

Mission Valley PARENT BULLETIN

May 2017

Happy May,

It is hard to believe we are already beginning to wrap up the 2016-2017 school year and beginning to plan for 2017-2018. It has been an honor being your principal and getting to know so many wonderful students and families.



Open House May 23

5:30-6:30 Music for Minors Presentation in the MUR for families- come learn about the program and how you might get involved

5:30-8:00 Food trucks- in the rear parking lot (2 savory and 1 dessert truck)

6:30-7:30 Classroom visits and science fair projects (MUR)

May Day Dances:

May 24 beginning at 9:00. Be on the lookout for more information from your child's teacher.

Parking lot reminder/student safety:

No Drop Offs or Pick Ups in the Back Parking Lot During the Hours of 7am and 4pm. The back parking lot is for **STAFF ONLY** from 7am-4pm. Any vehicles not displaying the Mission Valley Staff parking tag may be towed. Thank you in advance for your help in ensuring the safety of our students and staff!

CAASPP (SBAC) Testing:

Our 3rd-6th graders began these statewide assessments last Wednesday. Your child's teacher will inform you of the dates they will be testing.

✓ Tip #1 Get your child to school on time each day. Make attendance a priority, especially on days that you know Smarter Balanced tests will be administered.

✓ Tip #2: Make a note of test days on your calendar – This will help remind you and your child when testing will take place.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon:

If you are able to help out on May 3 at the staff luncheon please sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4faba92ea4ff2-mvsa>

School Site Council Elections: VOTE here <http://bit.ly/2oO02QX>

Please vote for 2 parent candidates to serve on the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 School Site Council. Ballots due by May 31, 2017. Paper ballots are also available in the school office.

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. Parents serve a two year term (2017-2018 and 2018-2019) and must be voted in.

SILLY STRING DAY:

As you know I offered an incentive to students who got sponsors for me on their Jog-a-Thon sponsor sheets. There are just about 100 students who accepted the challenge and will be able to spray me with Silly String. I have set **May 12** aside for the grand event during the two lunch periods (**Kinder: May 18 at 11:30**). Anyone interested in helping with crowd control would be very much welcomed. Please contact me at dmapelli@fremont.k12.ca.us if you are interested in helping.

Principal's Message Continued...

C&I Committee Parent Volunteers Needed:

FUSD is requesting interested parents to apply for a seat on the Curriculum and Instruction Advisory Committee for the 2017-18 school year. Please click [here](#) for more information. Thank you.

6th grade Middle School input:

As we continue to move forward with our plans for 6th grade going to Middle School, we would like parent input in regards to intervention. Please provide your input by completing this [survey](#) about intervention. Here is a [link](#) to the Spanish version of 6th Gr. Parent Intervention Survey.

Your partner in education,

Denise Mapelli

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Important Dates

Mon., 4/24 - Wed. 5/19:

CAASPP Testing Window
(check with your child's teacher for specific dates)

Tues., 5/23:

Open House:
Food trucks 5:30-8
Classrooms open 6:30-7:30pm
Science Fair in MUR 6:30-7:30pm

Wed., 5/24:

May Day, 9am

Fri., 5/26:

Early Release Day, Grades 1-6 out at 1:10pm. Kinders all Early.

5/29:

No School, Memorial 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, 2017.**

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>.

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

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:

- TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:** As part of Teacher Appreciation Week, the MVSA is organizing a luncheon on May 3. If you are able to volunteer please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4faba92ea4ff2-mvsa>
- MATH OLYMPIAD:** June 1 will be our first ever Math Olympiad award ceremony! The ceremony will be held in the MUR and will start at 6pm. Please mark your calendar and join us.
- JOG-A-THON:** The April 3rd Jog-a-thon was incredible! Thank you Mission Valley community for supporting our Jog-a-thon! The students had a great time out on the track! We received total donation of \$41K. Classroom Ice Cream Party Winners:
 - Ms. Sonoda (3rd Grade) (Total Class Donation: \$2,616)
 - Ms. Smith (5th Grade) (Total Class Donation: \$2,629)
- PARENT ADVOCACY WORKSHOP:** You are invited to attend the first ever Council PTA Parent Advocacy Workshop open to all the parents. The event is free and has various sessions ranging from "What Direction Do you Parent" to Surfboard E Student Survey Results. Please see the [Parent Advocacy flyer](#) for additional details. Here's the link to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/5FS9JFoXZFTiaTjN2>.
Date: May 13th, Saturday Time: 9 AM until Noon

FUSD Preschool

Apply Now for FUSD Preschool for 2017-18. Do you have a 3- or a 4-year-old at home? Give your child the gift of a quality preschool experience and preparation for Kindergarten and beyond. Fremont Unified School District's State Preschool Program is free for income-eligible families. Income ceilings have recently been raised by the State so more families will qualify. We also have a tuition-based program. Call the FUSD Preschool office at (510) 659-2579 for more information or stop by room 250 in the District Office.

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

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.

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/>.

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

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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