



Parent Newsletter

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Updated Calendar

SMMUSD Master Calendar

Mon	11/25	Tate and Levy Field Trip / 8:15 - 12:45 @ Create Studios in Westlake
Tues	11/26	Mr. Hertz off Campus - Principal Training / 8 - 3 @ Olympic High Tate and Levy Field Trip / 8:15 - 12:45 @ Create Studios in Westlake
Wed	11/27	Mr. Hertz off Campus - Medical / All Day (Julie Siegel is Administrative Designee) Minimum Day 6 of 8 (Early Dismissal @ 12:45)
Thurs	11/28	Thanksgiving Day / No School
Fri	11/29	No School
Sat	12/7	Malibu Little League Movie Night / 7 - 9 @ Webster (Link to Flyer)
Mon	12/9	Library Closed (Library Volunteers Wanted, please contact Library Tech Keshia to get started) PS Arts K-2 Music Informance Day / 8 - 2:45 (Student learning showcased for Parents) Link to Schedule
Tues	12/10	Kindergarten Tide Pool Walk (12:30 – 2:00) 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
Mon	12/16	Nutcracker Show with Artist Zoe Langley / 8:30 - 9:30 @ Cafeteria (Parents Invited!)
Tues	12/17	District Malibu Schools Music Performance / 6:30 - 8:30 @ MES Cafeteria
Thurs	12/19	Winter Concert Rehearsal with Artist Julia Holland / 8:30 - 11:30
Fri	12/20	Last Day Before Winter Break Holiday Concert Show with Artist Julia Holland / 8:30 - 11:30 (Parents Invited!)
Mon - Fri	12/23 - 1/3	Winter Break / No School
Mon	1/6	School Resumes Welcome Back Rules and Bully Prevention Assemblies for Students
Sun	1/12	Clean Beach Poster Contest Deadline (See article below)
Mon	1/13	Last day of PS Music with Amber for k-2
Tues	1/28	PS Arts/Crafts Begins for K-2 students (Volunteers needed - see below)

Principal's Pen

It is Thanksgiving week and I can't help but feel deep appreciation for the teachers and support staff at school. As I think about Thanksgiving and my past five months at Malibu Elementary, I appreciate our team of educators and support staff, and how helpful they are to one another and me. I consistently value their skill sets and more so their genuine concern for the welfare of our children. However at this time what really stands out is their sense of teamwork and care for one another. They not only work well together to make decisions and to get the work done, but the team has synergy in which their output is greater than the sum of their parts. What stands out most is the way they demonstrate respect to one another. The faculty and support staff are kind, thoughtful, and reflective. They are working well together under very uncommon circumstances (a new school formed by merging two distinct and proud schools, under a new principal). I am so thankful for this team and their dedication to one another.

If you agree with me, I ask all parents/guardians to send a note of thankfulness to a staff member or two. Together they are doing great work and achieving outstanding results for our students. Have a beautiful Thanksgiving week!

Your proud principal,
Chris Hertz

Student Council Spirit Days

Friday, December 13 - Animal Day, dress up as your favorite animal

Friday, December 20 - Concert Day, dress in your concert or holiday outfit.

Theft in the Parking Lot Friday Night

Last Friday at approximately 5:00 pm a parent's auto was broken into in our front parking lot. The window was smashed and a purse was stolen. The sheriff created a report. All staff are urged to not leave visible valuables in their autos.

Deep Learning Image

Staff are working to inspire our students to care for our marine biomes. We want our students to become active stewards of our local ocean environment. A picture is worth a thousand words!



Malibu Foundation Wellness Speakers Series

The Malibu Foundation has a series of events for adults to help us navigate stress. Food and drink provided. ([Flyer Link](#)).

Report Safety Concerns and Serious Injuries to the Principal

Parents, if you see a safety concern or your child has suffered a serious injury at school, please send me an email at chertz@smmusd.org or call me at 310-457-9370 ext. 78-202. Your immediate observations and ideas have been extremely valuable over few months. 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. If your child cannot access me, have them write me a note and include their last name. I will get back to your child quickly.

