



Parent Newsletter

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Updated Calendar

SMMUSD Master Calendar

Mon	10/28	6:15 - If school will be closed, we will hear from Director Isaac Burgess by 6:15am Chris H. at Webster for Principal Training / 8-1 PTA Giving Week Concludes - Please give now! (See article below) PTA Reflection Art Contest Deadline
Tues	10/29	Student Council Rainbow Day - Wear Your Crazy Colors! Volunteer Training #5 / 9:30 am @ Office Conference Room
Wed	10/30	Pumpkin Patch Field Trip - 1st Grade Vision and Hearing Screenings (See article below)
Thurs	10/31	Halloween Parade / 8:30 am on playground
Thurs - Fri	10/31 - 11/8	Library Closed for Book Fair
Fri	11/1	Friday Patriotic Assembly / 8:15 - 8:30 @ Main Playground Dia de Muertos - Memorial Celebration & Song / 8:30 - 9 @ cafeteria
Sun	11/3	Clocks Fall Back 1 Hour / 12am Malibu Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk / Benefits MBGC
Mon	11/4	4th & 5th Grade Marine Science Assembly / 1- 2 @ Cafeteria
Tues	11/5	Parent/Teacher Conference Day (Pupil Free Day) / No School
Tues - Fri	11/5 - 11/8	Book Fair Week - Library Closed 8 - 3 daily @ Library (Benefits MES Library and Classrooms)
Fri	11/8	Shelter-in-Place Drill (Scenario: biting dog loose on campus)
Wed - Fri	11/6 - 11/8	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 12:45)
Mon	11/11	Veterans' Day / No School
Nov	11/21	PS Arts Afternoon Parent Event / 3 - 5 @ cafeteria
Wed	11/27	Minimum Day 6 of 8 (Early Dismissal @ 12:45)
Thurs	11/28	Thanksgiving Day / No School
Fri	11/29	No School
Tues	12/10	PTA Association Meeting / 3 - 4 pm @ Room 13 Parent Education Event: "Safer Internet Skills for Parents" / 4 - 5 @ cafeteria (See article below) ELAC #2 / 5pm @ library
Fri	12/20	Last Day Before Winter Break
Thur	4/2	Open House

Principal's Pen

Please support "Giving Week" at MES. Our generous PTA funds an important programs and events that benefit our children, school and community. The PTA supports programs which are above and beyond District provided resources and curriculum. Your direct donation is tax deductible. Here are a few of the programs that the PTA sponsors:

- Instruction Aides
- Classroom supplies
- Technology – Subscriptions to programs such as Accelerated Reading, Lexia, Dreambox, and Reflex
- School equipment

- School assemblies
- Marine Science Lab
- Office equipment
- Library
- Field trips
- Digital Communication
- Disaster preparation

With your donation, we can continue to provide them! The goal for Giving Week is to raise \$100,000 and to get 75% of MES families to participate. Here is the link to the flyer that explains how to give and a second link to the Malibu Elementary PTA website:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17cmN1fL8vxDrud2iFCqxCp0YRFkYcBAf/view?usp=sharing>

<https://malibuelementarypta.membershiptoolkit.com/home>

Lastly, I really need parent help supporting our Safe Arrival and Departure Plan. Please see the plan again below. Can you carpool? Can you volunteer for me? Can you join me and the SSC and asking the City to prohibit parking on the north side of Fernhill from 2:30 to 3 Monday - Thursday, and 12:30 - 1 on Fridays?

Together in education and safety,
Chris Hertz

Art Fundraiser

We have partnered with Square1 Art to create a unique opportunity to celebrate students artistic accomplishments while raising funds for Malibu Elementary School. 33% of all sales will go to the school and we'll receive an extra 5% profit if 45% participation is reached. Please click on this link for more information:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q_xMfsKSEGaHngQznuqZlteMoNWZK8y4/view?usp=sharing

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-bWw4v-w8bMG2rDq_j3DpTFnTv28pbVj/view?usp=sharing

Safer Internet Skills for Parents, Parent Education Tuesday, December 11

Technology is a powerful tool for learning, communicating, and sharing. However, navigating it safely is not innate in children and it's up to us to teach them. Mrs. Jennings and Ms. Levy are leading Malibu Elementary to become a "Common Sense School" through the school-wide Digital Citizenship Program: Helping students take ownership of their digital lives.

The Common Sense Digital Citizenship Program addresses top concerns for parents and educators, prepares students to make smart choices online and in life, and engages the whole community through family outreach.

Our first family outreach night will be held December 10 at 4pm, right after the PTA meeting and just before the ELAC meeting. Come to the library and learn about media balance, digital footprint, identity and privacy, social relationships, bullying, communication, news and media literacy. We will also cover how technology is being used in the classroom for learning, communication, and collaboration.

(This event will be translated into Spanish.)

Hearing and Vision Screening Reminder

The vision and hearing tests for grades K, 2, and 5 will be taking place on: Wednesday, October 30th in the Music Room across from the main office. Below is a tentative schedule to this email as well as below.

Teacher	Grade	Time
Hammack	Kindergarten	0820-0910
Harris	Kindergarten	0910-1000
Kleiser	2nd	1020-1100

Tafi	2nd	1100-1140
Levi	5th	1140-1220
Levi	5th	1300-1330
Matthews	5th	1330-1440

Reprint: Parking on Fernhill - Voluntary Request

Parents are asked to voluntarily not park on along the north side of Fernhill from 2:30 - 3, M-f and from 12:30 - 1 on Friday. Even though the City signs allow for about five autos to park there, we can see that is causing dangerous back-ups along Fernhill resulting in drivers driving on the wrong side of the road. Further students will not be allowed to use Fernhill at these times to get into autos. This is reckless as it puts students in the road and this strip of the street has no adult supervision.

Reprint: Report Safety Concerns to the Principal

Parents, if you see a safety concern, please send me an email at 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.

Reprint: Volunteers Needed at MES for Grayfox Pick Up

Valet Duty: Help keep the afternoon pick-up line on Grayfox moving. Volunteers need to be prepared to quickly open the vehicle's passenger door and get the student out, close the door and move on to the next vehicle.

Time commitment: 20 minutes, 1 day/week

When: Volunteers are needed daily, but especially on Tuesdays

Reprint: Reminder: Safe Arrival and Departure Plan Update - Clarity About Pulling Away from the Curb

Please refrain from using your cell phone in the parking lot. The area along the front of the school (yellow curb) is reserved for parents/drivers who drive in to quickly drop-off or pick-up their children, so please do not leave your vehicle parked there. Once you have dropped off your child, merge left and depart the drop-off line. Children should exit from the right side of the vehicle. Abandoned vehicles create an unsafe environment. Thanks for your cooperation. Please examine the Safe Arrival and Drop-Off Plan and Map carefully using the below links:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ez1V0qpd3a069KV4SuWCunHhrdT9PmYc/view?usp=sharing>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1keDZqHID0rbiVuekpgGeiuF3kqs-zQ_/view?usp=sharing

Reprint: Grayfox Gate

Our school gates are locked during school hours. We open the Grayfox gate from 7:45 - 8:20am and from 2:45 - 3 (Friday: 12:45 - 1). The gate near the office is open 7:30 - 8:20 and from 2:45 - 6:30pm. MBGC families will use the gate near the office from 3 to 6:30pm. During school hours all visitors including parents and guardians must wear a visitors badge. Staff will stop and direct all visitors without a badge to the office for screening.

Reprint: Student Council Update

We are meeting every other Wednesday in the art studio, during lunch time. Grades 2-3 meet on the lunch tables outside the art room with Mrs. Robin Seldin from 12:00-12:20, then they join the 4-5 graders in the art room (with Mrs. Seldin, Mrs. Nicole Fisher and Mrs. Bracken) from 12:20-12:40, then 4-5s stay in the art room until 12:55. All 2-5 students are welcome to join at anytime.

In the first meeting, students were introduced to Roberts Rule of Order, and they learned how to run meetings. They role played how to call to order, present agenda, read minutes, give officer's reports, discuss business, and adjourn. In the second meeting, using the Roberts Rules, students elected officers, voted to add a new office of Environmental Commissioner, and voted on Spirit Day themes. Students made motions, motions were seconded, discussed, and then voted on.

Fall Meeting Dates:

Sept 25

Oct 16

Oct 30

Nov 13

Nov 27
Dec 11

Reprint: MBGC Fundraiser

Please help support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Malibu by volunteering at this year's Malibu Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk on November 3rd. We are honored to be a part of this community-based event that empowers all runners and emphasizes overall health and wellness. We are in need of volunteers in many areas! Please click the link below to sign up.

<https://signup.com/go/iRahTdM>

For further information or questions -

Call 310-457-2582

Email siugenconstanza@bgcmalibu.org

Reprint: 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

Reprint: Remembrance Day Presentation - November 1, 2019

October 15 - November 1, 2019: Rehearsal for a Celebration and Festival of Dance and Song honoring the memory of our departed family and friends. Also known as "All Souls Day" in Europe and "Dia de los Muertos" in Central America: This popular holiday strives to honor and celebrate the lives and memories of our ancestors and the cultural traditions and heritage from whence they came.

Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday October 15 at lunch recess (12-1 PM each day). Friday rehearsals from 12-12:30 PM. All students are welcome to participate.

Live performance November 1 from 8:30 - 9 AM when we will be dancing and singing and performing scenes from the animated musical "Coco". Volunteers Vida Enck, Melissa Solano, and Erin Torpey will help collaborate.

Reprint: MES Online Learning Programs

The link below will take parents to a chart showing online curriculum available for students (and parents):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-5N-YrdhVcAExpFRRac3SDp6tNNWzFaVB4pkEPxSkbQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Reprint: Helping Your Child this Summer - Returned Work

Parents are asked to weekly keep all the work being returned to them by the teachers in a learning portfolio for use this summer. This summer you can review the work with your child to help your child to not regress and feel more confident about August. This strategy plus the use of Lexia and Dreambox over the summer will really help your child to be and feel successful when school reopens.

