

Malibu Elementary

Parent Newsletter

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Office Hours: 8 - 4

Updated Calendar

Wed	8/7	Parking Lot and Playground Paving Wrapping Up Movers and Cleaners Begin setting up school for staff use
Fri	8/9	School Set Up Continues
Mon	8/12	Office Reopens to Public / 8 – 4 Staff may voluntarily begin working
Tues	8/13	Malibu Middle School Ribbon Cutting / 12:30 - 1:30 @ MMS ME New Teacher Orientation / 1:45 - 2:45 @ Office
Thurs	8/15	Teacher Training Day @ Webster
Mon	8/19	Official First Day for Teachers / Teacher Training day @ SAMOHI Class Lists posted & Emailed to Families / 5 @ Office
Tues	8/20	Teacher Training Day / 8 – 3 @ Webster School
Wed	8/21	Official First Day for All Classified Staff Faculty Meeting #1 / 9 – 10:30 / Library or Cafeteria New Family Walking Tour with Principal Hertz / 2 – 3pm (Meet in the parking lot.) PTA Welcome Back Family Cookies & Milk + Meet the Principal / 4 – 6 @ Cafeteria
Thurs	8/22	1st Day of School! / 8 – 12:45 (Minimum Day 1 of 8) Welcome Back Parent Coffee / 8:15 – 8:45 @ Cafeteria
Fri	8/23	Friday Minimum Day / 8 – 12:45 4th & 5th Grade Student Welcome Assembly / 8:45 – 9:20 @ Cafeteria 1st - 3rd Grade Student Welcome Assembly / 9:30 - 10 @ Cafeteria Faculty Meeting #2 of 10 / 1:30 – 2:30 @ Library
Sat	8/24	PTA Movie Night / 6-8pm @ Vintage Trancas
Mon	8/26	This is a regular day . Hours: 8 – 2:45 for 1 st – 5 th graders (8 – 1:45 kindergarten)
Tues	8/27	Minimum / 8- 12:45 (Minimum Day 2 of 8) PTA Executive Board Meeting / 8:30 @ Room 12 K-3 Back-to-School Night / 5:30 -7
Fri	8/30	Friday Minimum Day / 8 – 12:45 Family Lunch Day – Join Your Child for Lunch (BYOL) / 12 – 1
Mon	9/2	Labor Day Holiday / No School
Tues	9/3	Minimum day / 8- 12:45 (Minimum Day 2 of 8) 4-5 Back-to-School Night / 5:30 –7
Thurs	9/5	Picture Day Fire Drill #1 of 9 / 9 – 9:30 Elementary Music Back to School Night (6-8p) (SMMUSD-Ed. Services-Music Dept.)
Fri	9/6	Complaint Window Closed (See article below)
Tues	9/17	PTA General Association Meeting / 3 @ Room 12
Fri	9/30	Local Holiday / No School

Principal's Pen

It is an honor to join the Malibu Elementary School team! I look forward to the coming school year and to working collaboratively with the

students, teachers, families, community, and district colleagues to bring the best practices and traditions of Juan Cabrillo and Point Dume Schools together. Collectively we will build a

welcoming, safe, and inclusive new school, and ensure that our students receive the best educational experience. As you can image I am very excited to be selected as the first principal of the combined school! Soon we will have a mascot and school colors!

Please come to the Malibu Elementary PTA's Welcome Activities beginning Wednesday, August 21 (see calendar above), the "Welcome Coffee" the first day of school, and to the "Back-to-School Nights". BTSN is an opportunity to learn how to work closely with your child's teacher to support your child's success in school. There are two BTSNs this year, one for K-3 parents on 8/29 and one for 4-5 grade parents on 9/3. Both nights I will welcome everyone back with a short speech in the Auditorium at 5:30 - 6pm. At 6pm parents/guardians will join teachers in the classrooms from 6 - 7pm.

There is a direct relationship between parental support and student achievement. Make it a strong year for your child by getting involved now.

Together in education,
Chris Hertz

Bell Schedule and Minimum Day List

Below is a link to our school bell schedule. You can view the exact schedule of your child's school day including minimum days. Every Friday is a minimum day. Additionally there will be eight special minimum days as listed below.

[Bell Schedule Link](#)

Special Minimum Day List

August 22, 2019
August 27, 2019
September 3, 2019
November 6, 2019
November 7, 2019
November 27, 2019
April 2, 2019
June 10, 2020

Walking Tour of Malibu Elementary

New students with their families are invited to join Mr. Hertz on a guided tour of Malibu Elementary on Wednesday, August 21 at 2:00pm. Meet in the front parking lot. See you there!

Welcome Back Cookies & Milk Community Builder

On Wednesday, August 21st at 4pm to 6pm all new and returning families are invited to join PTA President Lara Godbile and Principal Christopher Hertz and the larger community on the playground. Here you can catch up with other families, explore the school to see the new construction, and speak informally with Lara and Chris. Many thanks to our PTA for organizing the event. Please come out build our changing community!

Changing Your Child's Classroom / "Complaint Window"

On September 6 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 Friday, September 6 the Malibu Elementary office will no longer accept such requests for consideration, so please communicate your concern to the principal now by writing him before Friday, September 6. By or on Friday, Sept. 13 Mr. Hertz will contact each parent and let him or her know if he will honor the request. All changes will go into effect on Monday, Sept. 16 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.

Welcome New Staff and Returning Staff

Welcome to teachers Jaime Hammack and

Gabrielle Harradine. Ms. Hammack will be teaching Kindergarten and Ms. Harradine will be teaching Marine Sciences. Both Ms. Hammack and Ms. Harradine have several years teaching experience at other schools in Los Angeles County. We wish Jaime and Gabrielle the very best. Please welcome them when you meet them at school. Also, click here to review all the school staff. You will recognize names from both Babrollo and Pt. Dume. ([Staff Link](#)) Without doubt each of staff members will be excited to see you the first day of school!

Malibu Elementary PTA

The PTA meetings are listed on the calendar above. Our first General Association Meeting is on September 17. Everyone is welcome and we really look forward to parent participation. The purpose of the PTA is to increase parent involvement and to bridge the gap between what the School District can supply and what our students need. This is done through community-building events, fundraising, and private donations. Our goal this year is to raise \$331,000. We hope to see you at the New Family Tour or the Welcome Back Cookies and Milk Community Builder on Wednesday, August 21. Also don't forget the Welcome Coffee the 1st day of school! (See calendar above.) Our school thrives because of parent support!

PTA Sets Budget

Budget highlights include funding classroom aids, beautification, online learning programs for students, supplies, library books, Marine Science aquarium and lab costs, community building events, field trips, assemblies, and yearbook. They made difficult budget choices and have developed an outstanding budget to support school improvement.

Regular Communication

Please look for this e-newsletter every weekend. Important information designed for parents and guardians will be gathered here. The articles will be short but packed with key points to help you maximize your child's education at the school.

Also, please review our website for staff emails and voicemail information. Let's stay connected!

Voluntary School Supplies

Our PTA and staff have collaborated to provide all students with comprehensive and uniform school supplies. These supplies are waiting for your child at school. Families do not need to purchase any supplies for their child. If you would like to voluntarily reimburse the PTA, the cost is \$95. Please make your check out to the Malibu Elementary PTA. Any instructional supplies that your children bring to school are to be provided voluntarily. You are not required to donate any instructional materials to our school. We really need your support!

Emergency Cards

Please anticipate an emergency card coming home the first day of school, complete it as thoroughly as possible, and return it immediately to school. It assures us, your child, and you that we can locate guardians, parents, daycare providers in case of an emergency. It is very important to provide us with accurate and legible phone numbers; this is how we will find you should something serious happen at school. Remember, no student can ever be released to anyone not listed on his/her emergency card. Thanks!

5th Grade Outdoor School

Outdoor school information will be provided at the beginning of the school year via the 5th grade teachers. *At this time the dates and cost are not yet available.*

Parking Lot Safety

Please refrain from using your cell phone in the parking lot. Also, the area along the front of the school (yellow curb) is reserved for parents who drive in to quickly drop-off or pick-up their children, so please do not leave your vehicle parked there. Abandoned vehicles create an unsafe environment. Thanks for your cooperation. *More information about how to safely and efficiently drop off and pick up your child is coming soon.*

After School Care

The Boys and Girls Club manages all after-school care. Checkout their website (<https://bgcmalibu.org/>) to sign your child up.

Student Tardiness Defined

For the sake of consistency and clarity the staff at Malibu Elementary will use the following definition to determine if a student is tardy: A student is tardy and will be recorded as such when the student is not in class after the instruction bell has rung (8:15) and the rest of the class is inside with the door shut. Students need to line up for class promptly at their classroom-meeting place after the warning bell rings (8:10) and the whistle is blown. Students who are tardy need to go directly to the office to sign in and receive a “Tardy Slip” and bring it to their teacher in order to be admitted to class. Thank you for making punctuality a priority. School is a cooperative endeavor and teachers need all students to be ready to go at 8:15.