

Mission Valley PARENT BULLETIN

February 2017

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe we are already in February. It's been a very busy January, with many fun-filled school activities. Our trait for February trait is **honesty**: we want to create a safe, non-shaming environment in which students believe that they can risk telling the truth even when they know they've done something wrong and help students understand that everyone makes mistakes and that they can own up to them without being ridiculed or made to feel bad about themselves.

Student Council Spirit Days

Our student council has planned some events during the month of February, please mark your calendar.

- **Monday-Tuesday, February 13-14 Candy Gram** sales (4th-6th grade students only). Purchase candy grams for your friends during the 1:00 recess. They will be delivered in the afternoon of February 14th.
- **Tuesday, February 14th:** Wear pink, red or purple Day (all students)
- **Tuesday, February 21st:** Wear a tie or bow tie in honor of Presidents' Day (all students)

Presidents' Day

- February 17 Friday Early Release
Grades 1-6 Early Release at 1:10pm
AM Kinders on Regular Schedule
PM Kinders 9:50am - 1:10pm
- No school on Monday, February 20

Reservation Forms for CONTINUING Students

- **February 13:** Reservation forms will be sent home the week of February 13 to all current K-5 students. Please note that not everyone will receive their forms on this date - please give it a few days to arrive. In order for your student to have a spot at Mission Valley next year, the reservation form along with 2 proofs of residency is due in the office by February 28
- **April 24-May 5:** If you have a student currently on an intra-district transfer and you would like them to stay at Mission Valley, you must turn in a new transfer request during this time.

6th visit to Hopkins, March 13

On March 13th our 6th grade students will visit Hopkins Junior High for a campus tour and informational meeting. After the meeting the classroom teachers will be given registration packets, which they will give to students to take home that week. These packets will have specific information related to registering for Hopkins.

Your partner in education,
Denise Mapelli
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February Important Dates

Wednesday, 2/1 - Friday, 2/3:	Sibling Enrollment Packets due to District Office
Wednesday, 2/8:	Basketball vs. MSJE, 3:30-5:30pm @ MSJE (boys first)
Friday, 2/10:	Valentine's Family Social, 6pm in MUR
Monday, 2/13 - Tuesday, 2/14:	Candy Gram sales grades 4-6 during 1pm recess
Tuesday, 2/14:	-- Spirit Day - Wear purple, red, or pink -- MVSA Meeting, 7pm, room 6
Wednesday, 2/15:	Enrollment begins for non-sibling TK and K students
Thursday, 2/16:	Basketball vs. Hirsch, 3:30-5:30pm @ Mission Valley (girls first)
Friday, 2/17:	Early Release. Grades 1-5 out at 1:10pm. PM Kinders 9:50-1:10
Monday, 2/20:	No School. Presidents' Day
Tuesday, 2/21:	-- Spirit Day - Wear a tie or bow tie in honor of Presidents' Day -- Basketball vs. Gomes, 3:30-5:30pm @ Gomes (boys first)
Thursday, 2/23:	Basketball vs. Chadbourne, 3:30-5:30pm @ Mission Valley (boys first)
Tuesday, 2/28:	-- Reservation forms due in office -- Music Info Night for 6th Grade Parents @ Hopkins, 7pm
Friday, 3/3 - Saturday, 3/4:	Basketball Tournament @ Gomes, times TBD

Parent Satisfaction Survey

The annual Parent Satisfaction Survey is now available. The feedback will directly contribute to Fremont Unified's 2016-17 LCAP plan, as well as give the district valuable information about parent engagement at schools. We also review the surveys closely here at Mission Valley and they help us learn what we are doing well and what we need to work to improve. We find the feedback very valuable, so please take a few moments to fill out the survey.

Below are links to the online survey. You can also access these links directly from the home page of our website. In addition, we have hard copies available in the office.

Thank you in advance for your feedback!

Parent Survey English: <https://goo.gl/forms/1hYNNExtlr0LZC52>

Parent Survey Spanish: <https://goo.gl/forms/VtLoltFVmEJg1MK93>

Parent Survey Chinese: <https://goo.gl/forms/dPrGd5o1jsM0n9eG3>



2017-18 Enrollment Information

INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS & SIBLINGS

- February 1-3: Parent/Legal guardians return completed SIBLING enrollment packets to Student Support Services, 4210 Technology Drive. (Please note that if you do not return your packet by the 3rd you will lose your sibling priority)
- Feb. 15-March 29: Priority enrollment begins for all other NEW TK-K students. Parents/guardians must fill out an application and book an appointment online. You can make an appointment starting Feb 8
- May 8: Enrollment begins for NEW TK-6th grade students. Parents/guardians must fill out application and book appointments online.

INFORMATION FOR CONTINUING STUDENTS

(STUDENTS ALREADY ATTENDING MISSION VALLEY)

Grades K-5:

During the week of February 13th, you will receive a reservation form in the mail for each student you have in grades K-5. Please note that not everyone will have the forms delivered to them on this date - please give it a few days to arrive before contacting the office. Once you receive the card, fill it out and turn it in with 2 proofs of residency by February 28th. The reservation form is printed on a light blue postcard so please be on the lookout - it is very important! **Any current student who does not return their reservation form and required proofs of residency by the due date will not be placed on a class list for next year.** We have waitlists in all of our grades, so please keep this due date in mind so your child will have a spot here next year!

Grade 6:

6th grade students will receive information from their classroom teacher in March or April regarding junior high registration.

Students Who are here on Intra-District Transfers:

If you have a student currently on an intra-district transfer and you would like them to stay at Mission Valley for the 17-18 school year, you must turn in a new transfer request between April 24 and May 5. Transfer requests are available in the office and online at www.fremont.k12.ca.us

PeachJar

FUSD has launched a new electronic flyer communication tool called "Peachjar." To view school-approved eflyers, simply click the Peachjar button on our school website: www.fremont.k12.ca.us/mve

This "green" initiative will save our schools tons of paper and reduce copy costs by thousands of dollars. On top of that, posting school flyers in this electronic backpack removes a significant administrative burden from teachers, office staff, and volunteers.

No action is required on your part. You will receive a welcome email from our service provider (Peachjar) that includes a username and password. This is provided to give you the opportunity to manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. You do not need to login to receive or view school eflyers.

To ensure smooth delivery of this communication, we suggest you add "school@peachjar.com" to your email contacts. When you receive your first eflyer, be sure to click "always display images."

Mission Valley School Association (MVSA) Info:

MVSA is a PTO nonprofit organization comprised of parents and teachers from MVE working together.

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MissionValleySchoolAssociation/>

Website: <http://mvsa-fremont.org/>

Donate now: <http://mvsa-fremont.org/donate/donation-2/>

Highlights:

- **VALENTINE'S FAMILY PARTY:** This is scheduled on **2/10/17 (Friday)**. Don't forget to mark your calendar for this fun family event. We are looking for a co-chair and volunteers for this event. Please reach out to Heather (hstephan@scu.edu) if you are interested in helping out.
- **SCHOOL SUPPLY KIT SURVEY:** To help parents eliminate the hassle of shopping, MVSA plans to work with outside vendors to pre-package school supply kits. We'd like to gather your interest before moving forward. If you missed the survey last month, fill it out: <https://goo.gl/forms/ahGbO1TXpCjkcNaq1>
- **VOLUNTEER UPDATE:** We found an event chair for the 6th Grade Pool Party and Promotional Ceremony. Thank you! We still need an **Event Chair for 4-6th Letter Reward Picnic**. Email president@mvsa-fremont.org if you are interested.
- **MATH OLYMPIAD:** We have introduced the Math Olympiad solution review session to go over the problems on Feb 16 and Mar 9 from 6:30-8pm in rooms 6 and 12. It is taught by high school students with a very good tutor to student ratio.
- **VOLUNTEER HOUR MATCH:** There's a chance that you work for a company that matches the hours you spend volunteering by providing donations to your favorite organization. Please select MVSA if your company has a similar program. If you need more information, reach out to your company's Human Resources Department.

Donate to Your Child's Classroom Online!!

Donations to your child's classroom (or PE or Science) may now conveniently be made using a credit/debit card or eCheck. If you currently have a MySchoolBucks account, you may log in and easily make a donation. For those who do not have an account, go to www.fremont.k12.ca.us and click "Select a School" (at the top of the page); select Mission Valley Elementary and you will be brought to our webpage where you will see a box labeled DONATE TO YOUR SCHOOL. You will have an option to create an account to assist with future donations or you may donate as a guest. Donations may be tax deductible and you can print and save the receipt for your records!

When filling out the donation details, please be sure to fill out each box. Use the drop down menu to find your child's classroom number. Use the "Additional Comments for Donation" to designate how the funds are to be utilized by writing PE, Science, or your teacher's name and room number. If you wish to split the donation between classrooms, please fill out the details in the comment box.

If you would like to associate your donation with a student, select "Add a Student" and create an account. You will need your child's ID number, so please ask your child's teacher or contact the school office. If you saved your MAZE Day Class Assignment Bell Schedule, you can also locate his/her ID number on the student label.

We're excited to be able to offer this quick and easy method for donating to your child's classroom directly!

Important Information for Parents of 6th Graders:

Tdap Booster Requirement

The **Final Date** TO SUBMIT Immunization records (including Whooping Cough: Tdap) at your Elementary School is: **Thursday, June 15th, 2017. 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 given, 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.

Even if you think your child already received this shot, you still need to bring in valid proof. California State Law requires that students entering the 7th grade must submit official proof that they are up to date with their immunizations.

Your child can not receive a class schedule or attend Junior High until this requirement is met.

Registration for 7th Grade

6th grade students will receive information from their classroom teacher in March or April regarding junior high registration.

Hopkins Music Parent Info Night

Mission Attendance Area Elementary Music Parent Information Night for Students Entering 7th Grade in 2017-2018

Do you know that Hopkins JHS has one of the best Middle School Bands and the Best Middle School Orchestra in California?

On Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 7 p.m., the Hopkins JHS Instrumental Music Department will be holding a Music Information Night for students entering 7th grade at Hopkins in August, 2016. This night is for parents of all current 6th grade **band** and **string** students in the Mission San Jose Attendance Area (Chadbourne, Gomes, Mission San Jose, and Mission Valley Elementary Schools), and for any other parents interested in learning more about the Award-Winning Instrumental Music Department at Hopkins. ***(Students can begin playing band instruments in 7th grade even if they have never played an instrument before!)*** Topics to be covered include the music classes offered at Hopkins, the registration process for students entering Hopkins in 2017-2018, and the many benefits of taking music classes in school. For more information, please visit the Hopkins Instrumental Music Department website at www.musicathopkins.com or contact Mr. Greg Conway, Hopkins Director of Instrumental Music, at gconway@musicathopkins.com. Also, an information packet about the Hopkins JHS Bands and Orchestras will be mailed to all 6th grade students, so please watch for yours in the mail!



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 \$3.50. 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.

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.

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