

Mission Valley Parent Bulletin

Principal's Message

I wanted to start off this message with a piece of advice...take a deep breath and slowly exhale as we all have nearly finished another school year. At this point in the year there are many exciting events taking place, plans being made and some of us may be experiencing strong emotions about our children's future. Whether you have a Kinder who just finished their first year or a 6th grader moving on, it can be a little overwhelming at times. I think it's important to remember you're not alone and raising children is not an easy job but together we will get them to where they need to go and ensure that they have many opportunities for success.

This past year has been quite a learning experience for me. I've worked hard to connect with our students, our staff and all of you. It is my hope that I have met most expectations and I can assure you that I will continue to keep myself available for all who may need my service. With this year's experience I feel more confident that I can lead our school on its journey of continued excellence in academic, social and emotional growth.

Our staff will be working together in formal PLC's (Professional Learning Communities) next year in an effort to collaborate and share information and best teaching practices more frequently. I spent time this past year learning about PLC's and how they can positively affect our student's growth. It is a journey that we are just beginning but I'm optimistic about what we can do as a PLC.

In addition MVE will be adding two Kinder classes next year bringing our total to four. I am currently recruiting new staff members to fill any vacant positions we may have and will announce our new team members as soon as possible.

I also wanted to let you know that next year the start time for of our 1st-3rd grade students will be 8:35. This is 5 minutes later than this year so please plan accordingly. All other start and dismissal times will remain unchanged. As most of you are aware I am usually helping with morning traffic and student drop offs and I see too many students being dropped off late. I know that it can be challenging in the morning but making sure your student is here on time greatly helps them to be more successful. In fact, I believe that one of the greatest indicators of a student's success is having an exemplary attendance record, so please make sure you do your part in getting them prepared for each day.

Just one more thing...make sure to take a few minutes and read the rest of this month's edition as there may be important information you need to know. As always thanks for your support.

Mike Pappas, Principal

Important Dates

- **Thursday, 6/4:** Volunteer Tea, 7:45am, rm 6
- **Friday, 6/5:** 6th grade Promotion, 1:15pm
- **Monday, 6/8 - Thursday, 6/11:** EARLY RELEASE DAYS, Grades 1-6 get out of school at 1:10pm
Yearbooks for Sale Afterschool By Office (while supplies last)
- **Tuesday, 6/9:** Upper Grades Awards Assembly, 8:40am
MVSA Meeting, 7pm, rm 6
- **Thursday, 6/11:** 100% Letter Awards Assemblies: Grades 1-3 at 8:45, Grades 4-6 at 9:45
Last Day of School

Board Policy Change - Students Must be Present on First Day

Change to BP/AR 5113.1 – Students Must Be Present the First Day of School

All students must be in class on the first day of school, August 26, 2015. Students who are not in school on the first day of school will not be guaranteed a seat at their school and may have to be overloaded to another school effective the second day of school if classrooms at their school are filled. The only exception will be students who are absent due to illness. If a student is absent the first day due to illness, parents/guardians **must** notify the school *every day* the student is absent. Seats will NOT be held for students on extended vacations or other optional activities, whether or not the school is notified.

SBAC Test Student Survey

The district has created an 8-question, student post-test survey about the Smarter Balanced tests. Please encourage your child to click on the link below and fill out this brief survey. Information from our students will help improve their test-taking experience next year.

<http://bit.ly/2015SBAsstudent>

Medications at School

If your child has medication at school, you must pick up the medication by 3:30pm on June 12. Any medication left at school after this date will be discarded. Only parents can pick up medication.

Hopkins Music Events

Tuesday, June 2
Hopkins Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble

Thursday, June 4
Hopkins Intermediate Orchestra, Advanced Orchestra and Full Orchestra

All concerts will be held at 7 p.m. at Hopkins Gym (600 Driscoll Road). Questions?
Contact gconway@musicathopkins.com.

Proposed Core Novels for Grades 7-12

The FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT announces a list of proposed core novels for use in literature courses in grades 7-12 for the 2015-16 school year. These books are available for review by the public in the District's Curriculum and Instruction office before becoming a part of the curriculum. Please take the time to review the video and comment on the padlet link:

<https://vimeo.com/125618731>

Fremont USD Preschool—2015-16

Apply NOW for Fremont USD Preschool - 2015-16

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's State Preschool Program is free for income-eligible families. We also have a fee-based program available for other families. Call the FUSD Preschool office at 659-2579 for more information or come to the district office, 4210 Technology Drive, Room 207, to pick up an application.

Important Info for Parents of 6th Graders

The **Final Date** TO SUBMIT Immunization records (including Whooping Cough: Tdap) at your Elementary School is: **Thursday, June 11th, 2015**

After this date you must WAIT until August, and take the official record of vaccinations to the Junior High your child will be attending.

Valid proof must show: 1) type of shot given, 2) date, 3) provider's signature/stamp. If parents have not provided proof to their Jr. High School by the First Day of School, your student **CANNOT** attend school. You can provide proof to your elementary school site up until the last day of school.

FUSD Report Card Update

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Fremont Unified School District has been moving toward full implementation of the Common Core State Standards in all of our schools. Our teachers have dedicated significant time and effort adapting their instruction and assessment of students using these new standards and they are doing amazing work!

With the intention of having an elementary report card that more closely reflects student mastery of the Common Core State Standards, the district developed a new report card this year. We also allowed sites to individually opt in or out of the new rubric-based grading scale for 2014-15.

Simply put, we tried to do too much at once without enough lead time, feedback from parents, staff, and students, and long-range planning. Though our intentions were in earnest, sometimes it's necessary to self-assess and decide whether to stay on course or take a detour.

What does this mean for you and your children?

- For the remainder of the 2014-15 school year, the grading system and report cards will not change. The final report card you receive will be exactly like the previous two trimesters.
- For 2015-16, the elementary report card district-wide and at all grade levels will be letter grade-based (S/N in grades TK-K; O/ S/N in grades 1-3; and A-F in grades 4-6).
- The Assessment & Accountability department will create a report card task force next year to study elementary report cards and look for ways to improve the report card.
- Even as the report cards themselves will have letter grades only, teachers are encouraged to use a variety of assessments, including rubrics, in their day to day assessment of students.

Thank you for your commitment to our schools. If you have any interest in participating on the report card task force in 2015-16, please let your principal know.

Sincerely,
 Kim Wallace
 Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Student Bus Pass

FUSD Transportation Department will begin bus pass sales for the 2015 - 2016 school year on Monday, August 3, 2015. No appointment necessary. Students must come in for a photo ID. We do recommend you plan your visit early in August to avoid the last minute crowds. The 2015 - 2016 fee schedule is posted below. Remember, the first day of school is Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

SALES BEGIN MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015 at the FUSD Transportation Department located at 43770 S. Grimmer Blvd. Office hours are Monday through Friday 7:30am-4:00pm

Annual Round Trip	\$654.00*
Annual One Way	\$370.00*
Semester Round Trip	\$370.00
Semester One Way	\$209.00

*Monthly payments are accepted on Annual Round Trip or One Way purchases only
 Annual Round Trip = \$67.00 / month for 10 months
 Annual One Way = \$39.00 / month for 10 months

For more information, contact the Transportation Department at 510-657-1450

Mission Valley Website

For up to date information on events, policies, and other communications, please go to our website:
www.fremont.k12.ca.us/mve

Informational Flyers

The office is continually receiving information on activities and programs and contests being offered in the community. We do not send flyers home with students, but we do keep a supply of flyers inside the office on a literature rack for you to select those of interest to you and your child. Please be aware that Mission Valley does not endorse any of these programs; we are simply making this information available to you as a service.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please remember that the speed limit on neighborhood residential streets is 25 mph and the speed limit within the Mission Valley boundaries is 5 mph. Please do your part to make our school and neighborhood a safe place!!



如果您需要此文件的中文譯本，請和學校聯絡。

Mission Valley Elementary

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Fremont, CA 94539

Contact Information:

Absence Line:
656-2000

Lunch Account Info:
656-2000 ext.34182

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

Principal:
Mike Pappas

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.****

Important 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 turned off during the school day.

CLASSROOM ACCESS:

Classrooms can only be opened by the teacher. Classrooms will not be unlocked by school staff 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 \$3.00. 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 is now available and this can be accessed by going to the FUSD homepage Quicklinks and clicking on "My Nutrikids On-Line Meal Payment".

Please refrain from sending glass containers in 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 kindergarten teachers for more information on procedures.

Grades 4-6 can arrive on campus at 8:10am and grades 1-3 can arrive 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.