



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.)
Annual Parent Survey Opens [Link](#) (Closes December 9)

This Week

Mon 11/21
Wed 11/23
Thur 11/24
Fri 11/25

Tickets go on sale for the MES PTA Benefit Rock Concert ([details](#))

No School / local holiday

No School for Thanksgiving

No School

Beyond

Tues 11/29

Principal Hertz at All Principals' Meeting / 8-4 @ Santa Monica

Greyfox Gate Closed

Thur 12/08

Zoe's Theater Nutcracker 1st Show / 9am @ cafeteria (see article below)

Zoe's Theater Nutcracker 2nd Show / 10am @ cafeteria (see article below)

5th Grade Winter Music Performance/Informance / 10:55 - 11:35 @ cafeteria

Fri 12/09

Benefit Rock Concert / evening times TBD @ West Malibu location ([details](#))

Tues 12/13

4th Grade Winter Music Performance/Informance / 10:55 -11:35 @ music classrooms

Thur 12/15

ELAC / 9-10 (Agenda forthcoming)

SSC / 3:30 - 4:45 (Agenda: Public Hearing on Safe School Plan)

Fri 12/16

Last Day before Winter Break

Annual Holiday Show Performances / lower grades 8:30 to 10:00 & upper grades 10:30 to 12:00

Dec 12/19 - Jan 2

No School - Winter Break

Tues 01/03

First Day Back after Winter Break (MHS is not in session but MES is.)

Wed 01/11

Bingo Night 1 of 2 / 5pm @ cafeteria (Supports 5th grade end of year activities)

Mon 01/16

No School for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Fri 2/3

Report Cards Go Home

Mon 02/20

No School for Presidents' Day

Mon 03/27

No School for Cesar Chavez Day

Fri 03/30

Last Day Before Spring Break

Mon 04/17

First Day Back After Spring Break

[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> (Select Malibu Elementary PTA!)

PTA Meetings: www.malibuelementary.org/associationmeetings

PTA Calendar: www.malibuelementary.org/calendar

Principal's Pen

The Holidays are in full motion here at school from art activities, to performances, to parties. Our students are going to have a lot of fun the next few weeks! As you might imagine, our teachers and support staff are organizing a small Holiday party for themselves too! The party will be in our library on Friday, December 9 after school. I'm pretty excited for our team however we are short on funds for food and prizes. I plan to make a sizable donation but I am wondering if anyone from our parent community might also like to make a donation to purchase pizzas and salads from Spruzzos. I am also collecting prizes for our raffle and bingo games. The prizes could be really nice or they can be kind of goofy (think, white elephant) Please send me an email if you would like to be a sponsor. I hope to secure prizes by Monday, December 2nd and funds for pizzas and salads by Wednesday, December 7. Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Recently MES held an Earthquake Drill and a Shelter-in-Place / Community Disturbance Drill with our staff and students. Drills help us to be more responsive and to fine tune our practices. One finding from our earthquake drill was that our "Request Gate" and our "Reunion Gate" needed to be marked with permanent signs. Please see the article below to again familiarize yourselves with our reunion procedure. Please note that students may not be released to anyone not designated on their Emergency card.

Our "Shelter-in-Place – Community Disturbance" (AKA "Soft Lockdown") procedures can be found on page two of our [Intruder on Campus - Received Threat of Violence / Dangerous Intruder / Community Disturbance / Student Release Procedures](#). Please take a few moments to read our Shelter-in-Place – Community Disturbance plan and Lockdown plan by clicking the link above.

This past week we marked another milestone in the year of a student. We have reached the 1/3 marker with 2/3s of the year to go. We are now in high gear. Students are gaining new skills and knowledge everyday and every hour at school. The students really impress me with their desire to grow and learn together. When we return from winter break we will be giving a series of diagnostic exams to help teachers better plan the middle third of the school year. Please ensure your child is at school everyday and on time. Together we can help our students achieve great results.

I wish you the loveliest of Thanksgiving holidays with your loved ones,
Proud Principal Chris Hertz



Parent General Resources

[Link](#)

Student Health Resources

[Link](#)

Safety at Malibu Elementary / Reunification Plan

At MES we have a [plan](#) to keep all students safe in case of all sorts of emergencies and natural disasters. Try not to panic! Don't immediately rush to school – take care of your home first! No child will be sent home in an emergency – children will be kept safe at school until they are signed out to a designated adult.

When you arrive at school, park away from the campus to keep the parking lot clear for emergency vehicles.

To have your child released to your care, go to the "Request Gate" near the play structure. The members of the Request Gate Team are responsible for greeting parents, guardians, or designees and providing them with tags or other identifications authorizing the holders to reunite with their students at the Reunion Gate. Once you have your tag, walk to the "Reunion Gate". The members of the Reunion Gate Team are responsible for sending a runner to bring your child to you. Your child will remain with his or her teacher, or with another staff member until you or a designated representative arrives. After 72 hours other civil authorities will provide additional care for unclaimed children and MES will likely become a disaster relief center. ([Reunification Map](#)) ([On-site Assembly Map](#))

MBGC Information

[Link](#)

5th Grade Healthy Kids Survey Update

An Active Consent is required for our 5th grade Healthy Kids Survey. We have postponed the survey window for elementary 5th grade students to November 7th-December 9th. The Staff and Parents Survey is open now. 5th grade parents are asked to respond by December 2 by clicking below. Thank you.

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K5Y86ScdaQxIVBY68EJ86zYVwaPNWgDZ/view?usp=sharing>
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lz4GTE4FZUqiGjiysu6Gk3qETmTJvzxr/view?usp=sharing>

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](#)

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

Sarah Attensil-Miller

Marine Science Teacher

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5th Grade 11/18 Bake Sale Earnings

Thank you to parent volunteers and students! Friday's bake sale earned \$1,071.00. Benefits end of year activities.

