



# Parent Newsletter

Monday, January 10, 2022

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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 (\$102,796.91 / 114 Donors / \$220,000 goal: <https://www.malibuelementary.org/donate/>)

This Week

Wed 01/12  
Thur 01/13

Volunteer Training / 2-2:30 @ [Zoom Link](#)  
ELAC / 9:15 - 10:15 @ [Virtual Zoom Link](#) ([Agenda Link](#))  
SSC / 3:30 - 4:45 @ [Virtual Zoom Link](#) ([Agenda Link: Public Hearing on the Safe School Plan](#))

Beyond

Mon 01/17  
Thur 01/27  
Fri 01/28  
Tue 2/1  
Fri 2/4  
Mon 02/21  
Thur 03/31  
Fri 4/1  
Mon 4/18  
Tues 03/15  
Thur 06/09

Holiday / MLK Jr. Day  
Kindergarten & New Student RoundUp / 4pm @ [Zoom Link](#) ([sign-up Link](#)) ([Info Link](#))  
Student Council Crazy Hair Day  
100<sup>th</sup> Day of School  
Report Cards Go Home  
Holiday / Presidents' Day  
Open House (Minimum Day 12:45 Dismissal)  
Last Day Before Spring Break  
First Day Back from Spring Break  
IAs for Next Year Decision Date for SMMUSD - Did MES raise enough?  
Report Cards Go Home

### [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>

### Principal's Pen

Hello MES Families,

I hope you had a nice weekend. Thank you to everyone for your continued flexibility as we continue to offer our students on-campus learning. I am working swiftly to pivot as we receive new guidelines and updates from LACDPH. In fact, new guidelines are expected today, which I will examine and communicate if there are any updates that impact how we provide school to MES students.

Malibu Medical continues to be our provider for our weekly PCR testing. We always test on Tuesdays. If your child missed testing Tuesday, 1/4/22 you are **STILL REQUIRED** to provide a negative PCR for their return. If your child happened to be absent from school last week, they **are not excused** from the requirement to submit a negative PCR. This has been communicated several times and still stands. Thank you for your compliance. Last week, due to overwhelming volume, test results were delayed in being emailed to families. As of 9AM today MES still does not have our batch results. This is worrisome for me. Health staff and I prioritize communication to the parent(s) of any child who tested positive. I am assured by Malibu Medical that this week they will return to emailing results by Wednesday evening, as they had done weeks prior.

On January 1, 2022, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) published a revised **Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools (T1) (Update 1/4/22)**: [Link](#). They also published an **Exposure Management Plan (T2) (Update 1/4/22)**: [Link](#). (T2 explains a lot about quarantines.) I've archived both documents in the Resources box below for your future reference. MES is now piloting the option for a shortened isolation/quarantine as outlined in this new order. We started today with all impacted classes. We will continue with this option moving forward should your child test positive or be exposed to a student in their classroom that tests positive. You can read more information about this decision [in the letter provided by Superintendent Dr. Drati from last week](#).

MES will implement the following procedure moving forward if your child **tests positive or is exposed to a positive student in their classroom**:

- You will be informed if your child tests positive by both Malibu Medical and the MES nurse.
- You will be informed by MES school if your child was exposed to a positive student in their classroom.
- Vaccinated asymptomatic students may remain attending school in-person.
- Unvaccinated students will be quarantined and provided a *packet* instruction during their quarantine period by their classroom teacher.
- Unvaccinated students will be quarantined for 10 Days or 5 Days if Negative Antigen Test on Day 5 and no symptoms and fever free for 24 hours to return on Day 6 (requires Nurse Clearance). Day 0 is the Date of the Positive Test. A negative antigen test allows your child to reduce their isolation/quarantine to 5 days with re-admittance to school on Day 6 (or the next school day if day 6 is the weekend).
- In support of this new protocol, we will supply any **exposed student** an antigen test kit for students experiencing **NO SYMPTOMS**. Please administer this test at home and bring a hard copy, timestamped photograph of the negative test to school.
- If parents do not provide a negative antigen test from day-5 or after, unvaccinated children will remain on their 10-day quarantine.
- A *packet* instruction will be provided to students who elect to remain in quarantine the full 10 days.

- If your child was not exposed to the positive student in their class, (i.e. they were absent) there is no need to take an antigen test, they will remain in school.

***Given the developing circumstances with Omicron, I welcome families to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.*** I know this is a lot of information to digest. I will guide impacted families every step of the way, and provide clear instructions. Please know that we have been successful in preventing the spread of the virus at school since April of last school year. We are confident that the measures we have in place will allow us to continue to operate safely and productively.

- ***If possible, please send your child to school wearing a KN95 mask*** (or double-mask).
- ***Dress your child in warm clothing as doors and windows will be open*** and some instruction may occur outside.
- ***Please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing any symptoms whatsoever.*** Students who experience symptoms at school will be asked to visit the health office immediately. At this point, families will be asked to pick their child up.
- We will continue with our regular PCR testing on Tuesday, Jan. 11th at MES. **If your child was absent from school on Tuesday, 1/4/22 you are REQUIRED to provide proof of a negative PCR test upon return to school. Please email the results to our MES Nurse: Helia Dabiran-Zohori @[hdabiranzohori@smmusd.org](mailto:hdabiranzohori@smmusd.org).**
- We at MES continue to strive to keep all of our students and staff healthy and safe as we navigate the latest phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. To help us in this effort and to minimize any potential student or class quarantine we are asking you to provide us with your child's proof of COVID vaccination by emailing proof of vaccination to the MES health office team. \*All vaccination information will be cross-referenced with the State of California's information registry (CAIR) by our health office staff. Please email:
  - **Nurse:** Helia Dabiran-Zohori @[hdabiranzohori@smmusd.org](mailto:hdabiranzohori@smmusd.org)
  - **Health Office: Assistant:** Trisha Magbanua @ [tmagbanua@smmusd.org](mailto:tmagbanua@smmusd.org)

***Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe while in-person learning.***

In partnership,

Principal Hertz



### Parent Covid Resources

**LACDPH Travel Advisory and Guidance (11/4/21):** <http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/traveladvisory.htm>

**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 (T1) (Update 1/4/22):** : [Link](#) (This is the base plan for all the plans you will see below.)

**Exposure Management Plan (T2) (Update 1/4/22):** [Link](#)

**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](#)

**SMMUSD "Live" Covid Dashboard:** [Link](#)

**Masks at MES:** [Link](#) (LADPH Mask Update for Students 1-3-22: [Link](#))

**Student Isolation Orders & Travel Quarantines:** [Link](#)

**Weekly Bell Schedule:** [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 Information - Week of January 10, 2021**

[Link](#)

#### **Movie night 12/10**

Thank you to the families who came to movie night. PTA earned \$2,124.

#### **Reprints**

##### **Report Safety Concerns to the Principal**

Parents, if you see a safety concern, please send me an email at [chertz@smmusd.org](mailto:chertz@smmusd.org) or call me at 310-457-9370 ext. 78-202. Your observations and ideas have been extremely valuable over the past days. I look forward to working with you to make our school even safer. Also, please tell your child to contact me or a staff member if they think there is a dangerous incident. This includes aggression on campus, stranger danger, or if someone talks about harassment or suicide. Your child's safety is of utmost importance to each of us.

##### **City of Malibu 14th annual Malibu Student Art Exhibit.**

[Link to flyer](#)

The City encourages young artists to showcase their work for the community; please help the City with this effort and encourage your student artists to submit their artwork.

Students can submit their artwork online at [2022StudentArt.ArtCall.org/](https://2022StudentArt.ArtCall.org/) beginning December 1 through December 31. For the guidelines and more information on how to submit artwork, visit [MalibuCity.org/StudentArtExhibit](https://MalibuCity.org/StudentArtExhibit).

If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact Adrianna Fiori at (310) 456-2489 ext. 239 or [Afiori@malibucity.org](mailto:Afiori@malibucity.org)

Thank you for your support!

Adrianna Fiori

Recreation Coordinator

City of Malibu, Community Services

Phone: 310.456.2489 ext. 239

E-mail: [Afiori@MalibuCity.org](mailto:Afiori@MalibuCity.org)

##### **Student Council Spirit Days Line-Up**

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

##### **MES Needs an Instructional Aide - Please Apply**

MES is looking for a new Classroom Instructional Assistant. Hours are 3.5 hours daily and eligible for up

to 8 hours while the CARES Act funding is available.

Please visit

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/smmusd/jobs/3270230/instructional-assistant-classroom?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs> to review qualifications and to apply.

#### **City of Malibu - Winter Rec Programs**

[Link](#)

#### **Independent Study - Clarifications**

Independent Study is appropriate for Emergencies, catastrophic family situations, legal/government situations, severe health or other special circumstances. Independent Study is NOT for extending the length of school holidays, vacations or visiting family or friends.

The school must be informed in advance (we realize this isn't always possible in an Emergency). A contract needs to be filled out and signed by the parent, teacher and Principal. If work is not turned in or is not complete, partial credit or no credit may be given.

For more information: [Link](#)

