



Parent Newsletter

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Updated Calendar

[PTA 22-23 Calendar](#) / [SMMUSD 22-23 Calendar](#) / [SMMUSD 23-24 Calendar](#)

Sat/Sun

Cameron Field is Open to the Public / 8-1 (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

PTA Annual Giving Drive (If you have not yet, it's not too late to give your tax deductible gift of \$1,200 to our PTA. \$1,200 per student is what we need to maintain all our supplementary expenses. The total cost is roughly \$250,000. Approximately ¼ of our families have given \$1,200. The PTA has already collected enough to maintain everything but our five Instructional Aides. ([Link to the details.](#)) ([Donate here link!](#))

This Week

May 15 - May 18

Wed 05/17
Thur 05/18
Fri 05/19

3rd-5th grade Annual California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress / English, Math, & Science Assessment ([Parent Notice](#)) ([Parent Notice in Spanish](#)) / 8:30 - 10

PTA Association Meeting @ [zoom link](#) / 9:30 - 10:30

ELAC Meeting / 9 - 10 @ Library Courtyard ([Agenda: Celebration of EL Students](#))

MES Annual Field Day / [Details Link](#) (Teachers have told parents what color their child should wear.) Please, this is a volunteers-only event.

SSC Parent Representative Election Nominations Due / Office (see article below) / 3pm

Beyond

Mon-Fri 05/22-05/26

Mon 05/22

May 22 - May 31

Thur 05/25

Fri 05/26

Mon 05/29

Wed 05/31

Fri 06/02

Mon 06/05

Wed 06/07

Thur 06/08

Mon 06/12

3rd-5th grade Annual California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress / English, Math, & Science Assessment (Make Ups for absent students) / 8:30 - 10

SSC Parent Representative Ballots distributed to parents via the MES Parent Newsletter

SSC Meeting / 3:30 - 4:45 ([Agenda: Elections & Security](#))

3-4-5 Annual Bully Prevention Survey ([Parent Letter](#))

ELAC Meeting / 9 - 10 @ Zoom ([Agenda: Celebration of EL Students](#))

Art & Marine Science Festival, PTA Honorary Service Awards & Hot Dogs / 5 - 6:30pm ([Agenda Link](#))

Last Day of Library

Taiko Drumming Assembly with Mochi/ 8:30 - 9:15 @ blacktop

Memorial day Holiday / No School

SSC Parent Representative Ballots due to the Nomination Committee For tally / 2:45 @ Office

3rd Grade Parents / Music Instrument Selection Deadline ([Details](#))

(Questions: contact Music Coordinator Tom Whaley: twhaley@smmusd.org)

Student Council Kenyan Care last day to collect items

5th Grade Promotion / 9:00 - 10:00 @ cafeteria

Minimum Day - Dismissal 12:45

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Last Day of School

Summer

June 20	Report Cards Go Home
June 20 - July 14	5th Grade Overnight Field Trip Deposit Due (4th grade parents are asked to donate by May.) PTA Donation Link
June 20 - August 11	Summer School @ MES (Student Identification: Ed Services will use Star Reading and Math to identify students for HSS that need Tier III support. Qualifying students' invitations have been mailed out)
	MBGC "Camp Bu" @ MES (Program and Enrollment Details) (TK-5, 8:30 - 5)

Next School Year

Wed 08/24	First day of School
Wed-Fri 10/18 - 10/20	5th Grade Overnight Trip to Pali Camp (See article below)

[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

I hope everyone had a lovely Mother's day weekend.

We are about seventy-five percent through Federal/State CAASPP Exams. The students take the exams seriously and we look forward to receiving results over the summer. Many thanks to parents for prioritizing punctual attendance, to teachers for leading this big task, and to our dedicated students for giving it the best. I really think the kids are putting their best foot forward. Go Sea Lions!

Instructional Assistants and volunteers help teachers to run small project-based learning centers that truly engage our young learners. More funding is key to maintain our IAs in 2023 -2024. Can you make a contribution to our PTA? **We are only 15% away from our \$250,000 goal!** Thank you for your consideration.

We hope to bring a TK program to MES and need students to enroll before we can hire. Please save your child's spot by enrolling now. **(Twenty-five (25) TK applications have been picked up but only six (6) have been returned. We need students before we can hire a TK teacher and set up the classroom.)** We are now enrolling for next school year. Please contact Registrar Kim Rivetti in the office to begin. Enrollment is done online this year. This new paperless system not only saves parents and staff time, but improves data accuracy.

Congratulations to 2nd grade teacher Yvette Kleiser who received the Excellence in Education Award from the Optimist Club of Malibu. With 32 years of experience, Yvette is clearly a dedicated and exceptional educator who creates a safe and caring environment for all her students.

Thank you for your partnership,
Proud Principal Chris Hertz



Parent General Resources

[Link](#)

Student Health Resources

[Link](#)

Student Birthday Parties

Such observances must be coordinated with the classroom teacher and should occur after lunch or at the end of the day. Food may be distributed at school. Healthier options should be encouraged. **Cakes or very sweet treats are NOT allowed.** All-natural popsicles are the preferred choice for birthday celebrations. Our SMMUSD Food and Nutrition Services Wellness Policy calls for staff to limit student consumption of sugar at school. No nuts, if there is a peanut allergy in the classroom. Party favors are ok to distribute. Birthday invitations for parties away from school may not be distributed unless every student in the class is invited.

Student Council Kenyan Care Drive is On

Please donate to the Student Council's Drive. Kenyan Care is an opportunity to support teenagers in need in Kenya. These teenagers were sent to an organization called Made in the Streets. They might be there because they are homeless, they are orphans, or they have nobody to take care of them. While they are used to having second hand clothing and donations only, we would like to give them brand new essential items. This may include packaged underwear and socks for teens of all genders. We believe donating this will give these Kenyan kids a strong sense of dignity. If you would like to participate in this donation drive, bring items to the office. The donation box is a big black bin with neon signs in the office – the last day for collecting is Wednesday, June 7th. After that, Ms. Kooy will make sure they get delivered to those Kenyan children in need.

MBGC Information / NEW enrichment classes for Spring !

[Link](#)

SSC Parent Representative Nomination Form and Election Process

The Election Committee for School Site Council is accepting Nominations for SSC.

[Nomination Form](#) or [Self-nomination Form](#) *Please also provide a brief profile of the nominee.

May 19th - submit Nomination Form

Nomination Forms may be turned into the office or to the Election Committee.

The Election Committee will list all nominees on the ballot.

May 22nd - The ballot will be sent in the Principal's Newsletter the week of May 22nd.

May 31st - Paper ballots are due. Ballots may be turned into the office or to the Election Committee. Ballots will be tallied by the Election Committee and the winning nominees will be notified first and then announced to the school in the Principal's Newsletter.

Guidelines:

Each parent/guardian seeking election must be nominated or self-nominated in writing, must have a child enrolled in the school and must declare that he or she is not employed at the school.

Each parent/guardian of a student enrolled in the school shall be entitled to one vote for each vacant

parent/community membership on the School Site Council.

For the 2023-24 school year, there are two parent/guardian vacancies. The Election Committee consists of three members of the current SSC, none of which are currently up for election, (Erin Garner, Melanie Hesecker and Jennifer Owahadi). (FAQ: [What has SSC done the last year?](#))

Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home with students on the last day of school. Please be sure you have returned all books to the library. Report cards will be held in the office until all book fines are paid. Please reach out to Library Tech Mr. Andrew White should you have any questions. If you have a computer or hotspot at home please return that to school this week.

Next Year's Calendar

The calendar is posted on the District website. See the link below.

- Calendar Link 23-24
<https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/148/cal2324.pdf>

Reprints

2023-2024 5th Grade Overnight Trip to Pali Camp

Hello MES 4th Grade Parents,
Thank you to the seventeen (17) families who were able to voluntarily donate to the 5th Grade Overnight Trip to Pali Camp for the 2023 - 2024 school year. **We have already collected \$7,130!** We need \$6,847.50 by June 20 to keep our reservation. **We made our first goal!**

We have secured our spot from October 18th-October 20th. Make your donation via the [PTA website store](#) in lieu of fundraising for now.

This will help us to know which families are attending MES next year and which families are able to donate. The voluntary donation amount per student is \$460. This covers the bus to the camp, lodging, meals, instruction, and supervision personnel. You may make two installments of \$230 if that works better for your family. The first payment to the camp is due June 20. **The last installment of \$6,847.50 will be due September 18.** Therefore **please make your donation by May 31** and August. **If we come up short, we will have to cancel and receive a portion of our deposit back.** If you cannot donate yet but want to RSVP, fill out the following [GOOGLE FORM](#) . If you are ready to donate: Please [donate here](#).

So, who is excited about their child attending outdoor education science camp in October?

- PTA Donation [Link](#)
- [Video](#) Overview
- [Health and Safety Information + Cabin Tour](#)
- [Packing List and Paperwork Information](#)
- Key Dates
 - Installment 1 of 2: May
 - Installment 2 of 2: August
 - Trip: October 18 - 20

4th/5th grade Spring Music Concert

- When: Tuesday, May 23rd:
 - 6pm 4th grade performs
 - 7pm 5th grade performs
- Where: **Webster Elementary Cafeteria*** ([3602 Winter Canyon Rd, Malibu, CA 90265](#))

4th & 5th Grade Music - Collecting Back Instruments End of Year

The 5th grade students will return district instruments and music books on the last day of music (5/25 this year). Make sure their name is on the item being returned. Students place everything in bungalow 24. Instruments from private vendors should not be returned to us.

4th grade students keep their district instruments and books to use over the summer.

New Family Tours

New families may schedule a tour with Principal Hertz by contacting Attendance Officer Kim Rivetti. Below are the four remaining tours for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mon May 22 1:30 - 2

We believe students who have attended MES are well positioned to be a positive addition to any school community– and we hope you will all continue to consider SMMUSD school options as wonderful learning environments for your children.

Regardless, we always wish our students all the best. Thank you for your understanding.

Sample Letter from Principal

[Link](#)

Private School Recommendation Letters

As a district we are respectfully declining to write letters of recommendation for students applying to private schools. We want to best use our limited time and resources for activities that impact all of our students in our schools. Writing letters takes us away from our work with our students.

If you are applying to a private school for your child, we will send a form letter to the school explaining our reasoning, and that the district's lack of recommendation letter in no way suggests a negative reflection of your children. Teachers will not be completing recommendation letters nor will they be completing any checklists. We can provide report cards, and any information already in your child's file; however, teachers will not create any new information or provide anytype of recommendation for private schools.

