

# Mission Valley Elementary



## Parent Information



-December 2019-

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*Mission Valley's vision is to unite parents, educators, and the community to motivate and prepare students to be life-long learners and responsible citizens.*

### **Message from the Principal**

*The manner of giving is worth more than the gift. Pierre Corneille*

As we enter this season of giving, I want to encourage everyone to consider making a donation to the MVSA Toy Drive and writing at least one online letter for Make a Wish ([t.ly/mebyr](http://t.ly/mebyr)). These are great ways for each of us to give back to those less fortunate and teach our children about the benefits of helping others.

Just before the Thanksgiving Break our 4-6 grade Student Council members were elected by their peers to serve as school leaders and role models. I am especially proud of each and every student who ran for office. I am most proud of them for wanting to make a difference at MVE.

They will be sponsoring a **SPIRIT WEEK** the week of December 16. Let us have everyone join in on the fun!!!

**Monday 12/16-** MVE wear or school colors (blue and white)

**Tuesday 12/17-** festive hat day

**Wednesday 12/18-** pajama day

**Thursday 12/19-** holiday colors- red, green white....

**Friday 12/20 -** holiday wear of your choice

Wishing everyone a fun filled winter break. I am looking forward to seeing all of you when we return to school on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Your partner in education,  
*Denise Mapelli*  
Principal

### **Newsletter Highlights:**

**Toy Drive** – Ends December 12<sup>th</sup>. Tri City Volunteers will distribute your generous donations at their holiday event on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Family Coding Night** – On Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in MUR 5:45-6:45pm, bring your child to join in the Make & Code event for fun & learning from LVLUP Learning & CODE for Fun organizations.

**Winter Break No School** – December 23-January 3. Students return to school on January 6, 2020.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### DECEMBER

- **Early Dismissals**  
@ 1:10 Grades 1-6  
Wednesdays-  
December 4  
December 11  
December 18  
  
Friday-  
December 20
- **MVSA Toy Drive Continues for Tri City Volunteers Ends Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**
- **Family Coding & Maker Night**  
Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>  
5:45-6:45 in the MUR
- **Winter Break**  
NO SCHOOL  
Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Students return to school  
January 6, 2020

### JANUARY

- **Early Dismissals**  
@ 1:10 Grades 1-6  
Wednesdays-  
January 8  
January 15  
January 22  
January 29
- **Holiday-Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
NO SCHOOL  
Monday, January 20
- **Science Camp**  
January 6-January 10  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
attend camp
- **Science Night**  
Friday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>  
5-9pm in the MUR
- **Basketball Games**  
Thurs., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm  
@ Mission Valley  
Girls team plays first  
  
Wed., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2pm  
@Chadbourne  
Girls team plays first  
  
Thurs., Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:30pm  
@California School for the Deaf (CSD)  
Boys team plays first  
  
Wed., Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm  
@Mission San Jose  
Girls team plays first



## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### Mission Valley Elementary

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Fremont, CA 94539  
Phone: (510) 656-2000  
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**Absence Line:**  
510-656-2000 press 7

*PLEASE PHONE or EMAIL Kenya prior to or THE MORNING YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT-THANK YOU!*  
[kgunnell@fremont.k12.ca.us](mailto:kgunnell@fremont.k12.ca.us)

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### The Mission Valley Office-

**Principal:**  
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**Visit us and the MVSA parent club on the web at:**  
<https://missionvalley-fusd-ca.schoolloop.com/>



**For newsletters and additional info, scan the QR code or go to the Mission Valley website.**

## **Appreciation for the Mission Valley Parent Club-MVSA!**

Recently, they sponsored the Kids Against Hunger food packing & donation campaign. Here are the stats:

- \*550 Volunteers participated (Staff, Parents, Students, Community Volunteers)
- \*12,528 meals were packed
- \*\$5,118.25 was donated for the Kids Against Hunger foundation goals



The meals were delivered to the local non-profit Abode to use for the many families they serve.

The valuable lessons of empathy, compassion and community service were brought to the students of Mission Valley Elementary.

For Diwali, many hours of practice by students, parents and volunteers brought a vibrant cultural assembly of Diwali history, music and dance to Mission Valley with daytime assemblies, as well as a night performance.

In January, we will have further cultural exchange with Chinese New Year performance.

What cultural exchange would be complete without a lunch of sharing food and "breaking bread" together. The parent club also provides wonderful luncheons with delicious foods that represent the culture.

The Mission Valley staff truly appreciate the many volunteer hours, support and generosity of the Mission Valley School Association parent club!!!

## **Need Before/After School Care?**

The onsite YMCA continues to accept students for before or after school care. For questions or registration, contact them directly at 510-659-9427.

## **Art Class Coming to Mission Valley – Starts Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Kidz to Pros are bringing another fun class to our school. This time it's an ART Class-Creative Arts! Hands on art is another way to exercise your brain. Flyer should be come home, but if you miss it, here is the website where you can register your child for Thursday classes 2:35-3:50pm in Room 7:

[www.kidztopros.com](http://www.kidztopros.com)

## **Mission Valley School Counselor – Ms. Camarillo**

Ms. Camarillo supports students by promoting social emotional skills:

- Self Awareness – recognize & regulate emotions
- Responsible & Ethical Decision Making – set & achieve personal & academic goals
- Relationship Skills: establish & maintain positive relationships
- Self Management: constructively handle challenging social situations
- Assisting with anything that affects students ability to learn

Parents are supported by:

- Exploring ways to help your child succeed
- Improving parent-child communications
- Referrals to community resources
- Provide information to help understand the developmental changes of childhood
- Help navigate through the school system
- Anything to assist your family's needs in the education environment

Services Provided: Classroom Presentations/Brief Solution-Focused Counseling (6-8 weeks)/Small Group Counseling (grief, divorce, social skills, regulating emotions and study skills)/Parent Consultations

Ms. Camarillo may be reached via phone: 510-656-2000 x34130 email: [fcamarillo@fusdk12.net](mailto:fcamarillo@fusdk12.net) She is onsite on Monday & Tuesday, but message may be left as she checks them throughout the week.

View more on our website at: <https://missionvalley-fusd-ca.schoolloop.com/Teachers & Students>



*Happy  
Holidays*



*From the entire  
Mission Valley  
Elementary Staff!*