

Mission Valley Parent Bulletin

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Important Dates:

- 9/11-9/19:
Book Fair
- 9/17:
Back to School Night
- 9/18:
District Facilities Meeting
- 9/21:
School Clean Up Day
- 9/24:
Site Council Mtg, 3:15pm,
Room 6
- 10/8:
Picture Day

Principal's Message

We are off to a great school year! Thank you to MVSA for organizing the welcome back tea and staffing our before and after school valet.

I ask all of our families to join our Mission Valley School Association (MVSA). This is an organization that really makes a difference in making our school fabulous. Getting involved is

fun, rewarding, and very satisfying. There is one common goal...our students. We also seek parent volunteers in the classrooms. You can help make a difference for the teachers.



Staffing

We have a new classroom teacher this school year. The Mission Valley community welcomes back Mrs. Lisa Denton (formally Spampinato). Mrs. Denton has returned to us this year to teach a 4th grade class. We are all happy to have her back with us.

Outdoor Hooks

Thank you to the 2012-2013 Student Council for donating \$10,000 toward the purchase of outdoor hooks. We were able to place hooks outside our classrooms. Their gift is greatly appreciated.

Mission Valley Clean Up & Beautification Day

MVSA has planned a campus beautification day on Saturday, September 21st from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Everyone is invited to stop by and help with weeding, cleaning, etc. It is a day to help make Mission Valley a cleaner and greener place to be. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. Please check the MVSA website for more information.

Back to School Night

This evening is for parents to listen to teachers' presentations about the upcoming school year's events, curriculum, and have questions answered. **Teachers will pass out their classroom and homework policy, rules, and procedures. Please keep these at home for reference throughout the school year.**

6:00-6:45pm- Grades 1-3 in classrooms

7:00- 7:20pm- Principal & MVSA talk in MUR

7:30-8:15pm- Grades K and 4-6 in classrooms

Town Hall Meeting—Facilities Planning

The Fremont Unified School District will hold five Town Hall Meetings in September to review proposed master plan recommendations for all of the sites in the District. These public forums will provide attendees with an opportunity for input on recommendations to mod-

ernize and improve the schools in each of the attendance areas. The meetings will be held at five high schools. The discussion will include all schools within that attendance area. All Fremont residents are welcome, and FUSD families and employees are encouraged to

attend.

The Mission Attendance Area meeting will take place at Mission San Jose High School in Cafeteria A on Wednesday, September 18 from 6-8:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact Therese Gain, Director, Facilities at 657-0761 or tgain@fremont.k12.ca.us

CELDT 2013-14

The State of California mandates that the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) be given to students who speak another language when they first enter a California public school. This test identifies students who are English learners (limited in English proficiency) so that schools may imme-

diately provide appropriate instruction to meet their needs. The CELDT must also be given to all English learners every year to monitor their progress in learning English and to help evaluate the programs they receive. The test has four parts: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. For the

2013/2014 school year, FUSD will be giving this test starting Oct. 1 until Oct.31, 2013. Additionally, we found some students who were never initially tested upon registration. These students will also be tested during this time frame. If you have any questions about the test, please call the Language Assessment Center at (510) 659-2564.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be here from Wednesday, September 11 until Thursday September 19. It will be held in room 6 during the following times:

Sept 11 & 18, 8:15am - 2.00pm

Sept 12, 13, 16 & 17, 8:15am - 3:30pm

Sept 19, 8:15am -12:30pm

The Book Fair will also be open during Back to School night Tuesday September 17, 5:30 - 8:30pm and will be open for students during morning recess and at lunch. There is also an Online Book Fair which runs from Monday September 9 until September 29 at: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/missionvalleyelemschl>

Volunteers needed!

Sign up to help at : <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054CA8A729A75-scholastic1>

Common Core

What are the Common Core Standards?

On August 2, 2010, the California State Board of Education voted unanimously to adopt new standards for both mathematics and English-language arts. The new standards are rigorous, research-based, and designed to prepare every student for success in college and the workforce. The standards are internationally benchmarked to ensure that our students are able to compete with students around the globe.

California's Adoption of Common Core State Standards:

The K-12 Common Core State Standards were developed through a state-led effort to establish consistent and clear education standards for English-language arts and mathematics. The initiative was launched by and supported by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association.

California will begin to implement the Common Core State Standards during the 2013-14 school year. The Common Core State Standards are two-fold, addressing both content to be covered and "habits of mind," that students will engage in as they gain content expertise. Implementation of the Common Core State Standards in California's schools will occur in stages over the next few years.

Why are we changing to the Common Core Standards?

Before the creation of the Common Core Standards, each state has had separate and different sets of education standards, or lists of skills that students are expected to learn by the time they graduate each grade. Teachers use those standards to teach students at each grade level, but with those state standards, if a student were to move to a different state it was likely that they had not learned the same skills. Many educators and parents have expressed concern over the fact that American students are graduating from high school with too few skills, resulting in students who are not prepared for college and careers. In response to these concerns, educational leaders from 48 states worked with the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), and wrote a set of standards for students across the United States. These Common Core State Standards were released in 2010. Now, 44 states (including California) are working to begin implementation of the Common Core Standards during the 2013-14 school year.

More information about the Common Core Standards can be found on-line at the CDE website. Informational flyers that offer overviews and highlights of the Common Core Standards are available in five languages at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cc/ccssinfoflyers.asp>



Parent Representative Advisory Assembly

The Parent Representative Advisory Assembly (PRAA) provides a place for parents to discuss important district issues with other involved parents, to advise the Superintendent about issues of interest to parents and to bring timely, accurate information from the district back to their school sites. A PRAA representative and an alternate are elected from each school site. PRAA will meet on a quarterly basis with the Superintendent.

The term of appointment is 2 years. A member may be eligible for reappointment. PRAA meetings are held in the FUSD Professional Development Center at 4210 Technology Drive. Please check the FUSD website for the meeting dates.

All parents are welcome to apply. Whether you are a parent of a new kindergarten student or the parent of a student preparing to graduate, your perspective and ideas are valuable. The PRAA has provided key input into Board decisions and policies on

safety/emergency readiness, equity issues and communication.

The PRAA also has advised the District and informed parents about many other issues including: testing, budgets, curriculum, technology, and bullying.

To apply to represent your school, please complete an application form and return it to your school office. For more info please contact your principal, visit the FUSD website.

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Contact Information:

Absence Line:
656-2000

Lunch Account Info:
656-2000 ext.34182

Website:
www.fremont.k12.ca.us/mve

Principal:
Genevieve Randolph

Secretary:
Cara Madden-Watson

Attendance Clerk:
Chris Richardson

A Few Campus Reminders

CELL PHONES:

Students in grades K—6 are not allowed to carry cell phones and/or pagers at school unless the principal has given that student specific written approval. Applications for students to carry cell phones are available in the office. A new application must be submitted EACH year. Student and parent(s) must sign the application form AND attach a letter stating why the phone is necessary. Phones must be kept turned OFF at school.

CLASSROOM ACCESS:

Classrooms will not be unlocked after school for ANY reason. Items left behind will have to wait until the next school day to be picked up.

DROPPING OFF ITEMS:

All homework, projects or other materials forgotten at home must be delivered to the office. These items will be placed in the teacher's mailbox.

We DO NOT allow parents to interrupt class to deliver homework or other forgotten items.

LUNCHES:

School lunches are \$2.75. Please make checks payable to "CNS" and make sure your child's name AND room number are written on the "Memo" line at the bottom of the check. On-line payment now available and this can be accessed by going to the FUSD homepage Quicklinks and click on "My Nutrikids On-Line Meal Payment".

Please refrain from sending glass containers with your child's lunch. Glass bottles and bowls can accidentally break and injure students.

Emergency Meals are always available for students who lose or forget their lunch or lunch money. Payment is expected the next day. Only two (2) consecutive meals may be charged to your student's account. Students will then be offered a cheese sandwich and milk until payment is received.

Forgotten Lunches should be brought directly to the office. Please make sure they are labeled with your child's name and room number and leave it in the large blue basket just inside the office.

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD COME TO THE OFFICE TO CHECK FOR FORGOTTEN LUNCHES BEFORE GOING TO THE CAFETERIA.

MORNING AND AFTERNOON PROCEDURES:

Kindergarten students meet in the corridor on the side of the office facing the K playground. They are dismissed from class to the corridor for after school pick up. Parents are asked to wait in the corridor. Please check with the k teachers for more information on procedures.

Grades 4-6 report to the playground at 8:10am and grades 1-3 at 8:20am. Students should not be on playground until adult supervision begins. After the bell rings, all students line up behind their classroom number on the playground. All teachers meet their classes on the playground daily. **On rainy days students will report to the Multi Use Room until school begins. FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OF OUR CHILDREN, PARENTS MAY NOT FOLLOW STUDENTS/CLASS TO THE CLASSROOM.**

RESTROOMS:

Only Mission Valley students are permitted to use the student restrooms on campus. Adults who wish to use the restrooms need to go to the office and use the restroom in the nurse's room.