

Mission Valley Parent Bulletin

Principal's Message

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As the end of the First Trimester is approaching, families will be receiving information from their child's teacher regarding conferences. This relationship is critical for the success of students as we work together to prepare ALL students to be "College and Career" ready.

Parent conferences are during the week of November 18th. Therefore, we are having early release days during the week of November 18th. I look forward to seeing all of you on our campus during parent-teacher conferences.

We all have a great deal to be thankful of this month. I am thankful to be working with a community that embraces diversity and caring. Have a wonderful day of thanks with your family and friends.

Important Dates:

- 11/7:
TGIF Parent Meeting, 7pm, Library
- 11/11:
No School, Veterans' Day
- 11/12:
—Make-Up Picture Day
—MVSA Mtg, 7pm, Library
- 11/15:
End of 1st Trimester
- 11/18-11/22:
Early Release Days & Parent -
Teacher Conferences
- 11/25-11.29:
No School
- 12/3:
6th Grade Science Camp Parent
Preview, 5:30pm



Free and Reduced Lunch

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

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.

Safety is IMPORTANT at Mission Valley

We have had several complaints of unsafe conditions during drop off and pick up times. Please remember that the speed limit on Denise Street is 25 mph and the speed limit within the Mission Valley boundaries is 5 mph. In the morning, please do not drop your kids off by the cones. This is very dangerous for students crossing in the cross walk and is dangerous students working on the Safety Patrol.

Most importantly, please remember to listen to the students on the Safety Patrol. They have been trained to follow our traffic rules. Also, we have had several complaints of people either being disrespectful to or not listening to the adults who help with the traffic — please remember that these are your neighbors and/or your children's teachers and they are volunteering their time to make sure your children are safe during drop off and pick up times.

Lost and Found Items

Please check the lost and found for your children's belongings. Any items not picked up by the end of the day on 11/22 will be donated to charity.

Lose Your Lawn & Earn Money for Mission Valley

The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) recently sponsored a wonderful water conservation assembly by the musical duo ZunZun here at Mission Valley Elementary. At the conclusion of the assembly, your child received a Bird & Butterfly Garden Starter Kit, which contains wildflower seeds native to Alameda County. These wildflowers are drought tolerant (they can survive on the natural rains we receive) and will attract hummingbirds and butterflies to your yard. By planting them, you'll get a glimpse of what your yard could look like if you replaced your lawn with water efficient landscaping.

The instruction sheet in the Bird & Butterfly Starter Kit contains information on ACWD's Water Efficient Landscape Rebate Program. Through this program, you can receive up to a \$1500 rebate for replacing your front lawn with drought tolerant landscaping. Better yet, if you participate in this program and replace your lawn before December 2014, ACWD will award Mission Valley \$200.

Please visit www.acwd.org/welrp to learn more about ACWD's Water Efficient Landscape Rebate Program. Here you will be able to enter a contest to win a \$200 gift certificate to a local landscape supply store and nursery and get information on how the Rebate Program works.

Common Core Corner

The Reading Standards will become more difficult:

As the Common Core State Standards are implemented, students will be expected to read more difficult text sooner. They will also be expected to discuss what they read at a more complex level. For example, instead of pulling out individual text elements, such as characters, plot, and setting, students will read and listen to various stories, and then they will compare stories using their understanding of text elements. Students will also be encouraged to analyze and synthesize text by answering more in-depth "why" and "how" questions.

There will be more focus on Informational Text:

To prepare students for college-level work, there will be more focus on informational and expository text. Students at all grade levels will be encouraged and expected to read more informational and expository text both inside and outside the classroom.

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/ccssinorflyers.asp>



MVSA

MVSA is generously providing a bonus \$250 gift card to use in the classroom and a pizza party for each classroom where 100% of the parents make a donation to MVSA. Please consider making a donation. Not only will this help your child's class earn extra money and a pizza party, but you will also be contributing to a wonderful organization. The MVSA pays for your student's field trip transportation, provides money for teachers to purchase important items for their classroom, organizes fundraisers and community building events such as the recent Halloween Carnival, and much, much, much more. MVSA accepts any donation amount. Please make sure checks are made out to MVSA and that you note your child's name and room number so that classroom gets credit. As of this writing, Ms. Ilag's class in room 23 has reached the 100% donation mark.

Become a Member of the Measure K Citizen's Committee

The Measure K Committee is actively looking for new members. Members may be a parent or guardian of a current FUSD student or a business/community member in the City of Fremont. Qualified applicants must be eligible to vote in the Fremont Unified School District and may not be an employee, official, ven-

dor, contractor, or consultant of the District. If you would like more information about the committee or you would like to apply to become a member, please contact the office of Raul A. Parungao, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, at 510-659-2572 or visit the District website at <http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/domain/3365>.

The Measure K Parcel Tax was approved the voters of Fremont in November 2010, and is in effect for a 5-year period. The purpose of the Committee is to monitor the receipt of funds and the expenditures according to the will of the voters as expressed in the ballot text.

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

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.