

Mission Valley

PARENT BULLETIN

September 2015

Principal's Message

First of all I would like to say welcome to all of our new Mission Valley families and welcome back to all of our returning families. I spent most of the summer break close to home but I did get to spend some time with my family in different locations around California. We made it to Lake Tahoe, Lake Almanor, Carlsbad and Aptos (spending time near the water is our favorite). We also celebrated a big birthday for my wife (I can't tell you her age or I'm likely to get in big trouble) and sending my oldest son off to college. It's been a little different at home with him being gone but we are all starting to adjust. The start to the school year has been quite challenging thus far. Two Kinder classes were added late last year so we were prepared for that change but when we received an additional 3rd and 4th grade class we had to do some adjusting. Since then we have closed one of the Kinder classes (leaving us 3). This means that we've added some new teachers to our staff. They are as follows:

Mrs. Tang - 1st Grade
Mr. Horning - 3rd Grade
Ms. Carlson - 4th Grade
Mrs. Stroope - 5/6 SDC (Mrs. Howard retired)
Mrs. Tripathi - Science Specialist

I am very pleased with how they have fit in thus far and the students have told me how much they like their teachers. Please make sure you say hello and welcome them aboard.

Back to School Night will be on Tuesday September 15th and we will use the following schedule:

6:00-6:45 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade classroom visits
7:00-7:20 Principals welcome in MUR
7:30-8:15 4th, 5th, 6th, and Kinder classroom visits

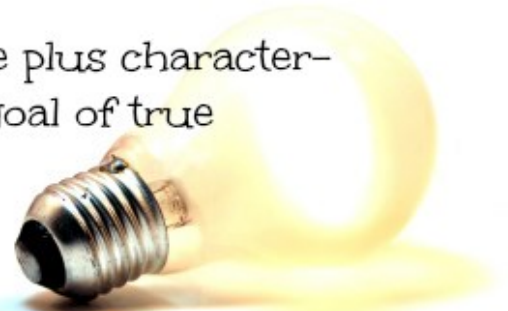
I look forward to the rest of the year and as always please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or just to say hello.

Sincerely,
Mike Pappas-Principal

Important Dates

9/9 - 9/17: Book Fair, rm 6
9/15: Back to School Night
10/6: MVSA Meeting, rm 6

"Intelligence plus character-
that is the goal of true
education."



- Martin Luther King Jr.



Welcome Back to School!

For more information on Mission Valley, please go to our website:
www.fremont.k12.ca.us/mve.

There you will find information about after school activities at Mission Valley, our policies and procedures, and other important information.

Mission Valley is Green!

The newsletter will be posted monthly on the school website and in the bulletin board outside the office. You can view the newsletter online by going to the Mission Valley School website and clicking on the "Calendars & News" tab. We will have a limited number of printed newsletters in the display stand located in the office. Chinese translated newsletters are available upon request.

School Lunches

Lunch is made available to all students, including Kindergarten students. Please check with the office or go to the Mission Valley website for meal times. Kindergarten students are eligible to apply for the Free and Reduced Meal Program. Applications are available at your school's office, at the district office, and online at <http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=2207091711494122>.

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. Online payment is now available and this can be accessed by going to the FUSD website and clicking on the Child Nutrition Department in the department directory (under the "About & Departments" on the homepage.)

Back to School Night

This evening is for parents to listen to teachers' presentations about the upcoming school year's events, curriculum, and have questions answered. Back to School Night is for adults only.

Teachers will pass out their classroom and homework policy, rules, and procedures. Please keep these at home for reference throughout the school year.

6:00-6:45pm:

Grades 1-3 in classrooms

7:00-7:20pm:

Principal's Talk in MUR

7:30-8:15pm:

Grades 4 - 6 and Kinder in classrooms

The book fair will also be open all evening in room 6!

The more that you **READ**,
the more things you will **KNOW**.
The more that you **LEARN**,
the more places you'll **GO**.

- Dr. Seuss

From the District Office: Posting of Emergency Information

Information regarding Emergency situations around FUSD will be posted on the District website at <http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us>. From the homepage under 'Quick Links' or under the 'Resources & Contacts' tab, click 'Emergency Info.' Information will also be posted on the District Facebook page at **Fremont Usd** and Twitter page at **@USDFremont**. Individual schools will also contact families via their respective communication systems as soon as it is safe to do so.

Stay up-to-date with all the news and happenings throughout the Fremont Unified School District. Visit and like FUSD's official Facebook page at **Fremont Usd**, follow the District on Twitter at **@USDFremont**, and subscribe for the latest videos on YouTube at **Fremont Unified School District**. Updated daily, FUSD's Social Media pages are the best resources for the latest information and photos from all 42 schools, District Departments, and even news from around the Fremont community.

Information on After School Activities

Try out this free and convenient website to help you plan after school and summer activities for your kids. You can search on a comprehensive listing of over 200 Fremont-area activity providers and find year-round activities that meet your schedule and budget. It comes with lots of helpful planning tools as well! You can access this new Activity Hub on the FUSS website:

<http://www.fuss4schools.org/activity-hub/>

Activities that will be on our campus this year include: Basketball, Tennis, Chess, Band, Mad Science, Lego Robotics, Debate & Public Speaking, Hindi, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. For information about these activities, check our website under the "About & Departments" tab. Flyers are posted in the bulletin board by the office and you can also go into the office and pick up flyers for the different activities from our flyer rack.

School Bus Fares

FUSD bus passes for the 2015-2016 School Year will be sold at the Transportation Department beginning Monday, August 3 from 7:30am-4pm. The transportation office is located at 43770 S. Grimmer Blvd. in Fremont. General information for 2015-2016 FUSD bus passes is posted on the FUSD website under TRANSPORTATION.

*ANNUAL ROUND TRIP	\$654.00
*ANNUAL ONE WAY	\$370.00
SEMESTER ROUND TRIP	\$370.00
SEMESTER ONE WAY	\$209.00

*Annual passes can be paid for on a 10-month payment plan using a debit or credit card. Annual Round Trip = \$67.00 per month and Annual One Way = \$39.00 per month

Mommy & Me Classes

The Parent Education Department at Fremont Adult School offers classes for parents to attend with their toddlers and/or preschoolers. Each parent will participate with his/her child in activities provided in a preschool setting to help children develop skills in the following areas: creative art, pre-math, reading readiness, science and sensory exploration, circle time story and songs. Classes are offered Monday-Thursdays. For registration information please call 510-793-6465, 510-797-1090 or visit www.face.edu.

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 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. Phones must be turned off during the 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. Online payment is now available and this can be accessed by going to the FUSD website and clicking on the Child Nutrition Department in the department directory (under the "About & Departments" on the homepage.)

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 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 kinder playground. They are dismissed from class to the corridor for after school pick up. Parents must wait in the corridor instead of going to the classroom. 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 8:25am. Students should not be on the playground until adult supervision begins. After the bell rings, all students line up behind their classroom number on the playground. All teachers will get their classes on the playground daily. On rainy days students will report to the Multi Use Room until school begins.

In the afternoon, students in grades 1 - 6 will line up along the driveway on their room number. Students who are going home in a carpool should wait by the carpool sign at the end of the driveway. Students must be picked up on time! There is no supervision on campus after 3pm.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OF OUR CHILDREN, PARENTS MAY NOT FOLLOW STUDENTS TO THE CLASSROOMS.

Restrooms: Only Mission Valley students are permitted to use the 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.

Mission Valley Elementary

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