

Mission Valley Elementary

-Family Newsletter- September 2020

Message from the Principal-

It was so wonderful to see all the families come to school to pick up text books and other curriculum from their teachers on August 25th. Children were excited to see friends from afar, adults were happy to meet teachers and say hello to other families. This was the day before school, but it certainly felt like the usual anticipated first day of school, filled with new school year excitement.

I hope to see everyone at the virtual Back to School Night on Tues., September 15th @ 6pm. Watch for messages from the school and your child's teacher with details on this event.

It's great to see that everyone from teacher's, support staff, office staff and myself have learned new ways to be connected with our families and students to support quality distance learning for every student.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please use email to contact your child's teacher, the office or myself. We are here to help and support you.

Your Partner in Education,
Mrs. Denise Mapelli, Principal- dmapelli@fusdk12.net

Office Staff:
Kathy Kimberlin, Secretary- kakimberlin@fusdk12.net
Kenya Gunnell, Office Assistant/Attendance Clerk- kgunnell@fusdk12.net

Immunizations Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that immunization requirements have not changed, per California state law: <http://www.acphd.org/iz>. Additional info may be found on the District website Health Services page-[click here](#).

If you have questions about immunizations or requirements for our school nurse, we will connect you.



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- **Office Staff Support**
Questions? Contact office staff:

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Fremont Education Foundation - \$20 in 2020 Fundraising Campaign

FEF

The Fremont Education Foundation is dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities for all our students in Fremont Unified School District's schools by increasing community support and involvement.

The Fremont Education Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity.



The FEF board of directors are committed to the \$20 for 2020 campaign goal to raise \$250,000.00 to supply technology devices for FUSD students and teachers supporting quality distance learning.

They need YOUR help with donations to meet this goal for our future leaders, FUSD students.

Every amount makes a difference! Check PAYABLE TO FEF or donate online: www.fremont-education.org

Your donation up to \$25,000.00 will be matched dollar for dollar by FEF!

Additionally, they are extremely proud to announce that their continuing partner in education, the Fremont Bank Foundation, is giving \$25,000.00 to support students and teachers in Fremont Unified!

The Mission Valley School Association (MVSA) is the non-profit Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) of Mission Valley Elementary School. Please consider supporting their efforts!

Prep @ Mission Valley

Many of you know that Mission Valley offers Science and Physical Education prep classes.

We continue with this even during Distance Learning.

You will learn more from your classroom teacher as well as from the prep teachers.

Watch for more info-



School & District Info and Resources

SCHOOL OFFICE-

Principal: Denise Mapelli -email: dmapelli@fusdk12.net

Secretary: Kathy Kimberlin -email: kakimberlin@fusdk12.net

Office Assistant/Attendance: Kenya Gunnell -email: kgunnell@fusdk12.net

Website: <https://missionvalley.fremont.k12.ca.us/>

Classroom Supplies List & Handbook: [List & Handbook](#) on MV website (note-community supplies will not be necessary until we return to traditional school)



DISTRICT RESOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- * **Free & Reduced Lunch Info:** <https://fusdcafes.org/>
- * **FUSD Parent Student Handbook:** [Student Support Services Dept.](#)
- * **FUSD Parent Student Handbook "Addendum"** addresses attendance, instruction and behavior specifically for distance learning: [Addendum for 20/21](#)
- * **\$20 in 2020 Fundraiser for Technology** to support students & teachers—Fremont Education Foundation & FUSD partnership. Learn how more about this amazing campaign on the FEF website: <https://www.fremont-education.org/>

Attendance, Instruction & Behavior 20/21

[FUSD HANDBOOK ADDENDUM –Click here to view entire document](#)

This document, titled the FUSD 2020-2021 Handbook Addendum, is intended to address a number of key elements from school handbooks as they relate to distance learning during the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the evolving and ever-changing nature of our current world, it is essential that contact information for families is accurate and that communication between school and families remain strong so we ask that contact information be immediately updated at the school site as changes may occur.

ABSENCE REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS:

To report student absence or tardy: email kgunnell@fusdk12.net

If your child is sick and cannot log onto zoom lessons, please email Mrs. Gunnell.

If you have an appointment and your child is going to be late to school or you are checking your child out early please email your child's teacher and attendance clerk, Mrs. Gunnell. Please include:

- approx. time leaving
- or return time
- reason.

Physical Education Supplies Opportunity

Mission Valley P.E. teachers have arranged optional "Mission Valley Packages" of P.E. supplies for student use at home. These optional supplies are purchased by the family. This is NOT required. If financial assistance is needed, please contact P.E. teacher Karen Hughes via email: khughes@fusdk12.net

Note: purchases are made directly by families. [Click here to read entire letter](#) to families posted on the Mission Valley website under Contact/Resources.

Our School Counselor-Ms. Camarillo

Hello Mission Valley School Community. As with any life change, can bring struggle. You are not alone, we are here to help families thrive during this time. As Mission Valley's School Counselor, I can help parents connect with community or school resources, to support students' ability to thrive in school and in life. I can provide recommendations to help support students' needs. I provide opportunities for students to gain coping skills for social emotional well being. My role is to help students succeed in school & thrive in life. Please don't hesitate to connect with me.

Fabiola Camarillo
Mission Valley School Counselor
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Please check out our website for a plethora of resources [School Counselor Resources](#)

Also, have your kids explore [Student's Virtual Calming Room](#) to practice calming and relaxing coping skills. This is a great tool for brain breaks or when needing to redirect self.

Check out [School Counselor Resources](#)

About Mission Valley

Welcome to Mission Valley Elementary, one of 28 elementary schools within the Fremont Unified School District. Located on the southeast side of San Francisco Bay in the beautiful city of Fremont we are between San Jose and Oakland in Alameda County. We are in close proximity to many universities and BART.

Our school population of approximately 620. We are proud of our rich ethnic diversity and vital, involved parental base; more than half of households have an adult whom has attended graduate school.

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Parent/Guardian Protocols During Distance Learning

As we move into a new full distance learning model this year, it's important for our parents/guardians and their families to understand and respect the legal aspects pertaining to students, teachers, and staff.

Student Confidentiality

- All students have the right to confidentiality, which extends to distance learning.
Exception: By law, staff members are mandated reporters and required to report suspected child abuse, as well as safety concerns related to danger of self and to others.
- To the extent possible, all students should remain in a confidential setting while viewing in-classroom teaching.
- [Per Education Code 51512](#), it is illegal to record teachers and/or students. This is a violation of student and staff privacy.
- In-classroom teaching is for the personal use of the student for the sole purpose of distance learning.
- Parents/guardians and family members of early elementary students may support students as they learn how to use online platforms to access learning.
- We ask that parents/guardians who need to communicate with their student's teacher schedule a meeting with the teacher so that the live instructional time can proceed without interruptions. All teachers have identified office hours to support students and families.

Academic Integrity

- FUSD places a high value on academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to use only the resources and references allowed by their teachers in completing assignments and assessments.
- While collaborative work with other students is often encouraged and acceptable, students must follow teacher directions when told to work independently.
- Students who cheat on assignments or assessments will be penalized.

Student Dress Code and Behavior

- Students should keep to the dress code as they would in a physical classroom, and avoid inappropriate clothes during a live session.
- The District has the right to monitor behavior, identify bullying, and set expectations for good behavior while using these platforms.
- The District may use audio or video recordings when investigating possible inappropriate behavior.

Visiting the School Site

Our school sites are closed to the public but there may be instances when the site administrator will contact you or students to come to the site. In order to follow health and safety guidelines provided by the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH), we ask that all visitors:

- ◇ Maintain a social distance of six feet with anyone around you. In addition, we will only allow a maximum of two visitors at a time in all school offices.
- ◇ Wear face coverings at all times. Those without a face covering will not be allowed on any school property.
- ◇ Limit their movement on campus to the school office only. Visitors, including parents/guardians, are not allowed to enter the school grounds or classrooms.
- ◇ Adhere to the drop off/pick up schedules for packets and assignments as determined and communicated by each school site.
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Best Practices for Students and Staff during Distance Learning

With an eye towards these privacy issues, we have put together the following shortlist of best practices when using distance learning platforms:

- * Avoid uploading sensitive, confidential, or personally identifiable information to these platforms whenever possible.
- * Always access these platforms from the same device (e.g., designate one computer for distance learning; do not use multiple computers or devices).
- * Regularly clear your internet history, including your browsing history, cache, and cookies.
- * Do not share your login credentials or meeting links with anyone.
- * Use an advertisement blocking program while accessing these platforms.