



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 (\$63,594.91/ 88 Donors / \$220,000 goal: <https://www.malibuelementary.org/donate>)
SweetBu Candy - 5th Grade Fundraiser ([link](#))

This Week

Mon	11/29	SSC Parent Representative Election Opens (See article and ballot below)
Fri	12/03	Arts Decision date for MES PTA / Did we make our goal? Benefit Concert - supports PSArts & More Arts at MES / 5pm ish (Flyer Link) SSC Parent Representative Election Closes (See article and ballot below)

Beyond

Thurs	12/09	ELAC / 9:15 - 10:15 @ zoom (Agenda) SSC / 3:30 - 4:45 @ Zoom Link (Agenda)
Fri	12/10	PTA Movie Night 2 "Grinch Cartoon" / 5pm (Details Link / \$50 per vehicle)
Tues	12/14	Holiday Show Tickets go on sale (link)
Fri	12/17	Last Day Before Winter Break Holiday Show Lower Grades (K-2) / 8:30 - 9:30 / see parent sign up procedure below @ library courtyard Holiday Show Upper Grades (3-5) / 10:30 - 11:30 / see parent sign up procedure below @ library courtyard Minimum Day 7 of 10 / 12:45
Mon	01/03	First Day After Winter Break
Mon	01/17	Holiday / MLK Jr. Day
Thur	01/27	Kindergarten Round Up
Mon	02/21	Holiday / Presidents' Day

[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 October Events Calendar: [Link](#)

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

Many thanks to our PTA, MES will once again be having our annual Holiday Show! I'm thrilled for the children and community. Traditions mean a lot and we always need more good cheer! However, this year it will be outdoors in our sheltered library courtyard and with masks. The students begin practicing Holiday songs this week. On the 16th we will do a rehearsal. On the 17th students will hold a live Holiday Show for registered visitors. They will be wearing snowman, elf, and penguin costumes! To attend the Friday, December 17th Holiday Shows, parents must "purchase" a free ticket. Limited tickets will be "sold" 72 to 48 hours in advance. (Tickets go on sale Tuesday, December 14th.) This [Holiday Show Google Survey](#) will be used by parents to get their name on the "Will Call" list and to upload either their Covid-19 Vaccination or Proof of Negative Covid-19 PCR. (The Negative Covid-19 PCR must be dated within the last 72 hours.) You may bring a physical copy with you to the Will Call gate. The survey will serve as our Guest List/Will Call. Parents may purchase tickets to both shows. Required masks will be available upon arrival. Please carpool and watch for parking restrictions. Please arrive early.

Last week we again had no positive Covid tests. (We screen every Tuesday at school.) As always, if you or your child has symptoms of Covid, do not come to campus, inform our health aide and nurse, and get tested.

We remain steadfast in protecting our school community and are so relieved when we get good reports. Please see the Parent Resource box below for more details on how we are taking extra steps to keep the pandemic from closing down our school and to keep everyone healthy. Please check your email daily, including each night and each morning before coming to school, to see if a positive COVID-19 case has been identified in your child's class and if your child needs to follow the quarantine protocols. Sometimes we are informed of a positive case late at night, and we need to inform multiple families as quickly as possible that their child needs to be quarantined. If a positive case is identified in your child's class, please know that district nursing staff will follow up with you as part of contact tracing. If you have specific questions please email me directly. I am glad to help.

In three weeks we will take time off from school for the Holidays. In the meantime each minute at school counts. The teachers prepare lessons and materials each day for their students and have many goals for them. Thank you for making school punctuality the priority for your students this December.

In gratitude,
Proud Principal Christopher 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: [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 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](#)
Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways: [Link](#)
SMMUSD "Live" Covid Dashboard: [Link](#)
Masks at MES: [Link](#)
Student Isolation Orders & Travel Quarantines: [Link](#)
Weekly Bell Schedule: [Link](#)
Outdoor Recess & Lunch Break, Zone Schedules, and Designated Outdoor Learning Zone Plan : [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](#)

Malibu Elementary School Site Council Parent Elections Ballot

In April through August of 2021 parents were notified of vacancies and elections for three parent positions in the Parent Newsletters. Results were published in the Newsletter on May 17 and August 9. Three parents submitted nominations for the three vacancies by the deadline(s). They have been serving in the role since September 2. Because no other parents ran against them, an election was not held. In November all schools were informed that an election must still be held. Parents have a chance to vote on this ballot for those three positions. The deadline to vote is Friday 12/3.
[Link](#)

PTA Reflections Art Contest Winners

Congratulations to our Winners:

- Music Composition - Tiernan Stimpfl
- Visual Arts - Ruby Conrad

The certificates are framed and will be given to the students at Friday's assembly. Many thanks to the PTA for organizing this annual event.

Minimum Days for 2021-2022

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

MBGC Information - Week of November 29, 2021

[Link](#)

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Reprints

Cash Handling at MES

Cash is to be avoided. Checks or electronic donations are best. Accounting must be communicated before, during, and after an outreach for resources. This Fundraising form will help the Principal, the PTA Room Parents, and the MES PTA avoid unnecessary drama: [Download this form](#); see directions on the form. PTA Room Parents will not be collecting cash for gifts for teachers. Rather individual parents may, if they choose, give gifts directly to the teacher.

MES Needs a Marine Science Teacher and an Instructional Aide - Please Apply

As you read above, MES is searching for a Marine Science Teacher. Please visit

<https://www.edjoin.org/smmusd> to review qualifications and to apply.

MES is also 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.

Student Council Spirit Days Line-Up

12/17 Pajama Day

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

Speedier and Easier Student Departure Procedure

Thank you to our SSC for revising our "[Safe Arrival and Departure Plan](#)" and to our PTA for creating the placards for everyone. Soon laminated student name placards will be sent home to parents / guardians. The highly visible name tags will support faster and safer student pick up at the end of the school day. Place the placard on your dash or flip it over your visor.

All of the names are numbered. That way staff have the option of saying a number or the name. Students will need to know their number, parents can share this info with students; as parents will have the placards with the number/name. Each family has a number. For example: two students from the same family will have the same number. That way when you pull up to the car line, staff can say, "##" or "Last Name" and both of your children will come to the pick up spot.

Family tags have just the last name.

Next year's incoming Kindergartners - if they are a new family, they will have a new number. If they have an older sibling, they will share that number; so each family has one car pick up number.

Superintendent's Message: COVID Safety Protocols Survey for Parents, Staff, Secondary Students

[Link](#)

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](#)

5th grade Parent / Guardian Physical Fitness Test 2022 Notification Letter

[Link](#)

