

Malibu Elementary

Parent Newsletter

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Updated Calendar

[SMMUSD Master Calendar](#)

Tues	9/17	MES Library Closed for Malibu Pathway Training / 9-3 MES PTA General Membership Meeting #1 / 3 - 4:30 @ Library Pathway ELAC / 5-7 @ Cafeteria
Thurs	9/19	City Traffic Engineer Inspects MES Traffic Patterns Volunteer Training Opportunity #2 / 3:15 - 3:30 @ Cafeteria
Sat	9/21	Coastal Clean-Up Day
Tues	9/24	C Hertz @ Principals Meeting / 8 - 2 @ Olympic High
Thurs	9/26	Kindergarten Parents School-Attendance Orientation Meeting / 8:30 - 9 @ Library
Mon	9/30	Local Holiday / No School Mascot Survey Closes (see article below)
Wed - Fri	10/2 - 10/4	5th Grade Trip to Catalina Marine Institute
Wed	10/9	Local Holiday / No School
Fri	10/18	Environmental Activism Assemblies / 8:30 - 9:15 K-2 & 9:30 - 10:15 3-5 @ Cafeteria
Thurs	10/31	Halloween Parade
Tues	11/5	Parent/Teacher Conference (Pupil Free Day) / No School for Students
Wed - Fri	11/6 – 11/8	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 12:45)
Mon	11/11	Veterans' Day / No School
Wed	11/27	Minimum Day (Early Dismissal @ 12:45)
Thurs	11/28	Thanksgiving Day / No School
Fri	11/29	No School
Fri	12/20	Last Day Before Winter Break

Principal's Pen

Please read the articles below about safety, achievement, and involvement. Together we can build a great school for our children!

Chris Hertz, Principal

Gates at School and Visitor Badges

Gates at MES are opened at 7:30 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. During school hours (8:15 to 2:45) 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.

Raptor Visitor Screening Now Up

All visitors including parents are now required to present a government-issued ID for identification and screening, and

wear their Raptor Visitor ID Badge while at the school during school hours. Screening takes about 60 seconds so please plan for this delay. This means that visitors will no longer sign the visitor log or wear a generic sticker. Please next article below for more details.

Superintendent's Message: School Visitor Management System

Dear staff, parents and guardians,

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is pleased to announce that all of our campuses will use the Raptor visitor management system to strengthen our campus safety programs for students and staff. All schools will have the new system installed for use during the first week of the new school year. Lincoln Middle School successfully piloted this program this school year.

An important aspect of keeping students and staff safe is for site staff to know who is on our campuses at all times. The Raptor system achieves this interest as it allows office staff to screen visitors, contractors, and volunteers, in our schools and provide us with a safer environment for students, staff and approved volunteers.

Upon entering a campus, visitors will be asked to present an identification such as a driver's license, which can either be scanned or manually entered into the system. If a parent or guardian does not have a US government-issued identification, for any reason, the visitor may submit an alternative form of identification for school staff to enter into the Raptor system.

The Raptor system checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. The registered sex offender database is the only official database checked by the Raptor system. No other data from the identification is gathered or recorded and the information is not shared with any outside agency. The Raptor system will check to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not allowed on our campuses. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit. A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those who visit our schools simply to drop off an item at the front gate.

The safety of our students is our highest priority and the Raptor visitor management system allows us to quickly identify those who may present a danger to our students or staff. Please continue to follow school safety and security practices at your school in the new school year as we all work together to keep our students and staff safe while on campus.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school safety and security measures.

Sincerely, Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent

Morning Walks - All Visitors Must Wear Badge

Parents who join classrooms on their morning walks must still sign-in and wear a badge. Staff must remind parents and other visitors of this.

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/1keDZqHID0rbiVuekpgGeiuiF3kqs-zQ_/view?usp=sharing

Parking on Fernhill - Tickets Being Given by Sheriff

Please respect the no parking signs and be aware the Sheriff is now issuing tickets.

Emergency Drills at School

Per SMMUSD regulations, every month MES will conduct fire drills, every quarter MES will conduct earthquake drills, and each semester MES will conduct lockdown drills. Each drill is preceded with staff and student training and every drill is debriefed for improvements. To date we have conducted one fire and one earthquake drill. Drills are not always published in advance, especially towards the end of the school year.

Teachers Collaborate on Priority Learning Targets

Our teachers have reviewed achievement data and each grade level team has identified a single top learning target. Monthly the teachers revisit their plan to ensure that the best teaching strategies are being leveraged. Each month the grade level teacher teams report out their challenges and successes to their peers at MES. At semester's end we reflect and determine what the next top focus will be. This cycle of inquiry is key to ensuring student success at MES.

Volunteers Needed at MES

There are four areas where we need some volunteer help pretty quickly:

Valet Duty: Help keep the afternoon pick-up line 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

Computer Lab: Help keep the computer lab neat and tidy. Volunteers needed to maintain the keyboards with cling wrap, tidy up cords, reboot computers, and report issues to the principal.

Time commitment: 15 minutes, 2 days/week (if you can only do one way, that's ok)

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, preferred, or whatever day is best for you

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Emergency Supplies Backpacks: Volunteers needed to inventory all backpacks in the rooms and stock new backpacks for classroom without a backpacks.

Time commitment: 4-5 hours; one-time

When: All backpacks need to be in place by the end of the September.

Library: The Library is staffed by only one librarian, so we need volunteers to help keep the library running. Whether it is checking out books to students and families, shelving, or getting new books labels.

Time commitment: Minimum 1 hour shifts, but can be longer

When: Volunteers are needed daily between 9am – 3:30pm, but especially on Mondays that the librarian is at the monthly meetings. (See next article about library closures.)

For more information about these volunteer opportunities, please contact Mr. Hertz at chertz@smmusd.org or at 310-457-9370 ext.78-202

Library Hours and Closure Dates

The library is open to parents and students from 9 - 3:30.

Below are details about when the library is currently scheduled to be closed.

Detailed Daily Library Schedule

	Break	Lunch
Monday	10:15 - 10:30	12:15 - 12:45
Tuesday	10:15 - 10:30	1 - 1:30
Wednesday	10:15 - 10:30	11:30 - 12
Thursday	10:00 - 10:15	11:30 - 12
Friday	10:15 - 10:30	1 - 1:30

Days the Library is Scheduled to Be Closed

- 10/14/2019
- 11/18/2019
- 12/9/2019
- 1/13/2020
- 2/10/2020
- 3/9/2020
- 5/11/2020

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:

Handbook:

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

Regulations:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p3QSNs0yNQO6K9pEPkLxzybfpGEzOPOY/view?usp=sharing>

Form:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-eA8hVaJJ5FPMEIPOJ2nl6tDy7tcx4bp/view?usp=sharing>

Attendance at School - Kindergarten Meeting

Please see our Superintendent's message to parents/guardians about attendance. Additionally all kindergarten parents are asked to attend a meeting on Thursday, September 27, 8:30 - 9 at to discuss the importance of coming to school everyday and on-time. At this meeting we will review the second link below. Together we can help our children achieve more!

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H2WvQ9fLAUVpNu-s256mh6O2715IBbES/view?usp=sharing>

International Day of Peace!

Over the next two weeks, long time educator, Ms. Zoe Langley, will be rehearsing with Malibu Elementary School students during the lunch period to prepare for a stage production celebrating The International Day of Peace. This performance will take place on the morning of Friday, September 27th from 8:30-9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria and on the school yard, and is a school wide assembly and performance to which parents are invited. For more information please see the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qySfyD1BQoZ9IbWoxFfpPAt2n2BZ5joD/view?usp=sharing>

MES Online 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-YrdhVcAExpFRac3SDp6tNNWzFaVB4pkEPxSkbQ/edit?usp=sharing>

SSC - Mascot Decision Plan - Parent & Staff Survey

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. Below is the survey. Please give input by September 30th.

<https://forms.gle/6d8wTKdpMuqeSNNe9>

MES SSC Update

As published in parent Newsletter #5, the SSC has been elected and chosen officers. The SSC is now finalizing Bylaws. Bylaws help elected bodies make decisions and require careful planning. Soon the SSC will be focused on how to maximize student achievement and how to create the best overall learning environment in which students feel welcomed, safe and included. Achievement data and past surveys will be analyzed for possible direction. Parental involvement strategies will be developed to help ensure success. Please look for updates in future Parent Newsletters.

Fridays are Spirit Days at Malibu Elementary

Spirit days are back! Students, teachers, support staff, volunteers, and parents are encouraged to show their school pride by wearing our school tee shirts and colors (blue and green) on Fridays. Your participation sends a positive message to students, parents, and staff that we are school with pride and team spirit. Thank you for your weekly support.

Lost and Found Lunchbox Cart Needed- Can You Help Us?

MES needs a large, low cart to store misplaced lunch boxes, water bottles, 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):

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

The lost lunchbox cart will be in the cafeteria.