



Parent Newsletter

Monday, September 13, 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	09/12	Volunteer Training / 3:30 @ Zoom Link (Details about volunteering at MES link)
Tues	09/13	Principal Hertz at All Principals Meeting / 8-4 @ Santa Monica Grayfox Gate Closed (Principal Hertz Unavailable to Open)
Thur	09/15	Picture Day (Details coming!)
Fri	09/16	Jogathon PTA Fundraiser @ field / 8:30-11am PledgestarLink (see schedule below)

Beyond

Mon	09/19	Jaxx Musical Auditions Begin/ After-school
Tues	09/20	5th Grade CIMI Parent Orientation (Hertz explains program to parents and asks for more donations) / 9 - 10am @ cafeteria (Details)
Wed	10/21	Make Up Picture Day
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
Wed	09/28	5th grade CIMI Donations and Field Trip Permission Forms Due (5th Grade parent letter link)
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 / 6:30 am Departure from School (Details)
Thur	10/13	SSC Meeting #2 / 3:30 - 4:45 @ Zoom Link Forthcoming (Agenda: Election Bylaw Final Review)
Mon-Fri	10/24-10/28	Spooky Book Fair @ Library
Wed	10/26	PTA Association Meeting / 9:30 - 10:30 @ Zoomlink forthcoming
Fri	10/28	Halloween Parade / 8:30-9 @ lower field track (Costume Guidelines details coming!)
		PTA "Trunk or Treat" Parent-Child Event / 5 - 6pm @ parking lot
Tues	11/01	No School / Parent Conference Day
Wed	11/02	Minimum Day / Parent Conferences Continue (Mini Day 4 of 10)
Thur	11/03	Minimum Day / Parent Conferences Continue (Mini Day 5 of 10)
Fri	11/11	No School - Veterans' Day
Wed	11/23	No School / local holiday
Thur	11/24	No School for Thanksgiving

[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

I hope all of you enjoyed the wet weekend. It really came down Friday night! Before the rains began we cleared all the storm drains and roof gutters on campus to ensure there would be no flooding. After the brutal heat of last week, the weather ahead this week looks wonderful. Our jog-a-thon on Friday should be really enjoyable! (Thank you for supporting the jog-a-thon!)

Antigen test kits are distributed every other Friday for weekly testing. As promised, on Friday your child brought home to you either a **BinaxNow Antigen Test Kit** (2 tests in 1 box) or a **FlowFlex Antigen Test Kit** (2 boxes, 1 test each). Please test your child the night before bringing them to school. If your child has a positive result, please inform Nurse Dan Gorton (dgorton@smmusd.org) or HOS Trisha. ([Link to more information about the Covid Health Protocol and antigen tests](#))

On Friday we conducted a shelter-in-place drill and the students did an amazing job! They understood what to do and handled it very well. We practiced quickly going inside and closing the doors. The scenario was: *There is a lost biting dog running around campus.* We made it as kid-friendly as possible so please take a moment to talk to your child about the experience. A major reason for the drill was to retest our new public address system. We determined that a few speakers are still problematic. The vendor is now scheduled to return and find out where the faults are. To learn more about Safety at MES, please see our Parent Handbook on the school website.

Three times a school year our students participate in Star Testing to help our teachers make strategic instructional choices. K-1st students take English literacy tests. 2nd-5th take English literacy and math tests. We finished fall testing last week. Soon diagnostic results will be mailed to parents from our District assessment office. I will update you about this initiative throughout the school year.

Please welcome Occupational Therapist Sarah Krenik who is starting on Monday. As you read last week we have been searching for a Social Skills Teacher. I am very pleased to let you know that an offer has been made to a very promising candidate. I will know more on Monday afternoon. Thank you for everyone's concern and patience.

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



Parent General Resources

[Link](#)

Parent Covid Resources

[Link](#)

Jog-a-Thon Schedule

8:00 AM	Volunteers Arrive
8:15 AM	Spirit Assembly
8:20am Send Off	5k
8:25am Send Off	Fun Run
8:35 - 8:55am	Kinder
8:55 - 9:15am	First Grade
9:15 - 9:35am	Second Grade
10:00 - 10:20am	Third Grade
10:20 - 10:40am	Fourth Grade
10:40 - 11:00am	Fifth Grade

PTA Jog-a-Thon Update

Here is the link for students/parents to make a pledge for the Jog-A-Thon on Pledgestar:

<https://www.pledgestar.com/malibu/>

The Jog-A-Thon Sponsorship period has ended).

-We received \$12,000 in Business Sponsorships for the Jog-A-Thon.

Annual Giving Update

-Annual Giving online (as of now) \$26,750

-checks (roughly) 6k+

-Total amount fundraised as far (roughly) 45k!

How Do I Purchase Spirit Wear?

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

MBGC Information

[Link](#)

Medications at School Form

No medications may be given to any student at school without this annual form. If you have questions, please contact School Nurse Daniel Gorton dgorton@smmusd.org. [Link to Form](#)

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

