

Mission Valley PARENT BULLETIN

April 2017

Happy April!

The third trimester is off to a great start! We have a host of activities including the MVSA Jog-a-Thon, Letter Reward celebrations, performances and state testing for our students in grades 3-6.

In Terms of **testing**, we will once again have the full implementation of the computerized California state testing this year for students in grades 3-6: the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). Fifth graders will also be taking the new California Science Test (CAST) along with English Language Arts and mathematics. Testing will begin the week after spring break (April 24-May 19). Please check with your child's teacher for their exact testing days and times.

The **MVSA Jog a Thon** was April 3rd, but it is not too late to donate!! Our goal this year is to raise \$100 per student, which is tax deductible. The funds pay for programs not supported by the school district.

Sponsor Ms. Mapelli! The school is in need of new computers and the money raised will purchase new ones for the computer Lab. Students with pledges for me on their sponsor sheet will be entered into a drawing for a chance to spray me with Silly String later in the year.

Girl Scout Troop 31381 is still sponsoring our "**Get Moving**" program. Walk, bike, roll or carpool to school (8-8:15) and earn rewards. (attach flyer)

Spring Break: April 14-April 21 School resumes Monday, April 24, 2017.

School Site Council Nominations:

School Site Council is an advisory committee of equal numbers of parents and school staff. The purpose is to coordinate the goals (Single Plan for Pupil Achievement) and financial resources to improve student learning at the school. A nomination form was sent out electronically (paper versions are available in the office.) Here is the link to the nomination form <http://bit.ly/2natb2S> All nominations are due by April 7, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

Traffic Safety: Please help us keep all students safe by abiding by all traffic laws and parking lot rules each and every day. We have approximately 12 school buses and hundreds of cars entering and exiting our school on any given day and keeping students safe is my number one priority. Please drive safely each and every day! We are still looking for volunteers to help in the valet, please check in the office if you can spare some time to help out.

Your partner in education,
Denise Mapelli
Follow us on Twitter [@MVESBeavers](https://twitter.com/MVESBeavers)

Important Dates

Monday, 4/3:	Jog-a-Thon
Monday, 4/10:	Grade 6 Family Life Curriculum Preview, 4pm, room 18
Tuesday, 4/11:	Community Meeting w/ Office of Civil Rights (see article on next page for details)
Wednesday, 4/12:	Grade 4 Family Life Curriculum Preview, 1:30pm, room 21
Mon., 4/24 - Wed. 5/19:	CAASPP Testing Window (check with your child's teacher for specific dates)
Wednesday, 4/26:	Grade 5 Family Life Curriculum Preview, 2:30pm, room 25

Save the Date, 5/23

Tuesday, 5/23 is the Mission Valley Open House. Classrooms will be open from 6:30-7:30pm. No need to cook dinner!! Food trucks will be on site from 5:30pm - 8pm. We hope to see everyone there!

California School Dashboard

Beginning in mid-March, the California Department of Education is field testing a new website designed to help families' access important information about K-12 districts and schools. Called the California School Dashboard, the site features easy-to-read reports on multiple measures of school success, including test scores, graduation rates, English Learner progress and suspension rates. The Dashboard is part of California's new school accountability system. It is the next step in a series of major shifts in public education that have raised the bar for student learning, transformed testing and placed the focus on equity for all students.

To learn more about California's accountability and continuous improvement efforts, visit the [CDE Dashboard Web page](#) or the district website at <http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/Page/32350>.

FUSD Homework Policy

The Curriculum and Instruction Advisory Committee has been reviewing Fremont Unified's homework policy. We have looked at research based documents as they pertain to homework and would like parent feedback regarding this topic. Please complete this [survey](#) by April 13th which will help us continue to gather information.

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.

Community Meeting with United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Fremont Unified School District Office, 4210 Technology Drive, Professional Development Center

On January 11, 2017, the Fremont Unified School District entered into a Resolution Agreement with the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR). The agreement resulted from a 2013 Compliance Review by OCR to assess whether students who are Sikh, Middle Eastern, or who are perceived as such, are subjected to harassment on the basis of their actual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics, and whether the District has responded appropriately to notice of such harassment.

As part of the Resolution Agreement, a community meeting has been scheduled in conjunction with OCR to discuss the District's commitments under the agreement.

The diverse population of Fremont provides unique opportunities for students and staff to embrace the rich cultural heritage of our community. The Resolution Agreement outlines a roadmap of actions that will strengthen the District's response to incidents of harassment based on race, color, or national origin. You're invited to attend this community meeting to learn about OCR and the District's commitment to creating safe and welcoming learning environments for all students.

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A Letter from the FUSD Superintendent Regarding Student Safety

Dear Parent/Guardian

On February 8th, the FUSD Board of Education adopted a Student Safety Resolution stating that all Fremont students are entitled to a public education, regardless of their parents' actual or perceived national origin, citizenship, or immigration status.

This resolution re-affirms the Fremont Unified School District's Stance against discrimination, bullying and harassment in and out of the classroom. Fremont Unified is committed to the success of all students, irrespective of their ability, beliefs, ethnicity, gender identification, immigration status, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status. A copy of the Resolution is available at <http://bit.ly/FUSDStudentSafety>.

Every student has the right to attend school in a safe and secure environment. Our district, schools and community have an obligation to promote a mutual respect that supports dignity and equality. To that end, Fremont Unified has policies, procedures and practices in place that are designed to reduce and eliminate discrimination and harassment, as well as to quickly address incidents when they occur.

I encourage any student who believes they have been subjected to any form of harassment, including acts based on race, color, or national origin, by District staff, students, or a third-party, to contact a school administrator. All reports will be taken very seriously and investigated thoroughly.

By working together to respect and embrace the diversity that makes Fremont such a unique and special community, every student will receive the educational opportunity they deserve.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim Morris
Superintendent

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/>

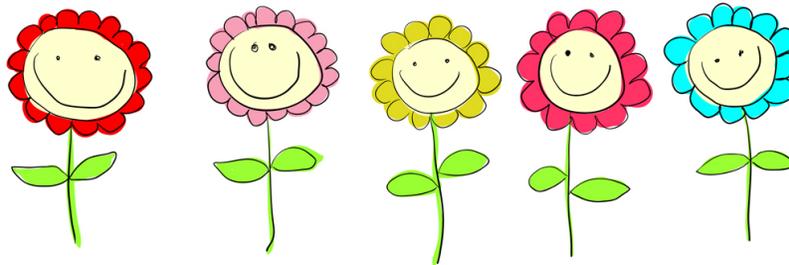
Donate now: <http://mvsa-fremont.org/donate/donation-2/>

Highlights:

MOVIE NIGHT: MVSA is hosting movie night in our MUR on Friday March 31st at 6:30 PM. Parents, students and siblings please join us to watch the movie "Sing." MVSA will be selling pizza, snacks and deserts. Bring a blanket to sit on and a pillow to get comfortable.

MATH OLYMPIAD: We have wrapped up another successful year of Math Olympiad. Thank you to all the volunteers for helping out! In addition to the review sessions, we are organizing an award ceremony close to the end of the school year to recognize the students for their efforts. Please stay tuned for details.

JOG-A-THON: April 3rd was the annual Mission Valley Jog-A-Thon but it is not too late to donate! This is a MAJOR fundraiser for the year and your help would be greatly appreciated. Funds raised will support many programs not paid for by the school district and your sponsorship to Mrs. Mapelli will be used to replace outdated computers in our computer lab.



School Bus Fares 2017-18

In September of 2008, the Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 003-0809, which allows an annual adjustment of student bus pass rates. The table below outlines the rate adjustment for the 2017-2018 school year.

	2016-17	2017-18
Annual Round Trip*	\$654.00	\$704.00
Annual One Way*	\$370.00	\$398.00
Semester Round Trip	\$370.00	\$398.00
Semester One Way	\$209.00	\$225.00

*Parents have the option to pay for Annual Round Trip and Annual One Way passes in ten (10) monthly installments:

Annual Round Trip = \$71.00

Annual One Way = \$40.00

For more information contact the Transportation Department at 510-657-1450

School Accountability Report Card (SARC) Notice

Federal and state laws require school districts to make accountability reports available to the public online. Accountability report information is based on data and information from the previous year. Dates will run one year behind.

We are pleased to inform you that our district's School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) are available in English, Spanish, and/or Chinese, as required. You may view the SARCs on the Fremont Unified School District web site at www.fremont.k12.ca.us under Resources & Contacts/School Reports, or by visiting your school office. To answer any questions regarding the SARCs, there are designated personnel available at each school site.

For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.

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.

WEB 7th Grade Orientation

The staff and students of Hopkins Junior High School invite you to our FIRST annual WEB 7th Grade Orientation

8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the School Gym

August 21, 2017 for students with last names beginning with A-L

August 22, 2017 for students with last names beginning with M-Z

The purpose of this orientation is to make the transition from elementary school to junior high school a positive one. Eighth graders will be serving as leaders and mentors to the seventh graders. Group activities are designed to encourage new friendships and answer questions about junior high school.

Wear comfortable clothes. Backpacks and school supplies are not needed.

WEB: Where Everybody Belongs

If you have any questions, please call WEB Coordinators Amalia Kim, Meg Moore, or Katheryn Stoia at (510) 656-3500 Ext. 38108 or 38107, or via email at amaliakim@fremont.k12.ca.us, mmoore@fremont.k12.ca.us, or kstoia@fremont.k12.ca.us

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.

Mission Valley Elementary

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Absence Line

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Lunch Account Info

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