



Parent Newsletter

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Updated Calendar

[SMMUSD 21-22 Calendar](#) / [PTA Sponsored Events](#) / [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.)

Now

Vote: SSC Parent Representative Elections (See Principal's Pen)

Reflect: May is Mental Health Month

This Week

Mon-Fri 05/09-5/13
Tues-Thur 05/10-05/12
Wed 05/11
Thur 05/12

Student Mental Health Week ([Link to resources](#))
"Fill Our Stacks" - Library Book Return Challenge (see article below)
California Day of the Teacher "California Educators: At the Heart of Communities, Powering our Future."
ELAC / 9:15 - 10:15 @ [zoom link](#) ([Agenda](#))
4th Grade Music Show / 10:55 - 11:35 @ Cafeteria
SSC / 3:30 - 4:45 @ [Zoom Link](#) (Agenda: [Link](#))

Beyond

Mon 05/16
Mon-Fri 05/16 - 05/20
Wed 05/18
Thur 05/19

Grayfox Gate Reopens - No Valet Service (See article below.)
PTA "Teacher/Staff/Nurse Appreciation Week" ([Flier](#))
PTA Association Meeting / 9:30 - 10:30 @ [Zoom Link](#)
5th Grade Music Show / 11:40 - 12:20 @ Cafeteria
5th Grade Human Growth and Development Lesson Day / 1:45 ([Program details Link](#))
Parents may opt-out their child by writing the teacher and Mr. Hertz.
4th Grade Parent "Catalina Island Field Trip" Meeting / 3:30 - 4pm @ [Zoom](#) ([Presentation](#))
Who is in? Who is out? Let's not incur any unnecessary cancellation charges.
PTA Field Day (Students enjoy a fun day of physical challenges.) ([Flier](#)) ([Overview](#))
4th Grade Catalina Island Field Trip Decision Day / **Is there enough interest?**

Fri 05/20

Mon 05/23
Tues 05/24

World Cultural Diversity Day ([Flier](#))
5th Grade End-of-Year Field Trip to Ventura Harbor and Santa Cruz Island ([Details](#))
(Permission Slips coming home closer to the date. Voluntary Donation is \$90 each.)
California Healthy Kids Survey for 5th Grade / 1:45 (5th Grade [Parent Consent Letter](#))
Minimum Day 12:45 Dismissal
Art Show and Marine Science Fair & Open House / 4:30 - 6:30 ([Schedule of Events Link](#))
([Open House Flier](#))

Fri 05/27
Mon 05/30

SSC Parent Representative Voting Ends / 9am (See article below)
Holiday / Memorial Day
SSC Parent Representative Election Results Published
Promotion Committee Sets Up for Promotion / 1pm

Sun 06/05

Fri	06/03	PTA Jog-a-Thon Fundraiser (Save the MES Instructional Assistants!) (Incentives for top classrooms!)
		Yearbook Signing day
Mon	06/06	5th Grade Dance Culmination / 8:45 - 9:45
Tues	06/07	5th Grade Promotion Ceremony / 9:30 - 10:30 @ Cafeteria (Details coming)
Wed	06/08	Minimum Day 12:45 Dismissal
Thur	06/09	Report Cards Go Home
		Last day of School / Minimum Day 12:45 Dismissal
Fri	06/10	Summer Vacation Begins
Mon	6/13	Summer Vacation Continues
June 20 - July 15		Summer School @ Webster
Thur	06/30	Lexia License Expires

Next School Year

Thurs	08/18	First Day of School
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[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/ch/23-7010618>

Principal's Pen

Happy Mothers' day to all the wonderful moms at MES. On Behalf of all the children, thank you for all the love you pour into them. I attended the MES musical yesterday called "Aladdin Jr." Wow, can our MES kids sing and dance! The production was the best I have ever seen in my 30-year career. Thank you to all parent leaders, especially Melissa Solano and Alicia Peak.

On Friday your child brought home the **MES Site Council Parent Election Ballot / May, 2022. If you missed it, here it is for you to print out and hand deliver to Diane Sullivan in the office: [Link](#). Thank you for voting.**

The Instructional Aide giving drive brought in \$10,391 in two weeks!. At this point 50% of families have donated something. Thank you. As of 5/6/2022 our PTA has generated \$123,538.03 toward our goal of \$220,000. **MES is the only SMMUSD school that still has not raised enough funds to retain all of our four (4) Instructional Assistants for the 2022-2023 school year. Can we close the gap?** Yes, please support the Jog-a-Thon or write a tax deductible donation check to our PTA. We can do this! (Please read the PTA Newsletters for the most thorough details.)

Last week our onsite Covid testing found NO positive cases inside the school. So great! Here is the MES Modified Quarantine calendar to help us stay on the same page: [MES - Exposed Classes On-Campus Quarantine](#)

There are two vacant two-year seats for parents on our (2022-2023 & 2023-2024) School Site Council. One parent has self-nominated: Amora Magna. A paper ballot was sent to parents on Friday, May 6. (Also available in the office.) Polls will be open Friday, May 6, and closes Friday, May 27. Election results will be published on Monday, May 30.

Our annual State exams are going well. Our 3rd - 5th graders have completed both the ELA and Math exams and this week, our 5th graders turn their attention to Science Exams. This is a great opportunity for our students to "show what they know". I think they will impress us!

Contractors are busy at school replacing our public address system. Other contractors have measured the blacktop for complete replacement this summer. I cannot wait to see it when it's done!

Together for good health, happy students, and high-achievement,
Proud Principal Chris Hertz



Parent General Resources

[Link](#)

Parent Covid Resources

[Link](#)

MBGC Weekly Information

[Link](#)

October Catalina Trip for Future 5th Graders

So far 10 out of 39 4th grade families have donated.

Annual Marine Science Fair

Our annual fair is coming along. Look here to see the plan for your students:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11wvWbzcs_J2nKzenMuzak_p_JWbaje9JVb8l3Lt3tMi0/edit?usp=sharing

School Site Council Successes

Many thanks to our MES School Site Council. This team of parents and staff identified environmental, academic, and safety goals for our school. Below are samples of their accomplishments:

Positive Environment: What a fun year it has been for our children! Weekly assemblies, recognition events, spirit days, and lessons on friendship and bully prevention are a sampling of the activities our SSC called for.

Academic Achievement: 67% of our 2021-2022 3rd grade cohort are "at or above standard" as measured by aRead. This group has been nicknamed the "Woolsey Kindergarteners". They are a focus group for MES. In 1st grade only 39% of this group was "at standard" and none were "above". We are making progress! As of January 2022, 3rd - 5th Grade Cohorts % of students "at or above benchmark" as measured by aMath. Was outstanding:

3rd: 97% (Jan 22)
4th: 90% (Jan 22)
5th: 79% (Jan 22)

Safety Achievements: Our Safety Plan was revised. Goals were established. The mold is gone in room 12. The handball courts were replaced. The blacktop is scheduled for replacement. Storm drains have been cleared. Slip hazards have been remediated.

Soon the SSC will finalize new environmental goals and academic goals. I will update you all next week. Next year the SSC will revisit the Safe School Plan and assess our successes or short-comings. You will be kept current.

SSC Parent Representative Election Ballot

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vclC1fopl0cvfFR5KLCZnjcXm3g0R849KsgRfRNamo/edit?usp=sharing>

Safe Arrival and Departure Plan

Before the pandemic and all the social distancing, the Safe Arrival and Departure Plan called for one staff member to man the Grayfox gate. With Covid distancing, we brought teachers to this gate to help with distancing. This school year we have had a lot of missing staff and we were taxed to provide valet services. We have been short an IA the past three weeks too. While I continue to worry we won't have staff next year (Fewer IA's), I will be the new gate monitor at Grayfox beginning May 16. There will be no valet. If I am absent, it is closed.

Grayfox Gate Reopens - No Valet Services

Beginning May 16 I will reopen the Grayfox gate. I will man the gate myself. There will be no valet. Rather parents will park and greet their child on the sidewalk or blacktop. As you can imagine I am bracing the community for the future when we will not have as many Aides as our school once did. With few or no

Aides, the teachers will have to supervise the recess and main gate. I would be the only one to cover Grayfox.

I feel this is the best solution under the circumstances.

Fernhill Lot Safety- Crosswalk Please

When using the main parking lot, use the crosswalk. Do not walk through the loading zone. Teach and model for your child to look both ways!

Loading Zone Car Visor Tags

Car Viser Tags with student last names have been distributed to all parents. We hope this will help speed up the student pick up process. Thank you for your help.

School-wide challenge -- 'Fill Our Stacks!' -- May 10th-12th

In an effort to collect overdue books, the Library will be running a school-wide challenge called 'Fill Our Stacks!' where students will compete by grade level to see who can return the most library books.

The contest will be held next week. Any library books returned on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (May 10th-12th) will count toward the total. A running tally will be prominently displayed outside of the Main Office and the winning grade level will be announced at the Friday morning assembly.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Below is the current PTA board update as of the Board Meeting on 5/4/2022.

PTA Board 2022-2023

- President - Melanie Hesecker
- Executive VP - Laura Shokoufandeh
- VP 1 Hospitality - Maggie Castle
- VP 2 Programs - Jessica Mark
- VP 3 Fundraising - Josh Homme
- Recording Secretary - Marry Ruth
- Treasurer - Anna Klymenko
- Financial Secretary - Sarah Ryan
- Auditor - Jessica Levin
- Historian - Winnie Johnson
- Parliamentarian - Open
- Corresponding Secretary - Rodney Wallace

PTA IA Fundraising Update

The fundraising thermometer is at 70%!

Goal: \$241,000.

50% of the school's families have donated to the PTA.

Goal: 100% of MES families donate something.

We are working on fundraising for Instructional Aides! About 50% of our students/families have donated, our goal is 100% donation participation in any amount. Even one of our IAs donated \$100 this week towards saving her job, can everyone who has not donated yet please match her \$100 donation - this would bring in over 10k and make a substantial impact! We need everyone's support!

Student Council Spirit Days Line-Up

5/27 Crazy Mask Day TBD

Remaining Minimum Days / 12:45
August 19, 2021
August 24, 2021
August 31, 2021
November 3, 2021
November 4, 2021
November 5, 2021
December 17, 2021
May 26, 2022
June 8, 2022
June 9, 2022

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.

New Student Enrollment Procedure

[Link](#)

How Do I Purchase Spirit Wear?

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

