



Parent Newsletter

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Updated Calendar

[SMMUSD 21-22 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

PTA Grateful Giving Drive Continues (\$55,400.49/ 73 Donors / \$220,000 goal: <https://www.malibuelementary.org/donate>)
The Drive runs Oct 11 - Nov 19 - Top Classes Announced Weekly at Spirit Rallies ([Flyer](#))
SweetBu Candy - 5th Grade Fundraiser ([link](#))
Thursday Parenting Workshops / 7pm ([Flyer with sign-up Info](#))

This Week

Sun 11/7
Mon 11/8
Tues 11/9

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 AM (Fall Back 1 Hour)
ELAC / 9:15 - 10 ([Agenda & Zoom Link](#))
Volunteer Training / 8:30 @ [zoom link](#) (Volunteering at MES: [Link](#))
Volunteer Training / 3:30 @ [zoom link](#) (Volunteering at MES: [Link](#))

Thur 11/11
Fri 11/12

No School - Veterans' Day
Every Friday is School Spirit Day / Wear your Spirit Wear!

Beyond

Thur 11/17
Thur 11/18
Wed 11/24
Thur 11/25
Fri 11/26
Fri 12/03

Fri 12/17
Mon 01/03
Thur 01/27

PTA Association Meeting / 8:30 - 10 @ Zoom Link forthcoming
ELAC / 9:15 - 10:15 @ Zoom Link forthcoming
No School / local holiday
No School / Thanksgiving
No School / local holiday
PSArts Decision date for MES PTA / Did we make our goal? / ([Quote Link](#))
Benefit Concert - supports PSArts & More Arts at MES / 5pm ish ([Flyer Link](#))
Last Day Before Winter Break
First Day After Winter Break
Kindergarten Round Up

[Archived MES Parent Newsletters](#)

District Announcements

<https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/schools/58471>

SMMUSD posts information parents may find valuable on the MES homepage. Please use the link above to quickly access this page.

MES PTA Announcements

Home Page: <https://www.malibuelementary.org/>
PTA October Events Calendar: [Link](#)
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/23-7010618>

Principal's Pen

I hope you all are enjoying the weekend! The extra hour was a plus!

Parent teacher conferences were a success. Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher. Your partnership with Malibu Elementary is valued. Please make sure to reschedule with your teacher if you were unable to attend your conference last week. We want 100% participation by all families.

Punctuality is a growing concern at MES. Instruction begins at 8:15am everyday. We are seeing a worrisome increase in students arriving at 8:15 and then being "tardy" for school. Being late creates an emotional burden for students; they miss out on the beginning of the day orientation and hence feel unsettled throughout their morning. Parents are asked to plan for traffic and try to arrive at school no later than 8:10. 8am is even better. Punctuality is a habit that lasts a lifetime. Please help our students develop good habits and lower their anxieties.

Together for MES,
Proud Principal Christopher Hertz



Parent Covid Resources

[Updates for Parents of School-Aged Children: Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in TK-12 Schools](#) - Updated: 9/7/21
Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools: [Link](#) (This is the base plan for all the plans you will see below.)
District Covid Information Website: <https://www.smmusd.org/coronavirus>
Before School Student Prescreening App: [Link](#)
COVID-19 Entry Screening & Mandatory Testing Registration & Consent + Exemption Forms: [Link](#)
No Cost Vaccine Clinics and PCR Testing: [Link](#)
Illness Reporting: [Link](#)
Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways: [Link](#)
SMMUSD "Live" Covid Dashboard: [Link](#)
Masks at MES: [Link](#)
LADPH Travel Advisory & Guidance: [Link](#)
Student Isolation Orders & Travel Quarantines: [Link](#)
Weekly Bell Schedule: [Link](#)
Outdoor Recess & Lunch Break, Zone Schedules, and Designated Outdoor Learning Zone Plan : [Link](#)
Outdoor Lunch Recess and Grade Level Lunch Plan: [Link](#) (Revamped 10/22/21)
Student Eating Procedure: [Link](#)
Student Orientation to Full Return SlideShow: [Link](#)
Adult Overview of Full Return SlideShow: [Link](#)
Student Attendance: Students will be marked present, absent, tardy (<30min), or late (>30 min). [FAQ Link](#)
Handwashing: Tell your children to wash their hands often. (See SlideShow above).
MES Parent Handbook: [Link](#)

Quarantine Classroom Plan: [Link](#)
Quarantined Student Plan (IS Contract): [Link](#)
Volunteering at MES: [Link](#)

[Current Lunch Menu](#)

**MBGC - Sign up for Child Care on Veterans Day -
Thursday November 11th, 2021**
[Link](#)

MBGC Information - Week of November 8th, 2021
[Link](#)

City of Malibu Park & Rec Winter Offerings
[Link](#)

Student Council Spirit Days Line-Up

11/19 Career Day
12/17 Pajama Day
1/28 Crazy Hair Day
2/25 Sports Day
3/25 Favorite Decade Day
4/29 Come Dressed as your Favorite Book Character
5/27 Crazy Mask Day

Movie Night

Thanks to our outstanding PTA leadership and supportive families, our PTA has already surpassed last year's total fundraising. For Drive-In Movie Night, 46 families bought tickets and raised \$2,504.00 for the PTA's general fund. Thank you to the Harper family for hosting!

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Reprints

DreamBox - Family Dashboard

DreamBox is a signature program for MES. DreamBox is adaptive and builds conceptual understanding through games. Students are expected to complete five (5) lessons a week. Dreambox is accessible through Clever on our school website: [Link](#). Students who do so will be recognized regularly at MES. DreamBox also provides data to teachers who can in turn customize assignments

for students. Our Teacher Leadership Team and the SSC continue to prioritize DreamBox. DreamBox not only helps all students but it is good at supporting EL students' growth and particularly Spanish-speaking students. If you think your child may need more guidance with DreamBox, please write to the teacher, but first please examine these three **Home Support** resources for parents:

1. [Home Learning Guide for Parents & Guardians](#) - Set Up Your Family Dashboard! The **Family Insight Dashboard** (sometimes simply referred to as the Family Dashboard) allows parents and guardians to monitor their student's learning trends, gaps, and growth. It allows you to see at a glance if your student is mastering the concepts and making progress with DreamBox. Detailed activity and proficiency reports help you set learning goals and prepare conversations with your student and your student's teacher.
2. [YouTube Support Videos for Parents & Guardians](#) - Watch short videos on best home practices - Spanish too!
3. [Understanding the Family Insight Dashboard](#)
4. [Home Use Guide](#)

