

Mission Valley

PARENT BULLETIN

March 2016

Principal's Message

Hello MV community and welcome to March. I always know when we are getting close to the 3rd trimester because it coincides with my itchy eyes, scratchy throat and excessive sneezing. As always there's a lot going on in my life so here's a quick update for those of you who like to follow along.

I just finished the first of two classes that I'm taking in order to gain my "Clear Administrative Credential". I expect to be done with the program in June. I also attended a wonderful PLC conference in early February and am quite invigorated by the positive message about our educators and the impact that we can make. My youngest son, Jonny, is playing on his high school tennis team, which is a new experience for him. We've been practicing and having fun together on the weekends. Unfortunately I don't move quite the way I used to and my backhand needs some work but I'm enjoying the challenge. My oldest, Michael, will be home next week for his Spring break and I'm looking forward to seeing him. We will be attending my nephew's college graduation party this weekend as well. He's a great young man who will be going into the police academy in the next few months.

OK...now that you're all caught up with me I have quite a bit of important school related information that I bulleted below. Please read it over carefully.

- The K-5 registration window is closing today. Please get all of your forms turned in or you risk losing your child's space.
- The library fundraiser was a great success. The goal was \$1600, which according to Ms. Langford, we just exceeded. Your support is clearly one of the reasons why Mission Valley is such a great school.
- Trimester 2 will officially end on March 2nd and report cards will be sent home the week of March 14th.
- Our lost and found is bursting at the seams. I was trying to wait until Spring Break to donate items but there is simply not enough room. Please come in this week to look for your student's clothing as I will be donating everything after this Friday.
- There will be a talent show for 4th-6th grade students this year. The date is pending but permission slips will be going home soon so be on the look out for them.
- 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. Last year I ran one lap with each grade level. So I thought that this year you could "sponsor" me...maybe a dollar a lap? My goal is 10 laps so if all of you "sponsored" me that would bring in an additional \$6,500 to our school. I'll let everyone know how many laps I did and then you could simply add that amount to what your child's earned...I guess I better start training now.
- Our Spring Break starts Friday, March 25th and we return to school on Monday, April 4th. If you are taking a vacation please do so during that time frame.

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All 6th grade students: On March 10th 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. Hopkins will be holding a parent informational meeting on March 16th at 6:00 in the gym to help with the process. All registration packets will be picked up on March 24th. Remember that you must have updated immunization records in order to be admitted next year so please take care of that as well.

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, 3/8: MVSA Meeting, rm 6, 7pm

Monday, 3/14: 6th Grade Math Placement Info Night @ District Office, 7pm

Wednesday, 3/16: 6th Grade Jr. High Reg. Meeting, Hopkins Gym, 6 pm

Friday, 3/25 - Friday, 4/1: Spring Break

Tuesday, 4/5: Middle School Open Forum @ Walters Jr. High, 6:30pm

Thursday, 4/14: Spring Pictures



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. 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.

Important Info for 6th Graders

Tdap Immunization Required

All students entering the 7th grade in the 2016/2017 school year must receive a Tdap (Pertussis/Whooping Cough) booster shot before entering school in August 2016. We are highly encouraging you to have your child receive the Tdap vaccine now and to bring proof to the Mission Valley school office as soon as possible. Proof of the vaccine must include: Student's name, date of birth, vaccine name, date vaccine was administered and name of the clinic, office, or doctor administering the vaccine. We are highly encouraging you to have your child receive the Tdap vaccine now and to bring proof to your child's school office as soon as possible. This will prevent delaying registration for 7th grade. The final date to submit records to our office is Friday, June 3rd. After this date, you must WAIT until August and take the record of vaccination to the Junior High office.

Personal beliefs exemptions

Effective January 1, 2016, Personal Beliefs Exemptions will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into school or child care in California. [Personal belief exemptions](#) filed at a school or child care facility before January 1, 2016 will remain valid until the student enrolls in the next grade span, typically at Tk/kindergarten or 7th grade. Students entering a home-based private school or an independent study program without classroom-based instruction are not subject to immunization requirements for entry.

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

Math Placement Parent Information Night

Do you have questions about when the 6th grade math placement test will be given or how placement is determined? Would you like to learn more about the secondary math pathways? Join us for an informational session on the 6th grade math placement process on March 14 from 7-8:30pm at the District Office (4210 Technology Drive). The Fremont Unified Math Pathways will be presented along with an explanation of the criteria used for math placement into the secondary math pathways. Parents of 6th grade students in Fremont Unified are invited to attend. If you have questions about this event, please contact the office of Curriculum and Instruction at 510-657-2350 x12705.

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.

Registration for 2016-2017 School Year

All current students in grades K-5: If you have still not turned in your reservation form for this year, please do so ASAP. Reservation forms were mailed home at the beginning of February and were due February 29. Your child may be at risk of losing their spot at Mission Valley this year if you do not turn this in to the office. 6th grade students will receive information from their classroom teacher later this month regarding junior high registration.

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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