

# Mission Valley Elementary



## Parent Newsletter



-January 2020-

如果您需要此文件的中文譯本，請和學校聯絡。

*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 No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. -Aesop*

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! School resumed with 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers attending Science Camp, giving students alternative ways to learn about science and nature. It's also a great independent experience for students to be away from their homes and in charge of their good behavior. We're happy to say, it was another successful experience for students, staff and camp counselors!

The next wonderful experience for students will be the Mission Valley National Kindness Week and the Great Kindness Challenge, January 27-31, 2020. There will be spirit wear theme days, recess & lunch Kindness Activity Station, and a classroom challenge for classrooms to decorate their doors with the KINDNESS THEME. See more about spirit days later in this newsletter.

Here's an excerpt from an article "Tips for Raising Kind Children" by Lori Soard-

*Kindness is something that stems from feeling empathy toward other people. It grows slowly as your child witness's kindness from you and the others around him.*

*Alfie Kohn, author of [The Brighter Side of Human Nature: Altruism and Empathy in Everyday Life](#), believes that it is natural to wish to help others. He says, "It's almost as though we're born predisposed to be upset by other people's pain."*

*Kindness is something that is learned over a lifetime of watching parents, teachers, friends and even co-workers who are empathetic toward others. It's never too late to start teaching empathy. Today is a great day to begin teaching your children how to be kind, caring people.*

Be sure to ask you child what their class is doing to learn more about kindness during the week of January 27-31<sup>st</sup>!

Your partner in education and kindness,  
*Denise Mapelli, Principal*

### **Newsletter Highlights-**

#### **EVENTS:**

**Science Night** – Friday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. 2 sessions with tickets available on Konstella

**Family Game Night** – Friday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. More info to come

#### **EARLY RELEASE:**

**Additional early release day**- on Friday, Feb. 14

#### **NO SCHOOL:**

**Martin Luther King Day** – Monday, Jan. 20 and **President's Day** – Monday, Feb. 17

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 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 Night**  
Friday, Jan. 24th  
6-8pm in the MUR  
(reserve tickets on Konstella)
- **Basketball Games**  
Thurs., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm  
@ Mission Valley vs Gomes  
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

### FEBRUARY

- **Early Dismissals**  
@1:10 Grades 1-6  
**Wednesdays-**  
February 5  
February 12  
February 19  
February 26  
**Friday-**  
February 14
- **MVSA Parent Club Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 11  
7pm in Room 7
- **Holiday-Presidents Day**  
NO SCHOOL  
Monday, February 17
- **Family Game Night**  
Friday, February 21st  
More details in an upcoming flyer!
- **Basketball Games**  
Wed., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm  
@ Mission Valley vs CA School for the Deaf  
Boys team plays first  
  
Wed., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm  
@ Gomes  
Boys team plays first  
  
Thurs., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm  
@ Mission Valley vs Mission San Jose Elem.  
Girls team plays first  
  
Tues., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm  
@ Mission Valley vs Chadbourne  
Boys team plays first



## SCHOOL INFORMATION

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*PLEASE PHONE or EMAIL Kenya prior to or THE MORNING YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT-THANK YOU!*  
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<https://missionvalley-fusd-ca.schoolloop.com/>



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## ENGLISH

The Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California, or “Summative ELPAC,” is the test used to measure how well students understand English when it is not the language they speak at home. Information from the ELPAC tells your child’s teacher about the areas in which your child needs extra support.

### **This spring, your child will take the Summative ELPAC.**

Students in kindergarten through grade twelve who are classified as English learners will take the Summative ELPAC every year until they are reclassified as proficient in English. Students are tested on their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Your child’s voice is being recorded as part of the Speaking test. A small percentage of student responses will be used to validate the accuracy of scoring and will not be used for identification. All recorded responses will be destroyed after the scores are validated.

You are an important part of your child’s education. To help your child get ready for the test, you can:

- Read to your child, or have them read to you on a regular basis.
- Use pictures and ask your child to tell you what they see, or what is happening in each picture.
- Provide your child with opportunities to use language outside of school.
- Talk with your child’s teacher about your child’s listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to help support their progress.

To learn more about the ELPAC, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

You also can look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the ELPAC Web site at <https://www.elpac.org/resources/practicetests/>.

\*If you have any questions about your child taking the ELPAC, please contact Mission Valley principal-Denise Mapelli, phone: 510-659-2000 x34170 email: [dmapelli@fusdk12.net](mailto:dmapelli@fusdk12.net)

## CHINESE

加利福尼亞州的總結性英語語言能力評估（簡稱“總結性ELPAC”）用於衡量當英語不是學生的家庭語言時他們對英語的理解程度。ELPAC的信息可以告訴老師貴子女需要額外支持的領域。

### **今年春天，貴子女將參加總結性ELPAC（Summative ELPAC）。**

被歸類為英語學習者的幼兒園到十二年級學生，他們將每年參加Summative ELPAC，直到他們被重新歸為精通英語者。學生的聽力，口語，閱讀和寫作能力將被測試。貴子女的聲音將被記錄為口語測試的一部分。學生的一小部分回答內容將用於驗證評分的準確性，而不會用於識別身份。分數的有效性驗證完畢後，所有記錄的聲音都將被銷毀。

您是孩子教育的重要組成部分。為了幫助貴子女準備考試，您可以：

- 定期給貴子女讀書，或者讓他們給您讀書。
- 使用圖片並讓貴子女告訴您他們所看到的內容，或每張圖片中正在發生的事情。
- 為貴子女提供在校外使用英語語言的機會。
- 與貴子女的老師談論了解孩子的聽，說，讀，寫技能，以幫助他們進步。

要了解有關ELPAC的更多信息，請訪問“加利福尼亞教育部家長理解指南”網頁，網址為 <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>。

您還可以查看練習測試中的示例測試問題，這些問題可以在ELPAC網站上找到，網址為 <https://www.elpac.org/resources/practicetests/>。

如果您對貴子女參加ELPAC測試有任何疑問，請聯繫

**-Mission Valley Elementary-**

**NATIONAL KINDNESS WEEK**

**January 27-31, 2020**

**(Spirit Wear)**

**Monday: School Spirit Colors!  
Promote kindness in our MVE Family**

**Tuesday: Super Heroes!  
Powered by Kindness**

**Wednesday: Sports Attire!  
Team Kindness supporting our MVE  
Basketball Team**

**Thursday: Hippy Attire!  
Peace, Love, & Kindness**

**Friday: Pajamas!  
Dreaming of Kindness**