



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.)

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	09/19	Jaxx Musical Auditions Begin/ After-school
Tues	09/20	5th Grade CIMI Parent Orientation (Hertz explains program to parents and asks for more donations) / 9:30 - 10am @ cafeteria (Details)
Wed	09/21	Make Up Picture Day PTA Association Meeting / 9:30 - 10:30 @ Zoom Link
Thur	09/22	MES English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) / 9:15 - 10:15 @ Zoom Link (Agenda)
Fri	09/23	Attendance Recovery Days / Calls Made to Parent of Students Who Missed More Than 10% of School Students bring home two Covid Antigen Tests

Beyond

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)
Thur	09/29	Principal Hertz at All Principals Meeting / 8-4 @ Santa Monica Grayfox Gate Closed (Principal Hertz Unavailable to Open)
Fri	09/30	Student Council Spirit Day: Peace Day - wear a favorite outfit that promotes peace 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)
Fri	10/21	Make Up Picture Day
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
Fri	11/25	No School

[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

Friday was fantastic! The Jog-A-Thon was a big hit and we raised money for instructional aides and more. A big thank you to all the parents and students who participated to make our school a better place. I think we made the \$50,000 goal! A special thanks is owed to the Meeker Family for their generosity in providing a BBQ to all students and staff. Thank you so much to the MES community!

Antigen test kits are distributed every other Friday for weekly testing. This coming Friday your child will bring 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](#))

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. Diagnostic results will be mailed to parents from our District assessment office. The report(s) show your child's score (0-1400), your child's benchmark category, percentile rank, and domain proficiency. There is a QR code on the report to help you better understand the results. Teachers and I use the reports to help set goals and plan instructional choices.

As you read last week we have been searching for a Social Skills Teacher; I am very pleased to welcome Michele Wilson to our faculty. MES is now fully staffed and ready to hit high gear!

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



Parent General Resources

[Link](#)

Parent Covid Resources

[Link](#)

How Do I Purchase Spirit Wear?

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

MBGC Information

[Link](#)

Grayfox Gate Closed Some Days - Don't Climb Fence

When I am not able to be on campus I am not able to open the Grayfox gate. We do not have extra staff hours to man the gate. I will advertise in advance the dates that the gate will be closed unless of course I am out sick. When the gate is closed, please do **NOT** encourage students to climb the fence. It is not safe and undermines our school rule that students do not climb fences. Thank you.

Loading Zone Safety - Double Parking

When using the loading zone in the school parking lot, please do not double up and call students to walk through traffic. Rather, form a single car line and pull forward as students depart. It is not safe for students to cross through traffic.

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](#)

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

