

# Mission Valley

# PARENT BULLETIN

April 2016

## Principal's Message

Hello MV families and welcome to Trimester Three...yes we have completed over two-thirds of the school year and are heading into our "state testing season". I am hopeful that you and your students had an eventful and restful Spring Break and are ready to tackle the remainder of the year. I spent most of my week working in my yard, which I had neglected for quite some time. My wife and youngest son, Jonny, were still in school last week and are on their Spring Break this week, which gave me a fair amount of "alone" time (not such a bad thing).

In addition to pulling weeds I also spent time completing homework for my classes as well as doing some planning for our next school year. I learned from last year not to "over plan" as things can change right up to the start of school (and beyond) based upon enrollment fluctuations. At this point we are not projected to have any major enrollment changes but we'll just have to wait and see what happens over the next few months.

Oh yeah... I also started "training" for the upcoming Jog-A-Thon and quickly injured myself...for some reason my mind says I'm 20 but my body says I'm almost 50...I hope to recover quickly so that I can jog (as opposed to walk) alongside our students in a few weeks. Wish me luck!

OK...now on to business. Below are some highlights of important information and upcoming events so please read it over carefully.

- Our SBAC testing window will open on April 25th and will run through May 20th. This window applies to all 3rd through 6th grade students. You will receive specific information from your student's teacher as to when your student's class will be testing.
- Our lost and found was cleaned out over the break but I'm certain it will begin accumulating clothing before the end of the day. Please check it often when your students are missing something. I currently have a Boy Scout working on creating a more permanent storage solution (his Eagle project) so I hope to have it installed later in the year.
- As I said earlier, MVSA and Mission Valley will be having their annual Jog-A-Thon on April 18th. This is a big fundraiser for us so your support is critical. Please support your student (and me) if you can. Any funds that you use to sponsor me will go directly to purchasing document cameras and projectors for our classrooms.

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## Principal's Message Continued...

- I am also working with another Boy Scout (his Eagle project) on creating a "nature area" at MV. We are looking at the empty area between the MUR and Library as the location. I provided a rough sketch to get the project started so we'll see what other ideas come up.

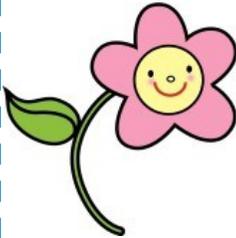
In addition please check out the many links to after school and community activities listed on our web page. We are updating that on a regular basis as new programs become available. Just click on "About" then "Departments". After that you can select between school and community offerings.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Pappas-Principal

### Important Dates

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- Tuesday, 4/5: Talent Show, 8:45-9:30 & 9:45-10:30  
Middle School Open Forum @ Walters Jr. High, 6:30pm
  - Tuesday, 4/12: MVSA Meeting, 7pm, rm 6
  - Thursday, 4/14: Spring Pictures
  - Monday, 4/18: Jog-A-Thon
  - Monday, 4/25 - Friday, 5/20: SBAC Testing Window
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## California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, is the state academic testing program. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and career. Like last year, CAASPP includes computer adaptive tests in English language arts and mathematics as well as paper-based tests for science.

Students in grades 3-8 and 11 will take the computer adaptive tests in English and math this spring. Students in grades 5, 8, and 10 will take the paper-based tests in science. If you would like more information regarding your school's schedule, please contact your school's main office. To learn about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you and your child can view the practice test online at the California Department of Education (CDE) Smarter Balanced Practice Test Web page at [www.caaspp.org](http://www.caaspp.org). Choose 'Practice and Training Tests' and then choose 'Student Interface Practice and Training Tests.' Sign in as a guest user.

Following the spring 2016 testing, students will receive individual score reports. Student score reports will be sent home to parents/guardians in late summer/early fall and will include an overall score, a description of the student's achievement level for English language arts, mathematics, science if applicable, and other information.

If you would like more information, please visit the Parent/Student tab of the CDE CAASPP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>. Parents and guardians have the right to exempt their child from taking the CAASPP assessments. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation, please contact your school's principal.

## 3rd Annual Ohana Health Fair

We would like to invite first timers and welcome back our community partners to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ohana Health Fair brought to you by the *Fremont Unified School District* and *Tri-City Health Center*. The event will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 on the front lawn of Washington High School from 10am-2pm and will be open to the public, students, families and residents of our community. As with previous years, we will continue with the Hawaiian Theme and provide cultural music and entertainment from local performers, raffle prizes and activities in a Luau type atmosphere. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the tools and resources that are available to the community.

## Health Services at District Office

Beginning February 8th, 2016 through the last school day of the Fall semester (December 2016), Tri City Health Center (TCHC) will have representatives at Student Support Services Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. TCHC is here to help families seeking help with Health insurance coverage as well as provide information about Comprehensive Health Care Services such as: Dental, Vision, Pediatric and Primary Care for adults. **No appointment is necessary.** For additional information about this service, please contact Shabana Sabir at [ssabir@tri-cityhealth.org](mailto:ssabir@tri-cityhealth.org).

## Courtesy Calls - Don't Panic!

We have several students in the office every day who have bumped heads with another student, been hit in the head with a ball, bumped their head on the monkey bars, etc. We are required by the School District to make a call home for each student each time they come into the office with a head injury, even if it was a very minor bump. These are courtesy calls. Each time this happens we are also required to send a note with the student - this notifies the classroom teacher that the student has bumped their head. This note also goes home with the student so that the parent is aware the child bumped their head.

Please rest assured that if your child had an obvious serious head injury we would continue to make calls based on information provided on the emergency card until a live contact was made, or, if necessary, we would call 911.

## 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.



# 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 \$3.25. 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 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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