



# Parent Newsletter

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## Updated Calendar

### SMMUSD Master Calendar

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 (Student learning showcased for Parents)
Tues	12/10	Principal Hertz Out for Principal Training / 8 - 3 @ Santa Monica Kindergarten Tide Pool Walk / 12:30 – 2:00 1st grade Tide Pool Walk / 1 - 2:30 PTA Association Meeting / 3 - 4 pm @ Room 13 Parent Education Event: "Safer Internet Skills for Parents" / 4 - 5 @ cafeteria (See article below) <del>ELAC #2 / 5pm @ library</del> (postponed to December 17)
Wed	12/11	Student Council Meeting
Thurs	12/12	2nd Grade beach walk field trip 12/12 - 12:30 - 2:30 City Basketball Continues / 3:30 - 5 (Through 2/14) @ Blacktop
Fri	12/13	Pepperdine University Library Staff volunteer in the MES Library Student Council Spirit Day: <b>Animal Day</b> /Dress as your favorite animal Deep Learning Training Day for Principal Hertz and Several Teachers / 8 - 3 @ Cabrillo MPR
Mon	12/16	Nutcracker Show with Artist Zoe Langley / 8:30 - 9:30 @ Cafeteria (Parents Invited!) Actors Gang Final Practice / 3 - 5 @ Cafeteria
Tues	12/17	English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting #2 @ 5-6 @ Library ( <a href="#">Link to Tentative Agenda</a> ) (Child care provided thanks to PTA.) District Instrumental Music Performance / 6:30 - 8:30pm @ MES Cafeteria & bungalow 25
Wed	12/18	Actors Gang Show / 3 - 5 @ Cafeteria
Thurs	12/19	Winter Concert Rehearsal with Artist Julia Holland / 8:30 - 11:30 (see article below)
Fri	12/20	Last Day Before Winter Break Pepperdine University Library Staff volunteer in the MES Library Winter Concert Show with Artist Julia Holland / 8:30 - 11:30 (Parents Invited! See article below) Annual Toy Drive Deadline / Bring Your Items to the MES Office ( <a href="#">Link to Flyer</a> )
Mon - Fri	12/23 - 1/3	Winter Break / <b>No School</b>
Mon	1/6	School Resumes Welcome Back Rules and Bully Prevention Assemblies for Students
Thurs	1/9	SSC / 3:15 - 4:45 @ Library (Agenda: Public Hearing of Safe School Plan)
Sun	1/12	Clean Beach Poster Contest Deadline ( <a href="#">Link to Flyer</a> )
Mon	1/13	Last day of PS Music with Amber for k-2
Mon	1/20	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day / <b>No School</b>
Tues	1/28	PS Arts/Crafts Begins for K-2 students (Volunteers needed - see below)
Thurs	1/30	Kindergarten Round Up Day
Fri	2/7	100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School

### **Principal's Pen**

Last week was great. Many of our teachers participated in two trainings (Math and Writing) and shared that they were very valuable. These trainings are the direct result of our school wide focus to infuse writing and thinking maps across the curriculum including math. Our SSC began reviewing our Safe School Plan (140 pgs.). Staff safety training will begin with our roles after a disaster/crisis (National Incident Management System (NIMS). (A Public Hearing of our draft plan is scheduled for January 9th.) Our 5th graders were so amazing at their ballroom dance performance. This may have been my highlight of the year. Our Teachers' Meeting was so professional and everyone shared their expert voices on how to help our students achieve more. We spent time discussing student progress on key learning targets, and on our Deep Learning Initiative that revolves around Marine Science and helping students become advocates for our local marine environment. Lastly, the Staff Holiday Party was a blast: lots of laughing and getting to know each other better. Thank you Point Dume Club for hosting us! I feel harmony and cheer growing! Together for excellence,  
Chris Hertz, Principal

### **Malibu Library Children's Events for December 2019**

The Malibu Library's calendar is posted online. It is the best resource to see the most up-to-date information and descriptions of our programs and upcoming events for children, teens, and adults: <https://lacountylibrary.org/malibu-library/> Here's what's scheduled for December 2019:

#### **Babies and Toddlers**

##### **Music Together (for the Holidays!)**

**For ages 0-5 with adult caregiver participation**

**Tuesday, December 10th, 11 am-12 pm**

Let's sing holiday songs together! Music Together is an internationally recognized music and movement class for children with instructor Cheryl Lev. Classes are mixed-age, and designed for parents to enjoy active time with their smiling and laughing little ones. The format includes singing, dancing, and group instrument play. Sponsored by the Friends of the Malibu Library.

##### **Play & Explore**

**For ages 0-3 with an adult caregiver**

**Thursday, December 12th & 19th, 11:30 am-12:30 pm**

Spend quality time with your child in the library! Each week, we'll have different activities that help children develop skills for moving, reading, building, and socializing.

#### **Children and Tweens**

##### **Smarty Pants Storytime**

**For ages 2-5 only with adult caregiver participation (unless with permission from the Children's Librarian)**

**Mondays, December 9th, 16th, and 30th, 3:30-4:30 pm**

**(\*Please Note\*: Smarty Pants Storytime will be on break Monday, December 23rd)**

We'll get ready for school and preschool with books, songs, movement, and a craft while learning, making friends, and having fun.

##### **Around the World with Barbara Wong**

**For ages 5-12 with an adult caregiver**

**Tuesday, December 17th, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Experience amazing stories and entertaining folk tales from cultures around the world with storyteller Barbara Wong!

##### **Gingerbread Cookie Decorating**

**For ages 5-12 with an adult caregiver (\*Please Note\*: ages 2-5 will be allowed with active adult caregiver participation)**

**Thursday, December 19th, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Learn about the science of icing and color mixing, and practice the delicate skill of piping as we decorate gingerbread cookies together! All supplies provided. Parents and caregivers: a list of ingredients will be provided at this program.

### **Winter Concert Overview**

Rehearsal Schedule / Thursday, Dec 19

- K-2 8:30 – 9:30 (Older kids watch)
- 3-5 10:15 – 11:15 (Younger Kids watch)

Performance Schedule / Friday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

- K-2 8:30 – 9:30

- 3-5 10:30 – 11:30

### Clothes and Shoes for the Nurse's Office - Boys!

When our children spill on themselves or get covered in mud, the office staff and nurses loan them clothing. Our stock of boys' trousers and shoes is out. If you have any children's clothing or shoes to donate, we would be grateful.

### Safer Internet Skills for Parents, Parent Education Tuesday, December 10 / 4 - 5pm @ the Cafeteria

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.

In our presentation, we talk about how to make sure your child is safe using the Internet and apps and how to monitor their Internet activity. It also assures parents that although horrible incidents do garner a lot of press, they are not the experience of most. Being sensible and open with your family about online activity as well as everything else is the most important deterrent.

(This event will be translated into Spanish.)

### Deep Learning in a Picture and Three Articles

This picture says so much about our focus:



These three articles may inspire you and your children:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zg5fkTL2UqmKtWZ6Rywr-y1xO1u\\_mD?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zg5fkTL2UqmKtWZ6Rywr-y1xO1u_mD?usp=sharing)

