

Malibu Elementary

Parent Newsletter

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<http://malibues.smmusd.org>

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Office Hours: 8 - 4

Updated Calendar

Sat	9/31 - Mon 9/2	Malibu Chili Cook-Off Continues
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
Wed	9/4	District Music Program Begins
Thurs	9/5	Picture Day / 7:45 Staff Photo (see article below) Fire Drill #1 of 9 / 9 - 9:30 Mandatory Volunteer Training / 1:30 - 2 @ Cafeteria (see article below) Elementary Music Back to School Night (6-8p) (SMMUSD-Ed. Services-Music Dept.)
Fri	9/6	C Hertz Absent - Medical Leave (Chris Cullen is our Administrative Designee.) Complaint Window Closed (See Newsletter #1)
Tues	9/10	C Hertz @ Principals Meeting / 8 - 2 @ Olympic High
Wed	9/11	Earthquake Drill #1 of 4 / 9am
Tues	9/17	MES PTA General Membership Meeting #1 / 3 - 4:30 @ Library Pathway ELAC / 5-7 @ Cafeteria
Sat	9/21	Coastal Clean-Up Day (see article below)
Tues	9/24	C Hertz @ Principals Meeting / 8 - 2 @ Olympic High
Fri	9/30	Local Holiday / No School

Principal's Pen

We are off to an outstanding start! Our students deserve real recognition for their ability to get back into school routines and for getting along with each other. They look like they are having a lot of fun becoming reacquainted with old friends and making new friends too. Teachers seem really excited about the social chemistry in their classes. It's a strong beginning to launch a great school year.

Together in education,
Chris Hertz

Keep Your Child Safe on the Way To and From School

Regardless of whether your child walks or bikes all the way to school or just to the bus stop, you want him/her to stay safe. You can help your child stay safe by doing the following:

- Plan ahead. Whether your child walks to the bus stop or to school, figure out the safest route. Choose a way that has the fewest street crossings. If you can, avoid vacant lots or places where there aren't many people. Walk the route with your child.

- There's safety in numbers. If possible, arrange for your child to walk with a friend, neighbor or family member.
- Play "What if" with your child. What if he/she gets a bloody nose? What if a large dog is in the path? Talking about these unexpected things will make handling them easier for your child.
- Teach your child never to ride with strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone your child doesn't know well. Many families have a "secret code." If you had to send a friend to pick up your child, you would tell the person this secret word. It is a signal to your child that this person is safe to ride with.

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.

Parking Lot Safety (Reprint)

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/drivers 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. 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/1keDZqHIDOrbiVuekpgGeiUuF3kqs-zQ_/view?usp=sharing

Gates at School

Gates at MES are opened at 7:45 to 8:15. At 8:15 to 2:45 the gates are locked. At 2:45 the gates are opened until 6:30pm. At 6:30pm until 7:45 am the gates are locked for the night. The Friday schedule adheres to our Bell Schedule.

Friday Morning School Spirit Activities at Line-Up Area

Each Friday at 8:10 we will begin holding a patriotic activities and school recognitions. Eventually we will have a school pledge and song. Staff and Parents are encouraged to submit draft Pledges and Songs to Hertz.

MBGC Wellness Center

The Wellness center is opening soon. It will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesdays. Randi Goodman is the coordinator. Below is a link with details:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BdhYH4VQF3fr0e4S63VGkhqH0i9ZuQFMtwdNOvsh45k/edit?usp=sharing>

Is Your Child Being Appropriately Challenged?

The teachers at MES want to hear from you if you think school is too hard or too easy for your child. Parents often know if their child is overwhelmed or underwhelmed. We need to hear from you. Together we can determine what appropriate adjustments can be made! Thanks for contacting us.

Lost and Found Clothing Cart and Lunchbox Cart System - Can You Help Us?

MES needs a rolling clothing cart and hangers to put lost coats on. Do you have a one to donate? If yes, please contact Principal Hertz! We also need a large, low cart to store lunch boxes and loose items in. Do you have one to donate? If yes, please contact Mr. Hertz. Here are samples from Amazon (Use these search words):

- Simple Houseware Supreme Commercial Grade Clothing Garment Rack, Chrome

- CHAMPRO Portable Monster Ball Storage Locker, Chrome Finish, 41"x 25"x 38"
- Plastic Hangers

The clothing rack will be near the office. The lost lunchbox cart will be in the cafeteria.

SSC - Mascot Decision Plan

The SSC will be collecting input from students, staff and MES parents about what mascot the SSC will select. The SSC has voted that the mascot must be native to our area and survive in our local marine biome. The mascot must be novel and not previously used at Cabrillo or Pt. Dume.

Heal the Bay Coastal Clean-Up Day - 30th Anniversary

The registration link can be found here: <https://healthebay.org/event/coastal-cleanup-day-2019/>

Volunteer Training Requirements

Volunteer training will be scheduled every two weeks the first months of school. After that it will be monthly. See the calendar above to see opportunities. No one may volunteer without taking the training. Below are links to the training materials that will be used.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/14Mz8EhazAlJbOEX0Rn4ItQn_NpfJEqys/view?usp=sharing

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p3QSN50yNQ06K9pEPkLxzybfpGEzOPOY/view?usp=sharing>

Picture Day - Order Yours!

Picture day is Thursday, September 5th. Portrait orders with payment are due on or before picture day!

There are 2 ways to order:

1) Pre-Order online now using this link: <https://cornerstone.fotomerchanthv.com/clients/malibu-elementary/fall-portraits-2019-90/access>

*Please note, if you order online there is no need to turn in a form. Your order will be automatically submitted to the photographer for your convenience.

2) To pay with cash or check, return the paper order form provided by your school -OR- print the PDF order form (attached) to be turned in to the photographer on picture day.

Questions? Please contact Cornerstone Photography at customercare@cornerstone.photo or 805-529-1635.

Details:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EvWqH9Qjr054mjeInQ8xVJGRHY1EA3Im/view?usp=sharing>