



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 Giving Drive Continues (\$103,496.91 / 119 Donors / \$220,000 goal: <https://www.malibuelementary.org/donate/>)

Book Fair 2 of 2 ([Flier](#))(eWallet Link: www.scholastic.com/bf/malibues)

This Week

Mon 02/28
Thur 03/03
Wed 03/02

New Library Coordinator Andrew White Begins - Please say hello!

ELAC 9:15 - 10:15 @ [Zoom Link](#) (Agenda: [Link](#))

Bingo Night Dinner & Dessert Fundraiser / 5 - 7:30 @ library courtyard (Benefits 5th Grade) ([Flier](#))

Beyond

Tues 03/15
Fri 03/18
Sun 03/27
Fri 04/01

IAs for Next Year Decision Date for SMMUSD - Did MES raise enough?

Returning to MES Form Due Back (see article below)

Spring Boutique / Details Coming (Location, Hours, Vendors)

Last Day Before Spring Break

All students bring home their Spring Break Antigen Test

April 4 - April 17

Spring Break

Mon 04/18

First Day Back from Spring Break

Test your child with your take-home Spring Break Antigen Test

Provide proof of a Negative Spring Break Antigen Test - Needed to Reenter Campus

Earth Day Student Service Day - Students Remove Litter from School and rake up leaves.

Annual Academic Testing for 3rd - 5th Students (Federal/State Tests)

~~Annual PTA Gala (alt date is 05/13)~~ (New date forthcoming)

PTA Field Day (Students enjoy a fun day of physical challenges. Details coming.)

Art Show and Marine Science Fair - Student Projects Celebration Days / Cafeteria

Minimum Day 12:45 Dismissal

Open House / 5:30 - 6:30 @ Classrooms

Art Show and Marine Science Fair Parent Viewing / 5 - 6:30pm @ Cafeteria

Holiday / Memorial Day

PTA "Teacher/Staff/Nurse Appreciation Week" (moved from 05/02-05/06)

PTA Honorary Service Awards Day / Details Coming

5th Grade Promotion Ceremony / 9:30 - 10:30 @ Field (Details coming)

Report Cards Go Home

Last day of School

Summer Vacation Begins

Summer Vacation Continues

Summer School @ Webster

Fri 05/30

Tues-Fri 05/31-06/03

Fri 06/03

Tues 06/07

Thur 06/09

Fri 06/10

Mon 6/13

June 20 - July 15

[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 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

Arrival and departure traffic seems to be flowing safely. Please use the Fernhill gate for the greatest safety. Grayfox is problematic and should be avoided if you can.

Thank you to our teachers for their thorough work on report cards. The comments were meaningful and every student received a few suggestions for next steps. If you don't have your child's report card, please email the teacher immediately.

Last week during our school Covid Surveillance testing, zero new positives were discovered. At this moment we have no classrooms under a modified quarantine. To help everyone keep organized please use our **Calendar of Current Classroom Modified Quarantines for your ease of reference**: [Link](#) Students who are on quarantine while on campus will need to continue wearing masks outside during the course of their quarantine. With this in mind, our situation remains fluid.

Now is a good time to reinforce on-task expectations with your child by recommitting to routines that support excellent attendance. As you look at the month of March, try to have your child be punctual every day; Spring Break is immediately following!

Together for good health, an open campus, happy students, and high-achievement,
Chris Hertz



Parent General Resources

MES Parent Handbook: [Link](#)

Weekly Bell Schedule: [Link](#)

Volunteering at MES: [Link](#)

Student Attendance: Students will be marked present, absent, tardy (<30min), or late (>30 min). [FAQ Link](#)

[Current Lunch Menu](#)

[School Goals](#)

[School Safety Goals](#)

Parent Covid Resources

[Link](#)

MBGC Weekly Information

[Link](#)

4th and 5th Music Class on Tuesdays Too

In addition to Thursdays, 4th and 5th grade students should start bringing their instruments on Tuesdays.

Will Your Child Be Returning To MES?

Dear Parents,

Please complete and return [this survey](#) to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, March 18, 2022.

If you have an incoming Kindergartner for August 2022, and have not yet enrolled, please contact our office immediately. Again, staffing of ALL programs depends upon the overall enrollment. Please remind friends and neighbors to enroll siblings and new students now.

Enrollment Permits for 2022 - 2023

The 2022-2023 Permit Season has officially opened. If you were not aware, this year's permit season (and all seasons moving forward) is ELECTRONIC! No More Paper! (Collective cheer inserted here). The Permits Department already has applications submitted! 😊

All applications, including Outgoing and the Verification of Enrollment form, may be found on www.smmusd.org/permits. Linked here is a "[flier](#)" with easy access, QR Codes. They may be scanned to begin (or complete) the process on your smartphone. All support documents must be uploaded with the application. All requests must be submitted through the new application process. The Permits Department will not accept any paper submissions.

If you have questions, please email permits@smmusd.org or call the permit line at 310-450-8338 ext. 70216.

71st Annual "Stairway to the Stars" Concerts Shine a Brilliant Light on the SMMUSD Music Program

[Link](#)

Malibu Ballet Folklorico Classes

Dear Malibu Ballet Folklorico families,

First of all, I want to thank the five Malibu families who have expressed interest in the new Ballet Folklorico classes offered by the district! I have been working with our Ballet Folklorico Director, Mr. Julio Bustos and our host principals to increase the enrollment of Ballet Folklorico students in Malibu grades 3-5, because we need at least eight students to carry the class, meaning we need at least three more to run this program in Malibu. We will extend the deadline to Friday, March 5, for Malibu to increase enrollment to eight or more. Unfortunately, if we are not able to get to a minimum of eight, we will not be able to offer the classes in Malibu. If you have signed up, please share with your friends to join these classes that will provide a great and fun cultural experience for all students!

[Here again is the link for families to sign up](#)

Thank you, Tom Whaley, Music Coordinator

Dance Class, Ballet Folklórico!

Hello MES Families,

Our after-school Dance Program, *Ballet Folklórico* needs at least three more student dancers from Webster or MES, or it will be canceled. We have a few days left until the instructors have to make the decision to cancel. This exciting program is an opportunity for our students and I hope you'll consider. There is no fee.

Below are details.

Sign Up

Click [here](#)

Eligibility

Students from both Malibu Elementary and Webster Elementary in 3rd-5th grades are eligible for the Dance Classes.

Dates

Classes begin in late February/early March, 2022.

Classes continue through the remainder of the school year and the production will be enjoyed at a future assembly.

Days

Tuesday and Thursday, 3:15 - 4:30 pm (two days a week)
MES students will be supervised in the cafeteria from dismissal to the start of Dance Class by the instructors.

Location

Classes are at Malibu Elementary, 6955 Fernhill Dr, Malibu, in the cafetorium. Students will walk directly to the cafetorium from their classroom. Webster students will walk through the office and then head up the stairs to the cafeteria. Parents may escort as they feel comfortable.

Registration link

https://smapa.formstack.com/forms/folklorico_dance

Flier

[Link to Flier](#)

Note

To start the program, enrollment/interest must be eight or more student dancers. There is no fee.

Reprints

SMMUSD is Enrolling for Preschool! / Webster

If you, or someone you know, has a child who is ready to begin a preschool experience, our SMMUSD preschools have something for everyone! We have part-day, full-day, and extended day options available and we have a wide variety of locations. If finances need to be considered, we also offer subsidized programming for qualifying families. For more information, please call (310) 399-5865 and ask to speak with a preschool staff member, or go to the following link for more information: www.smmusd.org/cds.

¡SMMUSD está Inscribiendo para Preescolar! / Webster

Si usted, o alguien que conoce, tiene un niño que está listo para comenzar una experiencia preescolar, ¡nuestros preescolares de SMMUSD tienen algo para todos! Tenemos opciones de día parcial, día completo y día extendido disponibles y tenemos una amplia variedad de ubicaciones. Si es necesario considerar las finanzas, también ofrecemos programas subsidiados para familias que califican. Para obtener más

información, llame al (310) 399-5865 y pida hablar con un miembro del personal de preescolar, o visite el siguiente enlace para obtener más información:
www.smmusd.org/cds.

5th Grade End-of-Year Fundraising - Friday Sales

Our 5th grade parent leaders are busy preparing for Promotion and many other special events for our out-going 5th grade class. Please support the following Friday events:

- ~~Bake Sale - 2/25 @ 12:45 @ corner of Grayfox and Heathercliff~~
- Popsicle Sale - 3/11 @ 12:45 @ corner of Grayfox and Heathercliff
- Bake Sale - 3/25 @ 12:45 @ corner of Grayfox and Heathercliff
- Bake Sale - 3/29 @ 12:45 @ corner of Grayfox and Heathercliff

REPRINTS

City's Spring 2022 Recreation Guide and City Newsletter

[Details Link](#)

[Flier Link](#)

Four Ways Parents Can Help Their Child

DreamBox Math: [How Parents Can Help Link](#)

Thinking Maps: Help Your Child Think Analytically and Write Better: [Link](#)

Sentence Frames: Frames help students engage in academic discourse and are especially helpful to students who are newer to English: [Link](#)

Leveled Reading: Ensure you know your child's evolving reading level range. Ask the teacher periodically for your child's level range. Make sure your child reads within their level range for 30 minutes a day, seven days a week. Encourage your child to re-read and read aloud. This leads to prosody. (Prosody means **reading with expression** – with the appropriate rhythm, tone, pitch, pauses, and stresses for the text. Prosody depends on both accuracy and rate. In order to read with expression, the student must be able to read words efficiently and break the text into meaningful syntactic and semantic units.) Prosody leads to comprehension. Comprehension is king. Leveled Reading: [Link](#)

New Student Enrollment Procedure

[Link](#)

Private School Recommendation Letters

[Link](#)

Student Council Spirit Days Line-Up

3/25 Favorite Decade Day

4/29 Come Dressed as your Favorite Book Character

5/27 Crazy Mask Day

