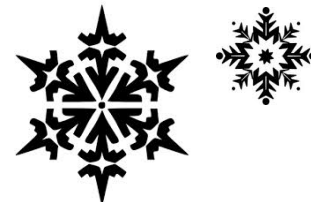


# Mission Valley Parent Bulletin



## Principal's Message

Welcome 2014! We hope our families had a restful and fun-filled vacation and wish everyone a happy and healthy 2014. Our school year moves at such a fast pace that I want to take a moment to thank our families for being our partners in education. Thank you for all you do for your child to get them to school bright and early and ready to learn. We have an enormous responsibility at Mission Valley to spend our precious hours providing your child opportunities to learn and grow. We would not be able to do this without your help.

Are you wondering how to start the year 2014 on a positive note? Encourage your child to make a resolution to learn a new skills, improve on an old one, or do something for others. If a connection can be made between a New Year's resolution and building responsibility it may be possible to develop more confidence, success and motivation in your child.

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### Important Dates:

- Tues., 1/10: Geography Bee
- Tues., 1/7—Tues., 1/14: Sibling Registration Packets Available
- Mon. 1/13: MV Basketball at Mission Valley
- Tues., 1/14—Fri., 1/17: 6th Grade Students at Science Camp
- Tues., 1/14: MVSA Meeting, 7 pm, Staff Room
- Wed., 1/15— Wed. 1/22: Sibling Registration (by appointment)
- Fri., 1/17: MVSA Movie Night
- Mon., 1/20 : No School—Martin Luther King ,Jr. Day
- Tues., 1/21 : SSC Meeting
- Thurs., 1/23: MV Basketball at Mission Valley
- Fri., 1/24– Thurs., 1/30: FAME
- Thurs., 1/30: Anti-Bullying Assembly

## Common Core Corner

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### Organization of the Common Core Standards for Mathematics:

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics for kindergarten through grade eight are organized by domain. Students in kindergarten through grade five are expected to achieve mastery in whole numbers, arithmetic (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) and to develop a strong conceptual understanding and procedural skill with fractions. These are all critical foundations for the learning of algebra. The standards for grades six and seven extend work with fractions and develop concepts such as rational numbers and proportional relationships.

### Preparing our students for success in Algebra 1:

The CCSS for Mathematics are consistent with the goal that all students succeed in Algebra 1. Students who master the content and skills through grade seven will be well-prepared for algebra in grade eight. Recognizing that all students must continue their study of mathematics, the CCSS moves students forward with grade eight standards that prepare them for higher math, including Algebra 1.

Preparing our students for real world issues and challenges:

Across grade levels and content areas, the CCSS for Mathematics are designed to balance the development of conceptual understandings with the acquisition of procedural skills. Students are expected to apply mathematical ways of thinking to real world issues and challenges, to construct sound mathematical arguments, and to be precise in their mathematical communications.

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*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/ccssinforflyers.asp>*

## Mission Valley Common Core Parent Night

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**SAVE THE DATE:** Thursday, February 20th from 6:00pm-7:00pm, we are having a parent Common Core Information Night at Mission Valley School. More details to come.

## Hopkins Band: Info Night for 6th Grade Parents & Concert Info

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Did you know that Hopkins JHS has one of the best Middle School Bands and the best Middle School Orchestra in California? On Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at 7 p.m. the Hopkins JHS Music Department will be holding a Music Information Night **for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Hopkins in 2014**. This night is for all parents of all current 6<sup>th</sup> grade band and string students in the Mission San Jose Attendance Area (Chadbourne, Gomes, Mission San Jose, and Mission Valley), and for any additional parents interested in learning more about the Award-Winning Music Dept. at Hopkins. (Students can begin playing band instruments in 7<sup>th</sup> grade even if they have no experience!) Topics to be covered include the music classes offered at Hopkins JHS, the registration process for students entering Hopkins in 2014-2015, and the many benefits of taking music classes in school. For more information, please visit the Hopkins Music Department website at [www.musicathopkins.com](http://www.musicathopkins.com), or contact Mr. Conway at [gconway@musicathopkins.com](mailto:gconway@musicathopkins.com). Also, an informational packet about the Hopkins JHS Bands and Orchestras will be mailed to all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in January, so please watch your mail for this packet!

If you are interested in attending a Hopkins Concert, the Advanced Elementary Band Winter Concert is on January 23 and the Elementary Orchestra Concert is on January 27. Both are at 7pm in the Hopkins Gym.

## 2014-2015 Enrollment for NEW students

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### **For new students with a sibling currently in grades K-5 at Mission Valley (or a sibling in TK as a Mission Valley resident):**

Enrollment packets for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten siblings of current Mission Valley TK-5th graders can be picked up in the office from January 7 to January 14th.

### **For new students with NO sibling(s) in grades TK-5 at Mission Valley:**

Enrollment for new families is no longer done at the school sites. To start the process, go to [www.fremont.k12.ca.us](http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us) and click on "Online Enrollment". You must fill out the online form AND make an appointment to go to the district office to finish your child's enrollment. Online enrollment begins on February 3. Please note: registration for the 2014-15 school year will not be available prior to this date.

### **For students CURRENTLY ATTENDING Mission Valley (or TK as a Mission Valley resident):**

Reservation forms will be sent via US mail to each current student's home during the week of February 10. Reservation forms are due back by March 3. Any current student that does not turn in their reservation form by this date will lose their spot at Mission Valley for the 2014-15 school year.

#### IMPORTANT:

A reservation form will be sent home to each current student. If you have multiple children at Mission Valley, you must turn in the reservation form and required residency documents for each child.

We will not accept copies of the reservation form. You must turn in the original form that was sent to your home.

## Mission Valley Basketball

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Listed below is the schedule for this year's Mission Valley basketball games. Come out and show your Mission Valley pride and support as you cheer on your fellow Beavers. All games are scheduled to begin at 3:30 and 4:30:

- January 13 at Mission Valley vs. California School for the Deaf (Girls play first)
- January 23 at Mission Valley vs. MSJE (Girls play first)
- January 30 at Mission Valley vs. Chadbourne (Girls play first)
- February 6 at Mission Valley vs. Gomes (Boys play first)
- February 10 at Chadbourne vs. Chadbourne (Boys play first)
- February 20 at Mission Valley vs. Green (Girls play first)
- February 26 at MSJE vs. MSJE (Boys play first)
- March 4 at Gomes vs. Gomes (Girls play first)
- March 7 & 8: Tournament

## Geography Bee

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A special thank you to Mrs. Crocker (Parent Volunteer), Ms. Sonoda (3rd grade teacher), and Ms. Pastrana (Special Education teacher) for coordinating and running our 4th-6th grade Geography Bee. The runner up in the competition was Andrew Z. (6th grade). Our winner, Kaushik M. (4th grade) will move on to the next level competition to determine state level competitors. Congratulations, we know that you will be a great representative for Mission Valley School.



## GATE

Gifted and Talented Education (G.A.T.E.) provides differentiated instruction for students with superior ability and high-level academic performance.

This year all 3rd grade students will have the opportunity to take the GATE test.

Teachers and/or parents may nominate students for GATE identification for those students who are in grades 4 or 5 and who have not been tested in Fremont. Those students will be assessed with an ability test during March. A letter will be mailed to the student's home address with an assigned testing session and for parental written permission.

For those students who have been tested, Teacher and/or Parent Nomination forms are accepted for review under other identification criteria. Additional information and forms are available in your child's school office or may be downloaded from the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Department's website. If you believe that your child may require GATE services and is in the 4th, 5th, or 6th grade, submit a completed nomination form to the GATE Office, 4210 Technology Drive, Fremont, CA 94538, **between November 1, 2013 and January 15, 2014. Faxes will not be accepted.** Nomination forms are available on the rack in the school office and on our school website.

## Lunch Meal Payments

Fremont Unified School District provides an online student meal prepayment service through a third party agency at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com). To access this online payment system, visit the Fremont Unified School District website, and click on the Child Nutrition Services link. Once here, you may select the Pre-Payment Options tab on the top of the page, or the Payments icon at the bottom of the page. Now, you can select the Online Payment link, or the [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) logo to create a meal prepayment account for your student(s).

Follow the few simple steps and you can begin making payments towards your child's breakfast and/or lunch. Online payments are easy, as well as a safe and secure method to access your student(s) meal account 24 hours a day. Alerts can also be set up so that your child will never go without a meal, and to avoid a negative balance on the account.

Child Nutrition Services also allows other methods of payment:

- Parents may write a check for meals



- Make cash or check payments before meal service
- Pay cash at the meal service line

Payments made at the meal service line often slow down the service line if the exact cash amount is not provided. The Child Nutrition Staff serving as the Cashier must provide change or place the overage back into the student's meal account. This affects the playtime for students and can also leave some students without ample time to finish their lunch.

Prepayments made online, providing exact lunch money at the service lines, or providing a check before the meal service will all help make lunchtime at our schools more efficient. Checks should be made out to Child Nutrition Services. Please note your student(s) name and school site on the memo line.

PLEASE NOTE: [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) charges a flat fee of \$1.95 per transaction for up to \$120. Payments made towards more than one student at the same time are considered a single transaction.

## Members wanted for LCAP District Advisory Committee

As a requirement of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), the District must form a LCAP District Advisory Committee. As stakeholders, the Advisory Committee's responsibility is to advise and give input into the District's Local Control and Accountability Plan regarding priorities and resources from the Local Control Funding Formula.

The members of the Local Control and Accountability Advisory Committee will serve a two-year term. The membership of the Committee should reflect the diversity of the community and the student body. The Governing Board is seeking up to eight (8) parent/community members and two (2) high school students to serve on its Local Control

and Accountability Advisory Committee. The members of the Advisory Committee will be selected from those who apply for the position by filling out an application and submitting it to the Superintendent by the due date.

All applications must be submitted in writing or by email by 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 13, 2013 to:

Office of the Superintendent  
Fremont Unified School District  
4210 Technology Dr.  
Fremont, CA 94538

Or sent via email to [jmorris@fremont.k12.ca.us](mailto:jmorris@fremont.k12.ca.us)  
For more information and to access the application, please visit the district's website at:  
[www.fremont.k12.ca.us](http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us)

## Facility Needs Planning

FUSD and the Board are busy with the facility needs planning process. At the January 15th meeting, the Board will continue to discuss the Long Range Facilities Plan that was initially presented as a draft at the December 11th meeting. At the December meeting, the Board asked Mrs. Gain and Jim Kisel to prepare a school-by-school list of urgent needs to help identify HVAC, roofing, electrical, plumbing, etc. systems that are at great risk of near-term failure. A summary of critical needs for each school will be presented at the January 11, 2014 meeting. Additionally, the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee met to discuss criteria that the Board may wish to consider when establishing priorities. After the Board adopts the plan, Fremont Unified School District will have a long-range plan and vision for each school site to guide us through the next several years. At the February 12, 2014 meeting, the Board and community will receive the results of the tracking-poll and the Board will have an opportunity to make a decision regarding a potential facilities bond for June or November 2014. If the Board needs additional time to consider options and the poll results, a decision could be made as late as February 26, 2014 meeting.

## 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, vendor, 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

**41700 Denise St.  
Fremont CA 94539**

## 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.