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Malibu Elementary School Announces New Mascot, Logo and School Song

Malibu Elementary School has announced the selection of a sea lion as the school's new mascot and unveiled its new logo. The elected school site council worked with students, staff and parents in making the decision. Along with the new mascot and logo, the school released a school song, composed by Craig Stuart Garfinkle, a former Malibu resident currently residing in Ireland.

Garfinkle wrote the playful lyrics that represent the school and community well, "Here at Malibu Elementary, where our childhood dreams come true." And, "With surf, sand and sun, shining every day . . ." [Listen to the song here.](#)

The logo design incorporates the school colors of blue and green, and includes a smiling sea lion against a shining sun and waves background.



Malibu Elementary School opened in August on the site of the former Point Dume Marine Science School, following the merging of Point Dume with Juan Cabrillo Elementary School.

The newly combined school has 285 students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade and is under the direction of Principal Mr. Chris Hertz.

"I am very pleased that the elected school site council, composed equally of parents and staff, selected the sea lion," Hertz said. "Sea lions are frequently heard and spotted off the cliffs below the school. The council wanted a local animal that had not been the previous mascot of our two founding schools and they wanted input from students, staff and parents. The sea lion emerged on top! The students love making the sea lion bark at our rallies!"

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