



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

Send in your child's Comfort Bag [Comfort Bag Plan](#) (Put teacher's name on bag.)
PTA Grateful Giving Fundraiser Nov 7 - 18 <https://www.malibuelementary.org/donate>

This Week

Tues 11/15
Wed 11/16
Thur 11/17
Fri 11/18

Principal Hertz at Principals' Meeting / 8-4 @ Santa Monica / 5:30
Gray Fox Gate Closed
PTA Association Meeting / 9:30 - 10:30 @ [zoom](#)
SSC / 3:30 - 4:45 @ Zoom Link ([Agenda](#))
Student Council Spirit Day "Career Day"
Antigen Tests Come Home for Sunday Testing
Lost and Found to Charity / 4
Movie Night / 5 @ 6425 Busch Drive ([details](#)) 5th grade bake sale too!

Beyond

Mon 11/21
Wed 11/23
Thur 11/24
Fri 11/25
Thur 12/08
Fri 12/09
Fri 12/16
Dec 12/19 - Jan 2
Tues 01/03
Mon 01/16
Mon 02/20
Mon 03/27
Fri 03/30
Mon 04/17

Tickets go on sale for the MES Arts Benefit Rock Concert ([details](#))
No School / local holiday
No School for Thanksgiving
No School
Zoe's Theater Nutcracker 1st Show / 9am @ cafeteria (see article below)
Zoe's Theater Nutcracker 2nd Show / 10am @ cafeteria (see article below)
Benefit Rock Concert / evening times TBD @ West Malibu location ([details](#))
Last Day before Winter Break
Annual Holiday Show Performances / lower grades 8:30 to 10:00 & upper grades 10:30 to 12:00
No School - Winter Break
First Day Back after Winter Break (MHS is not in session but MES is.)
No School for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No School for Presidents' Day
No School for Cesar Chavez Day
Last Day Before Spring Break
First Day Back After Spring Break

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 am so proud of our students' dedication to their studies and to each other. Our students are trying their best to apply themselves "bell to bell" and at recess too. I see students lining up quickly, opening books and putting pencil to paper when prompted, and being reliable table partners for their peers. I love seeing a student give a pointer to another student during group work and discussing perspectives and various strategies together. This is the beginning of their academic and career lives! On the playground I love seeing students include each other and encourage each and stick up for each other. Together they reinforce norms and develop skills for the future. **What a great group they are!**

Our Student Council is working to keep our school a fun place to learn and grow. Monthly, they hold an estimation contest and they hold a special "School Spirit Day" too. The class with the most spirit (highest participation) gets to display the **MES School Spirit Banner** on their classroom door. This Friday is our next spirit day, "Career Day"! I look forward to seeing all the creative costumes! If your child wants to participate but can't come up with a costume, please have your child wear blue/green or school spirit wear. (Spirit wear can be purchased via the PTA website.) <https://www.malibuelementary.org/> Thank you for fostering school pride.

Good health is something we all can value. I am asking parents to contact and inform our school nurse, Dan Gorton @ dgorton@smmusd.org about any communicable diseases your child may have. Dan Gorton is our on site expert. I am asking this of you because this school year we have already seen **eight different communicable diseases at school**: lice, ringworm, Covid, influenza, strep, pink eye, RSV, and impetigo. The sooner the nurse knows, the sooner we can alert other parents to be on the lookout. Thank you for your concern and communication. Together we can keep our students and their teachers healthier.

Our PTA is earnestly trying to help our school with fundraising for next school years for much wanted supplementary supports such as year-round art, Instructional Assistants, and additional supplies and learning software. Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to our PTA via the Grateful Giving Drive. <https://www.malibuelementary.org/donate>. Or, come to the Rock Concert. Tickets go on sale November 21st! Or, if you want something mellower, come to Movie Night on Friday and enjoy some baked goods from our 5th grade families. **Thank you for your contributions!**

Parents can help their children by encouraging studying at home. **Practice is king.** Please take full advantage of our superlative library; we have so many outstanding and very new books! Our online learning programs Reflex, Lexia, and DreamBox are the best. Visit the Parent Handbook to set up your DreamBox Dashboard. Ask the teachers for practice work too.

Together for good health, happy students, and high-achievement,

Proud Principal Chris Hertz



Parent General Resources

[Link](#)

Student Health Resources

[Link](#)

MBGC Information

[Link](#)

Reporting an Absence

If your child is absent, please inform both the teacher and the Attendance Officer Kim Rivetti (krivetti@smmusd.org) within 24-hours if at all possible. Kim needs the reason for the absence for legal reporting purposes. Please see the [District Handbook, page 7](#) for details. There are 7 possible excused reasons for an absence. Note that the 7th reason requires advance approval from the principal. As always any absence will impact learning opportunities.

Thinking Maps / An MES Signature Practice

Help Your Child Think Analytically and Write Better: [Link](#)
Thinking Maps are consistent visual patterns linked directly to eight specific thought processes. By visualizing our thinking, we create concrete images of abstract thoughts. These patterns help all students reach higher levels of critical and creative thinking — essential components of 21st Century education. In a school-wide implementation, Thinking Maps establish a consistent Language for Learning.

Zoe's Lunchtime Theater - Nutcracker is Next!

Zoe's Lunchtime Theater's next production is the Nutcracker! Students in grades 1st - 5th are all welcome to practice during their lunch breaks. The program has no fee for students' families due to the generosity of parent Dina Flanagan. If you loved CoCo, you will love the Nutcracker too! Show times are in the calendar above.

Malibu Elementary Benefit Concert

The Rock Concert is going to happen and details are coming out. Big-name artists are pledging to perform to help our school. At this time PTA is collecting auction items for the upcoming fundraiser. Please read the Donation Request Letter and turn in the Auction Donation Form to pta@malibuelementary.org

[MES Donation Request Letter](#)

[MES Auction Donation Form](#)

PTA Art Contest - Reflections Winners Announced

The following students will all be receiving the Award of Excellence. Certificates will be presented by the Reflections Committee on Friday, November 18 during the morning Spirit Assembly.

Congratulations to all:

- Fia Michael
- Tiernan Stimpfl
- Magnus Casner
- Leva Magna
- Shiloh Magna
- Poppy Lickfett
- Bickleigh Copperfield Slosser
- Lula Naouri

Work Permits : [Link](#)

The link above has a handbook from the Department of Education and an application from the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement. This form is submitted by the parent to the Office Staff who consult the Principal.

Students who are truant (poor attendance patterns) or are not keeping up with academic standards will not be approved for a work permit. The Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE) issues all entertainment industry permits. Inquiring parents or employers must be referred to the nearest DLSE office.

Marine Science Teacher Sara Attensil-Miller - Seeking Three Volunteers

Hello Approved Volunteers,

I am seeking two or three Malibu parent volunteers for help organizing and labeling supplies in the marine science lab.

When: Mondays and/or Tuesdays in the lab during the school day

What: Our lab is full of supplies and tools collected over the last few decades. I need volunteers who can organize all the materials in the lab closets and add labels to the closet doors so that I can quickly find things. Volunteers will be working in the lab on days when students do not use the classroom. It would be great to find two or three people who could come at the same time for a couple weeks to maximize efficiency!!

Please email me if you can help
sattensil-miller@smmusd.org

Sarah Attensil-Miller
Marine Science Teacher
Malibu Elementary School
sattensil-miller@smmusd.org

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](#)

Safe Arrival and Departure Plan Update

Please refrain from using your cell phone in the parking lot. The area along the front of the school (yellow curb) is reserved for parents/drivers who drive in to quickly drop-off or pick-up their children, so please do not leave your vehicle parked there. Once you have dropped off your child, merge left and depart the drop-off line. Children should exit from the right side of the vehicle. Abandoned vehicles create an unsafe environment. Thanks for your cooperation.

There is no valet at Grayfox so parents must exit their vehicle and greet their child at the gate.

At the Fernhill gate we are no longer using the A-Z system due to children walking unsafely through traffic. Rather, we are now keeping the children safe by the office and releasing them as we see you pull up. You can help by placing your child's name placard on your dashboard. Some parents have nannies and various automobiles, or tinted windows so we just know who you are or whom you are picking up until you are very close to us. A **placard** helps speed things up for busy parents and helps staff react with efficiency. Your help is appreciated by everyone.

Please reexamine the Safe Arrival and Drop-Off Plan and Map carefully using the below links; there have been recent changes to increase safety:

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ez1V0qpd3a069KV4SuWCunHhrdT9PmYc/view?usp=sharing>
- [MES Safe Pick Up and Drop Off Plan.docx](#)

