



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 opened and maintained. This service is paid for by the City Parks Department.)
Mon	08/16	Class Placement Sent to Parents
Thurs	08/19	First Day of School 2021-2022 Minimum Day / 12:45 Dismissal (Mini Day 1 of 10) Parent Welcome Coffee - PTA Dues - Direct Donation Drive thru September / 8 - 10 @ Cafe De La Plage (Near Pavilions, 29169 Heathercliff, Ste 112) Four Mandatory Forms and Emergency Card due to Teachers (see articles below)
Fri	08/20	Family Picnic / 11-12:30 (Varies by grade level, see Bell Schedule & Principal's Pen below) Restructured Day / 12:45 Dismissal Four Mandatory Forms and Emergency Card due to Teachers (see articles below)
Mon	08/23	Regular Schedule and Dismissal (K: 8:15-1:45 and 1st-5th: 8:15 - 2:45)
Tues	08/24	Minimum Day / 12:45 Dismissal (Mini Day 2 of 10) K - 1st Grade Back to School Night / 3-5:30 6 - 7pm @ zoom
Wed	08/25	PTA Association Meeting / 8:30 @ Zoom
Thurs	08/26	PTA Restaurant Night 1 takeout/patio dining @ Spruzzos
Fri	08/27	SSC Parent Election Results Published (see article below for results!)
Mon	08/30	Weekly Screening Supposed to begin this week (See Principal's Pen below)
Tues	08/31	Minimum Day / 12:45 Dismissal (Mini Day 3 of 10) 2nd grade Back-to-School Night / 5 - 6 pm @ zoom 3rd - 5th Grade Back-to-School Night / 3-5:30 6 - 7pm @ zoom
Fri - Mon	09/03 - 09/06	39th Annual Malibu Chili Cook Off - supports MBGC
Wed	9/8	Classroom Placement Complaint Window Closes (See article below)
Mon	09/13	Picture day!
Sun	09/19	PTA Boutique Fundraiser / 11-4pm @ MES
Sat	09/25	Campus Beautification Day & Food and Drink Sales Fundraiser / 9-12

[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>

PTA Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7010618>



Principal's Pen

As I promised you on Friday, I am updating you on Monday. :) This morning I sent all the parents their student's class placement. Families who have not yet completed enrollment or came today were not notified.

This afternoon I attended a safety meeting with the District nurses. We will have a new prescreener soon. The program is called "Company Nurse". Details are coming. For now we will continue to use:

<https://bchdcovidscreen.org>. As we did last year, please show your green screen at the drop off curb. Since we have bad cell service near the school, you may want to screenshot the website each morning before you drive away from home. This is my only update on Covid safety as of now.

School starts on Thursday! This is so exciting for the students and all of us in the MES community. Ready or not, here we go! :) Please be sure to read the Parent Resources in the blue box below. The two Slideshows are your best resource if your time is limited. Hopefully by Monday evening I will have the link to the new daily prescreener app from "Company Nurse" for you to use each morning before leaving the home. I anticipate these questions being used each day: [Link](#).

Back on Wednesday you and staff received this letter from Superintendent Drati, "[Superintendent's Message: Masking, COVID Testing and Vaccinations](#)". I urge you to read through Parent Resources in the blue box below, especially the slideshows. District will be hiring a testing service provider just for Malibu schools. The company is supposed to begin weekly screening of all staff and students (shallow swabs) the week of August 30. There is supposed to be a permission form given to parents in advance. I have no new details yet.

On Thursday after school begins, I encourage you to attend the Coffee event with the PTA. See calendar above. On Friday I am inviting parents to come picnic with their child on our field during their 30-minute lunch break. You will also be able to join the PTA. [Join Link](#). If you like, the PTA is willing to collect your four annual forms and the emergency card for the teacher. Please see the [bell schedule](#) in the Parent Resources blue box below for lunch hours. Like our students and staff, you must pass the prescreener. Like our students and staff, you must remain 6-feet from others while unmasked and eating. Please enter the field with your picnic supplies and blanket through the gate on Grayfox and Fernhill. Do not enter the classroom areas. Please space your blankets at least 6 feet apart; we will have cones already out approximately 6 feet apart to help you. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation. Safety and cooperation are key.

Together for MES,
Proud Principal Christopher Hertz



Parent "Full Return" Resources

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 Prescreening: We will have a new prescreener soon. The program is called "Company Nurse". Details are coming. For now we will continue to use: <https://bchdcovidscreen.org>. Please show your green screen at the drop off curb. Since we have bad cell service near the school, you may want to screenshot the website each morning before you drive away from home.

Illness Reporting: If your child is ill, please take the following actions. Keep your child home, report the absence and symptoms to Health Office Specialist Abbey Seiden (aseiden@smmusd.org). Abbey maintains records for School Nurse Jean Chelich (jchelich@smmusd.org). Also please report the absence to Attendance Officer Kim Rivetti (krivetti@smmusd.org).

Masks: Masks should be clean and form fitting. Daily replacement or washing of masks is key to good health. Light colored paper masks feel cooler when outdoors. Masks may be removed to eat or drink outdoors. Students need to be conscious to be at least 3 feet from others while unmasked. Masks may also be removed briefly if breathing becomes difficult; in this case the student steps away and removes their mask with two hands a few inches from their face. This will signal to supervising staff that the student is simply getting more airflow. The student will be encouraged to lower the vigor of their movements so that they do not need to keep pulling their mask from their face. Fresh child-sized masks are always available from staff. Masks with one way valves are not allowed and bandanas are discouraged. Alternative protective strategies may be adopted to accommodate students who are on Individualized Education or 504 Plans and who have medical reasons why they cannot use or tolerate a face mask. Students who present appropriate documentation demonstrating a disability or condition that does not allow them to safely wear a mask should wear a face shield with drape at the bottom if their condition allows it. Students with documented conditions that do not accommodate the face shield and drape may request a reasonable accommodation from the school or district.

LADPH Travel Advisory & Guidance: If your child has traveled, report the dates and locations to Health Office Specialist Abbey Seiden (aseiden@smmusd.org). Abbey maintains records for School Nurse Jean Chelich (jchelich@smmusd.org). This LADPH website will help you understand what you need to do: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/traveladvisory.htm>

Student Isolation Orders & Travel Quarantines: Nurse is in charge throughout. The Health Office Specialist Abbey Seiden (aseiden@smmusd.org) maintains Student and Staff Isolation and Quarantine information.

Covid Surveillance Testing for Students and Staff at MES: Starts August 30, details coming

No Cost Vaccine Clinics and PCR Testing: [Link](#)

Weekly Bell Schedule: [Link](#)

Outdoor Recess & Lunch Break, Zone Schedules, and Designated Outdoor Learning Zone Plan : [Link](#)

Full Return Student Eating Procedure ([Link](#))

Rainy Day Plan: If meals take place in a cafeteria (Rainy Days), mealtimes are staggered to reduce the number of groups in the cafeteria at any one time. If meals take place in a cafeteria (Rainy Days), space between all tables/chairs has been increased to maintain distance between students while eating.

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).

Handwashing: Tell your children to wash their hands often. (See SlideShow above).

MES Parent Handbook: [Link](#)

Changing Your Child's Classroom / "Complaint Window"

On September 8 we will be closing our three-week "complaint" window to request a different classroom for your child. Parents and guardians are asked to wait for three weeks before we begin making any changes. After Wednesday, September 8 the Malibu Elementary office will no longer accept such requests for consideration, so please communicate your concern to me before Wed, September 8; use this [e-Complaint Form](#). With this aggregate information, the best decisions can be rendered.

By or on Friday, Sept. 10 I will contact each parent and let him or her know if I will honor the request. All changes will go into effect on Monday, Sept. 13 after the parent has spoken to their child about the move and teachers have had a chance to coordinate between classes. Please, we do not encourage requests, nor will we be able to honor most requests, but we recognize that we do not always understand the "whole picture" and want to hear from you in writing to determine if a change of placement may be a sound decision.

Staff Updates

Both 5th grade positions were filled over the weekend. Please welcome teachers Sharon Thompson and Robyn Estella. Marine Science is being supported by substitute Kim Brown. The LLI position remains unfilled for now but I made a recommendation to District staff in Educational Services who ultimately decides. Each employee will be receiving onboarding support on Tuesday and Wednesday.

HipHop Fridays

Here is the [Link to the Flyer](#)

After-School Musical Class "Seussical the Musical" - Sign Up Now with JaxTheater

Check out this opportunity for your child: [Link to Flyer](#)
As of today the artists have stated that no one has signed up. There is room for your child!

School Supplies for 2021-2022

Parents will not have to purchase basic supplies. Office staff have worked with teachers and we have received all the supplies already! Thanks to our PTA, each teacher has additional funds to purchase supplementary supplies. Again, parents do not have to provide basic supplies for their students. Students enrolled in MES are not required to pay any fee, deposit, or other charge for participation in an educational activity offered by the school or the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, except as authorized by law. Donations are sought and accepted for various activities and supplies, and are at times critical to the continued success of classes and activities, but donations are voluntary.

===== **Reprints**

Webster/Malibu Elementary MBGC Information August 16 - 20

[Link](#)

Join the PTA / Membership Link

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

Annual Registration Documents 2020-2021 - Turn in Four (4) Mandatory Forms

(These documents are mandated by law to be given to all students before or during the first week of school.)

The annual MANDATED SMMUSD registration documents are posted on our [Student Services Department Website](#). These documents are: Annual Notice Booklet, Annual Information BP packet, Student Accident and Health Insurance Forms, Lunch & Breakfast Information, Covered California Information, and the **four (4) Signature Pages**. Parents can read the documents, print out the **four (4) signature pages**, sign them, and scan/email/snail mail them back to our school office. Here is the link to the documents and **four (4) forms**:
<https://www.smmusd.org/Registration>

It is mandatory that schools collect signatures from each student's parent/guardian for **FOUR (4)** items:

1. **Annual Notice Booklet**
2. **Annual Information Booklet**
3. **Technology Acceptable Use Policy**
4. **General Filming and Recording Release**

MES Office staff will keep track of all four forms. Please send your **four (4) signature pages to your child's teacher** by the end of the first week of school.

Please contact Diane Sullivan at dsullivan@smmusd.org, if you have any questions.

Emergency Cards - Annual

In addition to the four (4) mandatory forms above, it is imperative that MES staff receive a new Emergency Card from parents/guardians. This information is used to contact you (or one of the other adults you designate on the reverse side of this card) if your child becomes ill or injured, or any other emergency. This card is to be completed by a parent only. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. (Emergency Card [Link](#)). **Send this card to your child's teacher.**

Email Change? Phone # Change?

Please report any information changes to the school/Diane Sullivan immediately at dsullivan@smmusd.org . Make sure she knows if you changed your email or phone numbers so she can update our Student Information Database, Aeries.

Minimum Days for 21-22

Aug. 19, 24, 31, Nov. 3, 4, 5, Dec. 17,
Mar. 31, June 8, June 9

