

Mission Valley Elementary



PARENT BULLETIN



November 2017

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Principal's Message

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."— Mohandas Gandhi

As we move into November I want to say thank you to all of you who have helped our school in some way so far this year as we continue to make a positive difference in lives of our students. As we move towards the end of the first trimester and begin planning for conferences, let us not forget that we are all here in support of our amazing students, both academically and socially and I encourage all of you to attend the parent night on November 14 from 5:30-7:00 in the MUR. District personnel will be here to discuss Growth Mindset in an amazing hour and a half presentation. This is based on the work of Stanford's Carol Dweck.

We will be focusing on Citizenship during the months of November and December and truly want students to understand how their actions impact those around them and how powerful one act of kindness can be.

Donate to Your Child's Classroom Online!

Donations to your child's classroom (or PE or Science) may now conveniently be made online! 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 our website: www.fremont.k12.ca.us/mve. 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 the ID number on the student label.

Lost & Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing again. If your child is missing a sweatshirt, lunch box, water bottle, etc. please come see if their items are here. The Lost & Found is located behind the office near the kindergarten yard. If your child is missing a small item (glasses, jewelry, etc.) please come check with us in the office. Any items not claimed will be donated during Thanksgiving break.

New Staff Members

Please welcome Mr. Rod Victorine, our new Office Assistant, and Mrs. Sue Byers-Pauling, who is here teaching PE while Ms. Hilton is out on maternity leave. We are very excited to have them as part of our team!



For the complete bulletin, scan the QR code or go to the Mission Valley website.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 11/1

- Early Dismissal: Grades 1-6 out at 1:10.
PM Kinders 9:50-1:10

Thursday, 11/2

- Kinders ALL EARLY 8:20-11:40

Saturday, 11/4

- Mother/Daughter STEM Discovery Day,
8:30-1, Hopkins Jr. High (reg. required)

Wednesday, 11/8

- Early Dismissal: Grades 1-6 out at 1:10
- PM Kinders 9:50-1:10

Thursday, 11/9

- Picture Retakes

Friday, 11/10

- NO SCHOOL, Veterans' Day

Monday, 11/13 - Friday, 11/17

- Early Dismissal: Grades 1-6 out at 1:10.
- Kinders on regular schedule
- Parent - Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, 11/14

- Parent Night: Growth Mindset,
5:30-7pm in the MUR
- MVSA Meeting, 7-8:30pm in the MUR

Wednesday, 11/15

- Early Dismissal: Grades 1-6 out at 1:10
- PM Kinders 9:50-1:10

Monday, 11/20 - Friday, 11/24

- NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

Wednesday, 12/6

- Early Dismissal: Grades 1-6 out at 1:10
- PM Kinders 9:50-1:10

Tuesday, 12/12

- MVSA Meeting, 7-8:30pm in room 32

Wednesday, 12/13

- Early Dismissal: Grades 1-6 out at 1:10
- PM Kinders 9:50-1:10

Wednesday, 12/20

- Early Dismissal: Grades 1-6 out at 1:10
PM Kinders 9:50-1:10

Friday, 12/22

- Early Dismissal: Grades 1-6 out at 1:10
- Kinders ALL EARLY 8:20-11:40

Monday, 12/25 - Friday, 1/5

- NO SCHOOL, Winter Break

JANUARY

Tuesday, 1/9

- MVSA Meeting, 7-8:30pm in room 32

Wednesday, 1/10

- Early Dismissal: Grades 1-6 out at 1:10
PM Kinders 9:50-1:10

Monday, 1/15

- NO SCHOOL, MLK Jr. Day

Wednesday, 1/17

- Early Dismissal: Grades 1-6 out at 1:10
- PM Kinders 9:50-1:10
- Parent Event: Stanford - The Well-Rounded Student, 6:30-7:30pm at MSJ High School

Monday, 1/22

- School Site Council, 3:15 in the Library

Wednesday, 1/24

- Early Dismissal: Grades 1-6 out at 1:10
PM Kinders 9:50-1:10

Wednesday, 1/31

- Early Dismissal: Grades 1-6 out at 1:10
PM Kinders 9:50-1:10

****After the release of this bulletin, any updates/changes during the month will be made in the online calendar on the Mission Valley website.**

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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GATE 2017-2018

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) provides differentiated instruction for students with superior ability and high-level academic performance.

All grade **three** students will have the opportunity to be tested for GATE. The process is automatic and does not require parents to initiate it. Any student whose parent does **not** want them to participate in testing **must** submit an opt-out letter to the Assessment and Accountability office, 4210 Technology Drive, Fremont, California, 94538, no later than January 15, 2018. Letters submitted after the deadline will **not** be accepted. **The GATE testing window for grade three will be between February 5 - February 16, 2018.**

Students in grades **four or five** who are **new** to Fremont Unified School District and have not been tested in Fremont have the option to be tested. If your 4th or 5th grade child is new to the district this year, and you would like them to be assessed with the GATE test, please submit a letter with the request to the Assessment and Accountability office **by January 15, 2018.**

If a grade **three** student was opted out of FUSD testing and the parent wishes their child to participate as a 4th or 5th grader, the parent must write a letter to the Assessment and Accountability office, 4210 Technology Drive, Fremont, California, 94538, indicating their wish for their child to test. Fifth grade is the last opportunity for students to opt in for the GATE test. If a student does not take the assessment, they are not eligible for the professional judgement process described below. **The deadline for this is January 15, 2018.**

Students in grades **five or six** who *have been* tested and were not identified may be nominated for GATE identification through the professional judgement process. Teacher and/or Parent Nomination Forms are accepted for review under "other identification criteria." Additional information and forms are available in the student's school office and may also be downloaded from the Gifted and Talented (GATE) Department website.

If a parent believes their child may require GATE services and is in the 5th or 6th grade, they must submit a completed Nomination Form to the Curriculum and Instruction Department, 4210 Technology Drive, Fremont, California, 94538 **between November 1, 2017 and January 15, 2018.**

Diversity & Inclusion Lessons

Dear Families,

In FUSD we are committed to creating safe, welcoming learning environments. Over the course of this year we will be engaging in activities that promote resilience in our learners. Our goal is to make sure our students feel safe at their schools and if there are issues that come up, our students know how to get the support they need. These conversations are likely to come up in the course of lessons, the character education program, in classroom meetings and in individual work with students. Feel free to contact your principal if you want to learn more about the activities planned for this year.

Parent Feedback Wanted

Community input is important to our district. Your feedback is requested for the instructional guides that are now in compliance with the California Healthy Youth Act. (leginfo AB-329)

Comprehensive Health, Puberty and Sexual Education - Grades 4-8th and High School instructional guides will be presented to the FUSD Board of Education on November 15th, 2017, using the 3R's (Rights, Respect and Responsibility) curriculum.

A FEEDBACK FORM is provided at the top of the cover page of the Instructional guides for your responses. Thank You

Please use this bit.ly to open up the 4th - 8th Grade Instructional Guides.
<http://bit.ly/2y5Nc3L>



College and Career Readiness Indicators



How can I tell if my child is preparing for college or a career?
Below are some general guidelines to assess progress.

Grades 9-12



- Attendance - 95% (or above)
- High School Diploma and **any one of the following**:
 - ◆ Completion of courses that meet the University of California A-G criteria **plus one** of the following criteria:
 - One semester of Dual Enrollment with a passing grade (Academic/CTE subjects)
 - CTE Pathway Completion
 - At least "Standard Met" on English Language (ELA) or Mathematics and at least "Standard Nearly Met" in another subject area
 - Passing Score on one AP Exam
 - ◆ Completion of two semesters of Dual Enrollment with a passing grade (Academic and/or CTE)
 - Completion of Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathway **plus one** of the following criteria:
 - One semester of Dual Enrollment with a passing grade (Academic/CTE subjects)
 - Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments: At least "Standard Met" on English Language arts/literacy (ELA) or Mathematics and at least "Standard Nearly Met" in another subject area
 - ◆ Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments: At least "Standard Met" on both ELA and Mathematics
 - ◆ AP Exams: Passing Score on two Advanced Placement Exams

Grades 7-8



- Attendance - 95% (or above)
- Report Card Grades: 3.0 GPA with no Ds or Fs.
- Standardized Tests: Meets or Exceeds Standards
- Behavior - No suspensions

Grades 3-6



- Attendance - 95% (or above)
- Report Card Grades - "Satisfactory" or "C" and above
- Standardized Tests: Meets or Exceeds Standards
- Behavior - No discipline referrals

Grades TK-2



- Attendance - 95% (or above)
- Report Card Grades - "Satisfactory"
- Standardized Tests - Meets or Exceeds Standards

PLEASE NOTE: Meeting these indicators does not guarantee college acceptance, but will provide a solid foundation for achieving educational and occupational goals.