)
Fri	09/02	Volunteer Training Opportunity #2/ 9:30 - 10 @ Zoom Link

Beyond

Mon	09/05	Labor Day / National Holiday / No School
Thur	09/08	Classroom Complaint Period Closes / 2pm (see article below)
Thur	09/15	Picture Day (Details coming)
Fri	09/16	Jogathon PTA Fundraiser @ field / 8:30-11am Link for sponsors to sign up
Mon	09/19	Jaxx Musical Auditions Begin/ After-school
Tues	09/20	Final 5th Grade CIMI Parent Orientation (Hertz explains program to parents and asks for more donations) / 9 - 10am @ cafeteria (Details)
Fri	09/23	Attendance Recovery Days / Calls Made to Parent of Students Who Missed more 10% of school
Mon	09/26	Local Holiday / No School
Fri	09/30	International Peace Day @ field / 8:30 - 8:45
Wed	10/05	Local Holiday / No School
Wed-Fri	10/05-10/07	5th Grade Overnight Field Trip to Catalina / 7 am Departure from School (Details)

[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/ch pd/23-7010618>

Principal's Pen

Our annual fundraising has begun. Please donate \$1,200. If all of our 190 students brought in \$1,200 we would earn \$230,400. Our PTA is leading the way with the Annual Giving Campaign and the Jog-a-Thon. Closer to January we will have a very special rock concert too! Your giving helps our school move from good to great! Please visit the [MES PTA website](#) to see where the money goes and to see ways you may give. We need your support. The PTA website also has information about upcoming events through December.

Our 3rd-5th Back-to-School-Night is this Tuesday at 6pm. We will start in the cafeteria. Here is the agenda:

- Welcome
- Introduction of teachers
- Teachers dismissed
- Brief parent rally in the cafeteria
- Parents head to the classrooms

Below you will read about many extra curricular opportunities.

Also below you will see two articles about annual forms we need from parents/guardians. In all there are six (6) forms you need to **hand to your child's teacher**. I will be recognizing each classroom that collects 100% of the six (6) forms in order to speed this up this year. Thank you so much for your time and communication.

Please join the PTA. Membership is \$15. Our PTA has done so much for our school. As you see in the calendar above, our PTA will be instrumental again this coming school year. Last year we had 85 parents and teachers join and so far this year we have 35. This year we are hoping 100 parents and teachers will join! Are you in?

I am concerned about student engagement. In 2021-2022 MES had the highest rate of chronically absent students of any SMMUSD Elementary School. To further put this in perspective, 22% of MES students missed more than 10% of school last year whereas 11% of WES students missed more than 10% of school last year. For our children's sake, we must do better. No matter how well the teacher plans and teaches, it doesn't matter if your child is not there. Please schedule vacations and doctor appointments outside of school hours. Thank you for your partnership. I know this year will be better.

Together for good health, happy students, and high-achievement,
Proud Principal Chris Hertz



Parent General Resources

[Link](#)

Parent Covid Resources

[Link](#)

Fundraising 2022-23 School Year! / PTA Message

Our annual fundraising goal is \$250,000. Donating is not mandatory, but it is crucial - PTA funds important additions for our school, such as: Instructional Aides, Art, Marine Science Lab, Digital Learning, Teacher/Classroom/Student supplies, events & activities and more! To fund all of this we ask for a one-time donation of \$1200 or a \$100 recurring monthly donation. Make your donation at: www.malibuelementary.org/donate

This Annual Giving Campaign will run from 8/17 - 8/31. Our goal is 100k by 8.31. The top fundraising class will receive a visit from Sammy the Sea Lion and a special class party! Donor last names will be listed under our Thank You message on the PTA website: www.malibuelementary.org/donate

Last Year we made our fundraising goal (the Annual Giving Campaign is our biggest fundraiser and most efficient way for our school to reach its goal) - Let's Do It Again! If everyone participates, we will reach our goal. The sooner we reach our fundraising goal the sooner we can move our focus from fundraising to FUN for students!

As of August 28th we have already raised \$18,950!

Please support your Student's education!
Please email pta@malibuelementary.org for any questions.

PTA Jog-a-Thon

Here is the PTA shop [LINK](http://www.malibuelementary.org/shop)
www.malibuelementary.org/shop

Sponsors receive:

- Logo on the Jog-A-Thon T-shirt
- Logo on the Jog-A-Thon banners
- Logo on the MES PTA website
- Shoutout & tag on social media

Please help support our school and students!

[Click this link to the sponsorship flier](#)

[Link](#) for sponsors to sign up

PTA Information

<https://www.malibuelementary.org>

August-December flyers can be viewed here ahead of time! The donation page and PTA meeting schedule pages are updated for this year! And the spirit wear is still available for sale!)

How Do I Purchase Spirit Wear?

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

Jaxx Theatricals- Grease is now open for Registration(Malibu Elementary)

Please note that registration is now open for **GREASE!** Auditions will be held on Monday, September 19th starting at 2:45pm. Please make sure to pass the word around! [Click here to view the flier.](#)

For more information or to register for Grease, please go to: <https://jaxxtheatricals.org/malibu/>

Also, if you need any lessons with us (we have in-person at the Jaxx Theatre or on zoom), please go to:

<https://jaxxtheatricals.org/coaching/>

Please email us with any questions!

Thank You!

Charisma Zenetzis

Director of Staff & Operations

Jaxx Theatricals 🎭

Jaxx Educational Theatre School

www.JaxxTheatricals.org

Facebook & Instagram: @JaxxTheatricals

City of Malibu Fall Recreation Programs

[Link](#)

MBGC Information

[Link](#)

Covid Testing

Antigen tests are always available from Health Assistant Trisha. We have one per student per week.

SMMUSD COVID-19 Guidance and Illness Protocol (08/17/22)

[Link](#) (Questions? Contact Nurse Daniel Gorton at dgorton@smmusd.org)

Annual Registration Documents 2022-2023 - Turn in Five (5) Forms

(These documents are mandated by law to be given to all students before or during the first week of school.)

The annual MANDATED SMMUSD registration documents are posted on our [Student Services Department Website](#). These documents are: Annual Notice Booklet, Annual Information Board Policies packet, Student Accident and Health Insurance Forms, Lunch & Breakfast Information, Covered California Information, and the **five (5) Signature Pages**. **Parents should read the documents, print out the five (5) signature pages, sign them, and return them to the teacher.** Here is the link to the documents and **five(5) forms**: [Student Services / Registration-Current Students](#)

It is mandatory that schools collect signatures from each student's parent/guardian for **FIVE (5)** items:

1. **Annual Notice Booklet**
2. **Annual Information Booklet**
3. **Technology Acceptable Use Policy**
4. **General Filming and Recording Release**
5. **Insurance Waiver Form**

MES Office staff will keep track of all four forms. **Please send your five (5) signature pages to the teacher by the end of the first week of school.**

Once MES Office staff receives the signed forms back, the responses will be recorded **in our student information database for** the two areas below:

- Technology use (use internet release button) and
- Photo Release

Please contact Diane Sullivan at dsullivan@smmusd.org, if you have any questions.

Emergency Cards - Annual

In addition to the **five (5)** forms above, it is imperative that MES staff receive a new Emergency Card from parents/guardians. This information is used to contact you (or one of the other adults you designate on the reverse side of this card) if your child becomes ill or injured, or any other emergency. This card is to be completed by a parent only. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Please report any information changes to the school/Diane Sullivan immediately. (Emergency Card [Link](#)). **Send this card to the teacher.** If you have changed your phone number or email, please let Diane Sullivan know by writing to her at dsullivan@smmusd.org. Make sure she knows if you changed your email or phone numbers so she can update our Student Information Database, Aeries.

Minimum Days / 12:45

August 18, 2022

August 23, 2022

August 30, 2022

November 2, 2022

November 3, 2022

November 4, 2022

December 16, 2022

March 30, 2023

June 9, 2023

June 12, 2023

Changing Your Child's Classroom / "Complaint Window"

On September 8 we will be closing our three-week "complaint" window to request a different classroom for your child. Parents and guardians are asked to wait for three weeks before we begin making any changes. After Thursday, September 8 the Malibu Elementary office will no longer accept such requests for consideration, so please communicate your concern to me before Thursday, September 8; use this e-Complaint Form. With this aggregate information, the best decisions can be rendered.

By or on Friday, Sept. 9 I will contact each parent and let him or her know if I will honor the request. All changes will go into effect on Monday, Sept. 12 after the parent has spoken to their child about the move and teachers have had a chance to coordinate between classes. Please, we do not encourage requests, nor will we be able to honor most requests, but we recognize that we do not always understand the "whole picture" and want to hear from you in writing to determine if a change of placement may be a sound decision.

[Link](#)

