



# Parent Newsletter

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## Updated Calendar

### SMMUSD Master Calendar

Fri - Sun	11/8 - 11/17	Landscaping will be done near the new bungalows, BioClean Berm, & Kinder Yard
Tues	11/12	Holiday Concert Practices Begin with Artist Julia Holland / Every Tuesday Kindergarten Tide Pool Walk (12:30 – 2:00)
Wed	11/13	Lunchtime Nutcracker Practices Begin with Artist Zoe Langley / Every day Student Council Meeting / Lunchtime PTA Annual Meet and Greet Event for K-2 Parents (Adults only) / 7 - 9pm @ Pt. Dume Club House 29500 Heathercliff Road ( <a href="#">Flyer link</a> )
Thurs	11/14	1st Grade Field Trip / 8:30 - 1:30 @ Underwood Farms in Moorpark School Site Council Meeting / 3:15 - 4:45 @ Library ( <a href="#">Agenda link</a> )
Fri	11/15	Mr. Hertz off Campus - Attending Bully Prevention Refresher Course / 8 - 3
Mon	11/18	Library Closed (Library Volunteers Wanted, please contact Library Tech Keshia to get started)
Tues	11/19	Holiday Boutique / 9am-3pm @ Point Dume Clubhouse ( <a href="#">Flyer link</a> )
Wed	11/20	Vision and Hearing Screening Day (See article below) PTA Annual Meet and Greet Event for 3-5 Parents (Adults only) / 7 - 9pm @ Pt. Dume Club House
Thurs	11/21	PS Arts Afternoon Parent Event / 3 - 5 @ cafetorium Malibu Latino Parents Group Meeting / 6 - 8pm @ cafetorium
Mon	11/25	Tate and Levy Field Trip / 8:15 - 12:45 @ Create Studios in Westlake
Tues	11/26	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 / <b>No School</b>
Fri	11/29	<b>No School</b>
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	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	1/6	School Resumes Welcome Back Rules 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**

**Morning Drop Off Concerns Expressed by Kinder Parents After City Makes Changes:** As you have read repeatedly the past few months, the safe but quick arrival and departure of students has been a priority for Malibu Elementary. Until now the biggest concern has been departure. We have been experiencing gridlock and traffic on the wrong side of the road on Fernhill. Recently the City placed temporary signs along Fernhill Dr. that will match the signs on Grayfox to ensure that vehicles do not park from 7:30 - 8:30 AM MON-FRI , 2-3:00 PM MON-THUR AND 12-1 PM FRIDAY (SCHOOL DAYS). While I am elated to have relief at Departure Time, we now have a safety concern at Arrival Time. The safety challenge is that now Kinder parents who cannot find parking at school must park further down or across the street. As there are no sidewalks to the west of the school nor across the street from the school, parents must walk their children in the street. The 10 or so spots on the north side of Fernhill in the morning are now lost to these parents. Last week was by far the most vocal the parents have been this year about getting to school safely. The parents have told me that they will be contacting City Traffic and the Sheriff. Our elected Site Council will be discussing this new concern on Thursday at their regular meeting. Safety Plans are a direct responsibility of the SSC. All parents and citizens are welcome to address the SSC. The temporary no parking signs extend right up to the Metro bus stop on Fernhill. The District will soon erect permanent signs, but in the meantime, the City has provided temporary signs. The change in signs coupled with parent volunteers should help significantly with unsafe Departure Patterns. We are also requesting that crosswalks be added to the Grayfox / Fernhill intersection. I want to thank the parents and neighbors who have joined our SSC in asking the City to help us out. It looks like MES is making progress! Now we just need volunteers for Grayfox after school. Please contact me to get involved. MES needs your help.

**Conference Week:** Thank you to all the parents/guardians who were able to come last week. Some of you have appointments this week. This is the most important parent event of the fall. At Back-to-School Night, 74.2 % of parents were able to join us. For parents who could not attend BTSN, it is imperative that you participate in conferences. Tell your child you are going and that their learning is of the utmost importance to you. Come back to your child with at least one thing to praise them about and at least one goal for improvement. Make sure your child is praised for their effort and understands his/her goal. Ultimately you want your child to know that the adults in his/her life are working together to help your child. You want your child to understand that it is their effort that will carry them through academia and life. You want your child to always have goals. Thank you for your partnership. Once all conferences are held, a final percentage of parent involvement will be published. Our goal is 100%!

**Book Fair:** Thank you to numerous volunteers who helped set up and run the Book Fair. You arrived early and stayed late. On behalf of the teachers and library program, we could not have done this without you. Soon I will share how much MES earned towards new classroom and library books. Another Book Fair is coming this spring!

Together for kids,  
Chris Hertz

## **Winter Holiday Show Information**

Thanks to a generous gift from parents and some price-reduction negotiating, artist Julia Holland will be leading our k-5 classrooms in learning secular holiday songs and holding two concerts (k-2 & 3-5). The concerts are on Friday, December 20 @ 8:30 - 9:30 (K-2) and 10:30 - 11:30 (3-5).

## **Clean Beach Poster Contest - 3-5th Graders Enter Now - Deadline Jan 12**

[https://beaches.lacounty.gov/postercontest-enter/?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://beaches.lacounty.gov/postercontest-enter/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

## **MBGC Wellness Center Update**

The Wellness Center, a program and service of the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, conducted seminars in each classroom at the Malibu Elementary and Webster Elementary Schools for the Woolsey Fire anniversary. Director of the Wellness Center, Randi Goodman LMFT #52964, focused on discussing the stories each child had in a safe environment, while reiterating that there is no fear in getting your emotions triggered as the anniversary nears. That is a normal reaction. With fires frequenting the area over the past month, it was great to see the children speak so freely about their worries and troubles while making sure we were there to support them and provide them with as much comfort and knowledge as possible. Each child received a bracelet by the Wellness Center, with a specific encouraging word that they recited at the end of the presentation to show strength and community.

The goal of the Wellness Center is to provide program and support services that promote healthy social and emotional intelligence, development, well-being, and academic achievement of all youth in the Malibu community.

### 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](#)).

### California Wildlife Center

Last Monday, January 4, the California Wildlife Center gave an assembly to the 4th and 5th graders. CWC saves local animals including Sea Lions. Many thanks to parent leader Vidas Enck for arranging this assembly. Our goal is to inspire our students to become environmental stewards, to champion the needs of other species, to improve improve our world. Coupled with our Marine Science program and our Deep Learning initiative, we hope our students will begin to envision their lives as leaders for good.

### Safer Internet Skills for Parents, Parent Education Tuesday, December 10

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, November 20th 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

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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/1keDZqHID0rbiVuekpgGeiiuF3kgs-zQ\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1keDZqHID0rbiVuekpgGeiiuF3kgs-zQ_/view?usp=sharing)

## **PTA News**

### **Parent Meet and Greet Events - Community Builder**

The MES PTA is sponsoring two Meet and Greets for families over the next couple of weeks. These adult only events will give parents the opportunity to meet and mingle socially. The soirees will be broken down by grade level. The first one will be for K-2nd grades on Wednesday, November 13, and the second will be for 3rd-5th grades on Wednesday, November 20. Both will take place at the Clubhouse at the Point Dume Club from 7pm-9pm. There will be light snacks and drinks served. ([Flyer Link](#))

### **Holiday Boutique**

Support the PTA and enjoy some holiday shopping with local vendors at the Holiday Boutique on Tuesday, November 19 from 9am-3pm at the Point Dume Club – Clubhouse, 29500 Heathercliff Road. ([Flyer Link](#))

### **Holiday Show – Volunteers Needed**

PTA is sponsoring the all-school Holiday Show on Friday, December 20. We need volunteers to help fabricate costumes, decorate, and assist with hospitality. If you have any interest in helping, please email your information to [mespta90265@gmail.com](mailto:mespta90265@gmail.com).

### **Giving Week**

The inaugural Malibu Elementary School PTA Giving Week was a success! We raised \$46,730! This money will be used to fund instructional aides and classroom supplies, technology subscriptions, scholastically enriching assemblies, marine science lab maintenance, and family fun events like the upcoming Holiday Show.

Thank you to our families who donated during Giving Week:

Vanessa & Steve Alexander

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William Mullally  
Jennifer O`Hara  
Cynthia Owens  
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Rebecca Richard  
Margaret Russell  
Sarah Ryan  
Cesar Sanchez  
Roslyn Satchel  
Fred Scott  
Nadine Setz  
Melissa Shanahan  
The Shoshan Family  
Julie Siegel  
Mikael Soderlindh  
Melissa Solano  
Gloria Stimpfl  
Erin von Watts  
Brittany Walker  
Bracken Webb  
Sarah Wells  
Genevieve Witt

