

Mission Valley

PARENT BULLETIN

May 2016

Principal's Message

Greetings MV families, As we all push toward the finish line and another successful academic year at Mission Valley I wanted to say how proud I am of our students. I have really been out watching and observing our students and we are lucky to have such a great group of young minds.

I've also been quite busy with trying to get everything accomplished for this school year while simultaneously preparing for the 2016/2017 year. This is definitely one of the busiest times of the year so I hope that I have been available when you needed me to take care of any concerns or questions that you may have had. Please let me know how I'm doing when you get a chance, as I am always looking to improve my service to the community.

As always I like to give you an update and a little glimpse into my life, so here is what is currently happening around the Pappas household. My oldest, Michael will be completing his first year of college and will be back home next week. It was a challenging year for him out in Texas with some highs, some lows and many new experiences to grow from. We're fairly certain that he will not return to TCU and are now looking at schools closer to home...our adventure continues. Jonny is completing his sophomore year in the Biotech Institute that is offered at his high school...he actually is talking about becoming a scientist...and if you know Jonny this would come as a big surprise, but I'm excited by his excitement. I just finished my course work to meet the requirements for my Clear Administrative Credential and I'm very proud to say that this June my wife Cindy and I will be celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary...not too shabby.

Alright...now that you're all caught up here is some important information related to MV.

We are growing again next year as we were notified that we are gaining two additional Kinder classes and one TK/K SDC class. Our Kinder classes are students from our neighbors in the Parkmont attendance area, which is located just a few miles North off of Paseo Padre. Our TK/K class is coming to us from the Glenmoor attendance area, which is also located in Central Fremont. As you may be aware Fremont is experiencing huge growth in our student population and we are currently one of the few schools that has available space. I'm happy that we are able to help these families and I ask that you welcome them as they join our wonderful learning community.

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Principal's Message Continued...

This Summer we will be welcoming several programs to our campus to serve our community and that of our neighbors. Last year we had one program and I have decided to add two more for this year. Please check the community activities page for details. Because of construction at some other schools they were not able to host any programs so my guess is that they will fill up fast.

Now here are some bullet points for your review:

- Our SBAC testing is in full swing and has been relatively smooth from a technical perspective. We will wrap up testing towards the end of the month.
- Open House will be May 24th from 6:30-7:30 • The May Day Dance will be held on May 25th at 9:00 am.
- Last day of school is June 8th •
- First day of school for next year is August 31st

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

Tuesday, 5/24: Open House, 6:30pm

Wednesday, 5/25: 9am: May Day Dances

Wednesday, 5/25: 12:30-1:30 - Kinder Sneak Peek, rooms 1, K1, K2

Monday, 5/30: No School, Memorial Day

Friday, 6/3: 6th Grade Promotion

Friday, 6/3 - Wednesday, 6/8: Early Release Days, Grades 1-6 out at 1:10pm

Wednesday, 6/8: Last Day of School

Tuesday, 8/30: Maze Day

Wednesday, 8/31: First Day of School



Important Notice About Attendance on the First Day of School for 2016-17

The 2016-2017 School Year begins on Wednesday, August 31, 2016. **All students are expected to report to school on the first day, Wednesday, August 31, 2016, unless they are ill. Students who have not attended the first day of school may be transferred to another school effective the second day of school if classrooms at the school of original enrollment are filled.** Parents must call in their child's absence and notify the school that their child is ill in order to save their seat. **Seats will not be held for students on extended vacations or other optional activities, whether or not the school is notified.**

Maze Day

Mission Valley will be holding its first Maze Day this August! The purpose of MAZE Days is for the parents to turn in all their necessary Emergency Paperwork prior to school starting so we can prepare for your child to attend Mission Valley. For confidentiality reasons, class lists will no longer be posted—the only way to get your child's classroom assignment is to come to Maze Day with all the necessary documents. Maze Day will take place in the MUR on Tuesday, August 30 and the time you will come is based on your child's last name:

8:30 - 10am:	A - F	10-11:30am:	G - L
12:45 - 1:45pm:	M - R	1:45 - 2:45pm:	S - Z

Please note that we will not take any paperwork or give out classroom assignments outside of your scheduled time, so please schedule your vacation and work plans around your scheduled date and time. You will receive all the Maze Day forms via US Mail in mid-August so that you can fill them out prior to coming to Maze Day.

END OF YEAR MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

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** unless your student is authorized (current contract on file) to self-carry his/her medication.

If your student is attending summer school the medication (to include the doctor's order) must be picked up the last day of school. Then it needs to be taken to the summer school site on the first day of summer school by the parent/guardian. **Please make sure the medication does not expire prior to July 31, 2016.**

On the last day of summer school, the student's medication must be picked up by the parent/guardian at the summer school site.

學年結束在校藥物處理

如果您的學生今年在學校存放了必用藥品或健康服務用品，所有的藥物和醫療用品都必須在學年結束的最後一天到辦公室領回！只有家長或監護人才能索取藥品，除非您已在校登記您的學生可自行領取他/她的藥物。

如果您的學生要上暑期學校，您也必須在上學的最後一天領取藥物(包括醫生處方)，再于暑期學校的第一天由家長/監護人將藥物送到上課的暑期學校。請自行確定藥物的有效期限要在**2016年7月31日**之前。

家長/監護人必須在暑期學校的最後一天到暑期學校校址領回藥物。

Parent Application for Student Placement

Student placement in a particular class is a complex process with many variables. The following criteria are used in order to accomplish the placement of students and balanced classes: 1)Gender, 2)Achievement, 3) Behavior, 4)Second Language Learners, 5)Special Needs. Parental input in this process is also valued. You may wish to describe your child's specific educational needs by completing a Parent Applications for Student Placement. These forms are now available in the office.

Applications must be returned to the school office by 3pm Friday, May 27th. NO EXCEPTIONS! Please note that you may not request a specific teacher.

School Lunch Price Increase

At the November 18, 2015 meeting, the FUSD Board of Education approved an increase of \$0.25 for the 2016-2017 school lunch prices. There will be no change to breakfast prices, at this time. The new prices, effective July 1 2016, will be \$3.50 for Elementary schools and \$4.00 for Junior and Senior High Schools. Please contact Child Nutrition Service (CNS) at ext. 12-637 if you have any questions.

School Lunch : Last Day for Checks is May 27th.

Friday, May 27, is the last day we can accept checks as payment for school lunches. After that date, you must pay for lunches either in cash or online.

Hopkins Instrumental Music Department Presents Spring Concerts

Please make plans to attend these end-of-year concerts hosted by the award-winning Instrumental Music Program of Hopkins Junior High School. All performances are free and start at 7 p.m. at Hopkins Gymnasium (600 Driscoll Road).

Thursday, May 19

Elementary Band Concert #1

(Beginning and Intermediate Bands of Chadbourne & Mission Valley Elementary Schools, Advanced Elementary Band, and Hopkins Symphonic Band)

Friday, May 27

Jazz Concert

(Hopkins Jazz Workshop, and Hopkins Jazz Ensemble)

Tuesday, May 31

Band Concert

(Hopkins Concert Band, Hopkins Symphonic Band, and Hopkins Wind Ensemble)

Wednesday, June 1

Elementary Band Concert #2

(Beginning and Intermediate Bands of Gomes & Mission San Jose Elementary Schools, Advanced Elementary Band, and Hopkins Concert Band)

Thursday, June 2

Orchestra Concert

(Hopkins Intermediate Orchestra, Hopkins Advanced Orchestra, and Hopkins Full Orchestra)

Friday, June 3

Elementary Orchestra Concert

(All levels of Elementary Orchestras of Chadbourne, Gomes, Mission San Jose, and Mission Valley Elementary Schools, and Hopkins Intermediate Orchestra)

3rd Annual Ohana Health Fair

The district would like to invite the community to the 3rd 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 21st, 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.

Summer Camps at Mission Valley!

This year there will be several summer camps on our Mission Valley Campus. Galileo Summer Camp, Destination Science, and Math Enrichment Academy will be here. For information, go to our website: www.fremont.k12.ca.us/mve and select About and then “Activities at Mission Valley”. You can also pick up fliers for these camps and other programs in the office.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Campaign

When: May 7, 2016, Saturday, 11:30 am - 3 pm

Where: Club Sport Fremont, 46650 Landing Parkway

What: Get information about children’s health

Help raise fund to support mental health programs in schools
by digitizing your old printed photos.

How: 1)Bring in your old printed photos (4" x 6" and/or 5" x 7")
(max. 100 pcs) in a ziplocked bag. (Coupons will be provided
if more photos need to be scanned in the future)

2)Bring a USB Drive (approx. 7MB/scanned photo)

3)We will scan the photos and save them on your USB Drive
\$0.25 per scanned photo

All net proceeds from the photo scanning will go to support Children's Mental Health Programs in the FremontUSD schools!



Important 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 parents 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 mil 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 & 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 AND VISITORS MUST SIGN IN AND GET A BADGE BEFORE ENTERING CAMPUS.

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.

Mission Valley Elementary

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