

Mission Valley

PARENT BULLETIN

October 2015

Principal's Message

Greetings MV community members and welcome to October. We've successfully navigated through our first month of school and all of our students and staff have settled in for the year. This past month was extremely busy for me and I hope that I was able to accommodate any requests, questions or concerns you may have had. I had an opportunity to visit my oldest son during family weekend at his university in Texas this past month. We attended a football game (TCU vs. SMU) and we watched live bull riding. Both events were really exciting and to share it with my family made it that much better. The one thing I learned was to never attempt to ride a bull under any circumstance.

We had our first Character Assembly last week. The character trait we focused on was Caring where over 50 students were recognized and awarded a certificate. October's trait of the month is Planning. We will have another assembly at the end of the month. All winners will be eligible for the Pizza with the Principal drawing that will take place in early November.

We have also started our intervention program this year to help students who may need extra support. Some students are receiving additional support during the school day. I'm working closely with our teachers to ensure we meet the needs of all of our students.

This year Mission Valley will be hosting the Mission Valley/Mission San Jose Halloween Carnival, which will be held on October 24th from 11-3. This is a great community event with games, prizes and food. We need your support to help make it a success so please add it to your calendar. Volunteers are always welcome so contact the MVSA if you would like to contribute.

In addition MVSA is sponsoring the Math Olympiad program this year. All 4th-6th grade students may participate. A flyer went home earlier this week with information on the program and how to sign up.

As always please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or just to say hello.

Sincerely,

Mike Pappas-Principal



Important Dates

10/13: MVSA Meeting, 7pm, room 6

10/9: Picture Day

10/22: GATE Info Night @ Mission San Jose Elementary, 7-8:30pm

10/24: Halloween Carnival, 11am - 3pm

11/10: MVSA Meeting, 7pm, room 6

11/16 - 11/20: Early Release, Grades 1-6 out at 1:10pm

11/23 - 11/27: Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL

California English Language Development Test (CELDT) 2015/2016

The State of California mandates that the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) be given to students who speak another language when they first enter a California public school.

This test identifies students who are English learners (limited in English proficiency) so that schools may immediately provide appropriate instruction to meet their needs. The CELDT must also be given to all English learners every year to monitor their progress in learning English and to help evaluate the programs they receive. The test has four parts: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. For the 2015/2016 school year, Fremont Unified will be giving this test starting October 1 until October 31, 2015. Additionally, we found some students who were never initially tested upon registration. These students will also be tested during this time frame. If you have any questions about the test, please call Federal and State Programs at (510) 659-2531.

加州英語發展測試 (CELDT) 2015/2016

加州政府規定在初學語言時說非英語的學生在首次進入加州公立學校時必須接受加州英語發展測試(CELDT)。此測試用於辨別英語學習者(即英語程度有限者),以便學校立即安排符合他們需要的課程。英語學習者必須每年複考加州英語發展測試,籍以審查他們在英語學習上的進度,并幫助評估他們所接受的教育方案。此測試包括四部分:聽,說,讀,寫。在2015/2016學年中,菲利蒙聯合學區(FUSD)將從2015年10月1日至2016年10月31日進行此測試。另外,我們亦會讓在初次入學註冊時沒參加此考試的學生同時接受此測試。如果您有任何有關此測驗的疑問,請致電給聯邦和各州項目部門,電話是(510)659-2531。

Halloween Carnival

The Halloween Carnival is being held here at Mission Valley this year on Saturday, October 24 from 11-3. Flyers with instructions on how to pre-order tickets have gone home with your students and are available in the office flyer rack.

If you would like to pre-order tickets online, go to www.mvsa-fremont.org/halloween

School Lunch

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 the district website.

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.)

Parents may not take a child's lunch to the cafeteria or to the child's classroom.

We strongly encourage students to bring their lunch with them in the morning, but if that is not an option, parents can bring the lunch to the office.



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, Tennis, 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.

Mother/Daughter Math & Science Day

The American Association of University Women, Fremont Branch and Hopkins Jr. High are hosting a day of fun and learning for 5th and 6th grade girls and their mothers. The cost is \$25 per mother/daughter pair. For more information on how to register, contact Miriam Keller at 510-683-9377 or miriamkel@comcast.net. Reservations are taken on a first come/first served basis.

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.

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