

Mission Valley Parent Bulletin

Principal's Message

I am proud to announce that Mission Valley has earned 2014 California Distinguished School recognition. To apply for the award, schools must demonstrate academic excellence and effectiveness in helping ALL students achieve. This award is the result of collaboration with the parent, staff, and student communities. Together we achieved California Distinguished School status.

Warm Weather Dress Code Reminders

Please refer to the Family Handbook distributed on the first day of school this year as the weather gets warmer and clothing is adjusted for the rising temperatures. Keep in mind:

- No flip flops or open-toed shoes may be worn
- No tank tops, muscle shirts, tube tops, spaghetti straps, off the shoulder or low cut tops
- Shorts and skirts must be an appropriate length. The length of the shorts or skirt must reach at least to the student's fingertips with arms at the side
- Hats may not be worn in class
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside school buildings without a medical note

Thank You MVSA !!!

The Mission Valley staff thanks the parents and families of Mission Valley for your Teacher Appreciation gifts and luncheon. Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated. We also thank you for your voluntary hours and the donations that support student field trips and classroom equipment.

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Important Dates:

- **Mon., 5/5– Fri., 5/16:** Smarter Balanced Practice Assessment for 3-6 gr. 5th grade STAR Science
- **Mon. 5/12 – Fri. 5/23:** Parent Placement Forms
- **Tues. 5/13:** MVSA Meeting, 7pm, Staff Room
- **Sat. 5/17:** MVSA Multi-Cultural Fair
- **Tues. 5/20:** School Site Council Meeting, 3:15 pm 6 Open House
- **Wed. 5/21:** May Dance, K Sneak Peak
- **Mon. 5/26:** No School-Memorial Day
- **Tues. 5/27 - Mon. 6/2:** FAME
- **Tues. 5/27 - Fri. 5/30:** 6th grade Math Test
- **Wed. 5/28:** After School Band Concert
- **Tues, 6/3:** Safety Patrol Field Trip
- **Wed. 6/4:** Grades 4-6 Awards Assembly
- **Thurs. 6/5:** Grades 4-6 Letter Reward Picnic
- **Mon. 6/9 - Fri. 6/12:** Early Release Days
- **Mon. 6/9:** 6th grade Field Trip
- **Tues. 6/10:** Grades 1st-3rd Awards Assembly
MVSA Meeting, 7pm, Staff Room
- **Wed. 6/11:** Kickball Game
- **Thurs. 6/12:** 6th grade promotion
Last Day of School



Parent Request Forms for the Next School Year

These forms will be available in our school office beginning Monday, May 12th and will be due by Friday, May 23rd. Parents ONLY may pick up the forms. You may use this form to request a certain "learning environment" for your child. Please do not list any teacher by name as this will cause your form to be discarded. Each form is confidential and reviewed by the principal. In our effort to build balanced classes, there is no guarantee that your request will be honored.

Customer Satisfaction Survey

For the third year, FUSD will be conducting an annual Customer Satisfaction Survey. The Customer Satisfaction Survey provides valuable information to stakeholders about FUSD schools. Developed with input from parents, teachers, school based personnel, and students, the Customer Satisfaction Survey documents the perceptions of parents, staff, and grade 4-12 students about their experiences at their schools. The surveys ask respondents about the opportunities students have to learn and be leaders at their schools, how welcoming and collaborative parents perceive the environment to be, support, the cleanliness and safety of the campus, and parent engagement. Respondents at all elementary, junior high, and high schools will complete surveys online.

All parent surveys must be completed by June 20, 2014. The online survey can be accessed beginning May 1, 2014 at <http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/parentsurvey2014> We appreciate your participation in this important effort.

Last Day of School for 2013-14: June 12, 2014:

All textbooks and library books must be turned in by the last day of school. If you have any fees, such as lost book fees, these will also need to be paid in order for you to get your child's report card. If your child will not be in class on the last day of school, please notify the office in writing with the following information: date(s) of absence, reason for absence, and if you plan to return to Mission Valley in the fall. This will ensure a spot is saved for you child for the next school year. As long as all books and fees are paid, the report card will be mailed home.

First Day of School for 2014-15: August 27, 2014

All students are expected to report to school on the first day of the 2014-15 school year, which is Wednesday, August 27, 2014. Students who are not in school the first three days of school will not be guaranteed a seat at Mission Valley Elementary and may have to be overloaded to other schools upon return. The only exceptions will be students who are absent due to illness. If a student is absent the first three days due to illness, parents or guardians must notify the school each day the student is absent and provide doctor's documentation of the illness by the close of the third day. Seats will not be held for students on extended vacations or other optional activities whether or not the school is notified.

Apply for FUSD Preschool—Now Enrolling for 2014-15

Do you have a 3- or a 4-year-old at home? Give your child the gift of a quality preschool experience and preparation for Kindergarten and beyond. Fremont Unified School District offers two excellent programs. Call the FUSD Preschool office at 659-2579 for more information or come to the district office, 4210 Technology Drive, Room 209, and pick up an application

Medications in School Office

If your student has required medication or health services at school this year, all medication and medical supplies must be picked up from the school office on the last day of school! **Medications must be picked up by a parent or guardian.**

Lost & Found

Please check our lost and found rack regularly for missing items. Any items not claimed by the last day of school will be donated.

Summer Activities

If you are looking for summer camps and activities for your child, please come check out the flyer rack in the school office lobby. We have many informational flyers from local non-profit organizations regarding various camps and activities that are being offered this summer. Information about these programs can also be found on our website: www.fremont.k12.ca.us/mve Go to the website and click on the “Activities” tab. Links to many summer programs can be found there.

Enrollment Information for New Students

Enrollment for new students now takes place at the Centralized Enrollment Center, and not at individual school sites. For information on the enrollment process and access to the online enrollment application, please visit <http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/Domain/83> . If you still have questions about enrollment for 2014-2015 school year, please email dmarenco@fremont.k12.ca.us.

Changes to the MVSA Parent Patrol Safety Program

The safety of students crossing streets near our school is everyone’s first concern. FUSD, in conjunction with the Fremont Police, is developing a new, improved volunteer crossing guard program. The program will be launched in May, after which Mission Valley will redesign our own parent volunteer program to be in compliance. The new program will be safer for both students and volunteers. In addition, volunteer positions may be easier with a shorter time commitment. The tentative plan is to launch the new program next fall. We hope you will volunteer!

Because of these changes, we have suspended our current volunteer Safety Patrol program for the remainder of the year, effective immediately. We wish to thank the many wonderful parents who volunteered for the old program! We hope to see you again next year in the new program. Our outstanding student crossing guards will remain on duty from 8:10 to 8:20.

With these changes, please consider these options to ensure the safety of your children:

1. Have your child arrive at school before 8:20 so they can cross with the student crossing guards.
2. Escort your child across the street when no crossing guards are present.
3. Use the drive through to avoid crosswalks.



Mission Valley

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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.