

# Mission Valley Parent Bulletin

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### Important Dates:

- 10/8:  
Picture Day  
MVSA Mtg, 7pm
- 10/9:  
Unity Day
- 10/15:  
School Site Council Mtg, 3:15pm
- 10/17:  
Great Shake Out Drill  
ELAC Meeting, 3pm  
GATE Info Mtg, 7pm at MSJ High
- 10/27:  
Fremont Run 4 Education
- 10/31:  
Walk About Day

## Principal's Message

Thank you MVSA, parents, teachers, and students who came and helped "beautify" Mission Valley school on Saturday, September 21st. We had a successful clean-up day! Your labor of love is greatly appreciated.

If you have not done so, please join MVSA. MVSA is our Mission Valley School Association. They do many great things for the staff and students at Mission Valley. MVSA partners with Mission Valley staff to make Mission Valley a school where learning and caring are priority.



## **Free and Reduced Lunch**

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Free and Reduced Meal Applications must be submitted every school year. Applications are available on the FUSD website and in the school office. You must turn in your application directly to Child Nutrition Services at the District Office.

## **Lunch Milk in the Cafeteria**

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FUSD Wellness Committee has recommended that for the school year 2013-14, only unflavored milk is offered during the week. Chocolate Nonfat Milk will be offered only on Fridays. During the rest of the week, unflavored nonfat and 1% Lowfat milk will be offered. The carton color for the Nonfat milk is Pink, while the carton color for the 1% Lowfat is Green. The District has no jurisdiction or input over the colors used for the milk cartons. All milk offered meets the nutritional guidelines set forth by the USDA.

## **Unity Day– October 9**

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**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> is National Bully Prevention “Unity Day”.** Unity Day is meant for all schools and communities to link together and **wear orange** to show support for the fight against bullying. Wearing orange on Unity Day signifies supporting anyone who has been bullied, and signifies that the person wearing it, wants to help put an end to all bullying.

**Wear orange on October 9<sup>th</sup> to support the effort to stop Bullying.**

## **FUSD Long Range Facilities Plan**

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FUSD is currently pursuing Long Range Facilities Planning for the Future of the FUSD Schools. At the Mission Attendance Area Town Hall Meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, we received the proposed plan for Mission Valley School. This plan is posted in the bulletin board in the office for all to review.

## **Run 4 Education—October 27**

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Come out for a morning of fun and exercise on Sunday October 27, 2013, to support Fremont Education Foundation’s annual *Run 4 Education* at Lake Elizabeth. Join the fun as parents, students, teachers, and FUSD staff work together to raise money for the Guy Emanuele Sports Fund during the 9th Annual *Run 4 Education*. This year, Lam Research is FEF’s presenting sponsor with its generous \$7500 donation and will be promoting the Elementary School Challenge. The elementary school with the most run participants (students, adults, teachers, administrators) will receive a \$1000 grant! For more information please visit [www.fremonstrun4education.org](http://www.fremonstrun4education.org).

## **CELDT 2013-14**

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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 immediately 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, Fremont Unified will be giving this test starting October 1 until October 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 Federal and State Projects at (510) 659-2531.

## Common Core Corner

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How are Common Core Standards similar and different from the Standards our students have been learning?

### 1. The Common Core Standards are State-Driven:

The Common Core State Standards are similar to the Standards our students have been learning in that the standards are still a set of learning skills for each grade level, but instead of them possibly learning different standards in each state, they will learn standards that are much more similar across the nation. The Common Core Standards are a set of grade level learning skills that all American students should achieve by the end of each school year. They are not a federal curriculum. They are a set of benchmarks and guidelines for what each student should learn at each grade level. They do not tell teachers how they should teach.

### 2. The Common Core Standards are a Progression:

Our students will continue to learn grade level appropriate skills in a logical succession. The common Core State Standards are set up as a progression of skills that students learn as they move through school. For example, Kindergartners work on phonics and letter sounds, while eighth graders work on building higher-level vocabulary skills and reading fluency.

### 3. Students will Delve Deeper into Core Concepts:

The Common Core State Standards focus on the most important topics that students need to know. The difference is that students will learn those grade level topics at a much deeper level. For example, in math, students focus on fully understanding numbers in elementary school before they start to apply that understanding of numbers to data in Junior High School.

## School Site Council Elections

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Congratulations to Gita Suraj. She was voted in by the Mission Valley community as our new School Site Council Parent Representative for 2013-2014.



## Parent Representative Advisory Assembly

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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.

# Mission Valley Elementary

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## Contact Information:

**Absence Line:**  
656-2000

**Lunch Account Info:**  
656-2000 ext.34182

**Website:**  
[www.fremont.k12.ca.us/mve](http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/mve)

**Principal:**  
Genevieve Randolph

**Secretary:**  
Cara Madden-Watson

**Attendance Clerk:**  
Chris Richardson

**\*\*Fremont Unified School District is part of a culturally and linguistically rich community. Our policies embrace a discrimination and harassment free environment.**

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities which receive Federal financial assistance. Title IX states that: No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.\*\*

## 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.