

Mission Valley Elementary

-Family Newsletter-
November 2020

Message from the Principal-

Dear MVE Community,

I want to thank our entire community for the continued support as we continue with distance learning (DL). As I “go into” classrooms I continue to be amazed at the ease with which our staff makes DL appear and the resilience of our students to adapt to this new type of learning. As we enter into the holiday season, I wish you all the very best and look forward to seeing the continued growth in our students.

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

[Click on this link](#) to Mrs. Mapelli’s virtual office. Lots of info, resources, fun things to explore and much more!



“Autumn is the season to find contentment at home by paying attention to what we already have.”

Schedule Reminders:

- * Turn back your clocks 1 hour on Sun., Nov. 1st!
- * NO School Wednesday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day)
- * School Board Meeting Thurs., Nov. 12 (Discussing future & timeline of Distance Learning)
- * 1st Trimester ends, Nov. 13
- * Parent Teacher Conferences Nov. 16-20 (Your child’s teacher & the specialist teachers will provide more details)
- * Early Release @ 1:10 Nov. 16-20 Gr. 1-6
- * Thanksgiving Break, NO School Nov. 23-27
- * Early Release @ 1:10 Fri., Dec. 18 Gr. 1-6
- * Winter Break, NO School Dec. 21-Jan. 1

ADDITIONAL calendar information for 20/21 may be found on the FUSD website - [CLICK HERE](#)
Instructional Calendar on the website-[CLICK HERE](#)



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Contacts/Resources

- Your child is tardy or absent? You have questions? Contact:

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Mission Valley events/activities
[Mission Valley Website](http://MissionValleyWebsite.com)
Missionvalley.fremont.k12.ca.us



Child Nutrition Program, Meal Applications & School Funding

The Formula Behind the Critical Funding Served with Every Meal

Many FUSD parents may be confused about why the school district is distributing free meals without the need to fill out any paperwork, while families are also being reminded to fill out the annual Free and Reduced Meal Application. Doesn't this application only determine whether a student will receive free meals? The truth is that approved meal applications do much more than provide students with free meals, they are also an essential part of the formula that determines funding, services, and support for schools.

If you recall, the school district, or any public school throughout the nation, typically does not offer free meals for all children during the school year. In 2020-21, the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of Education, and the California Department of Education approved a waiver, which allows public schools to implement a program called the *Seamless Summer Option* during the actual school year. The Seamless Summer Option is a free meal program, typically only available during the summer, since the school meal is often the only meal a child in a food insecure household eats during the day.

The Free and Reduced Meal Application uses a household income formula and household size to determine if a family qualifies for free or reduced school meals for the school year **and is also used to determine whether public schools will receive Federal Title I funding and other resources such as the State Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for the following school year. In this case, the number of students that qualify for free or reduced-price meals in 2020-21 will determine funding for 2021-22.**

By filling out Free and Reduced Meal Application we will be able to determine eligibility of FUSD students, which in turn may translate into more funding, services, and support for your local school. Info & Application: <https://fusdcafes.org/>

Message from the FUSD Parent Outreach Coordinator

Here is our fall edition of our quarterly newsletter, [Newcomer News](#). We've got tips for distance learning, parent teacher conferences and more. Watch for monthly zoom workshops for families on a variety of very helpful topics. I look forward to continued outreach, shared resources and meeting many of you virtually!

Sincerely,

Catrina Aguilar

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Mission Valley Counselor - Social Emotional Well Being & more...

Hello again Mission Valley families!

I plan to reach out to you every month with tips and resources on working with your child(ren) as they distance learn and gain new ways to study in these changing times. Not only do I have resources for parents, I also share ideas for the entire family. Below is a reminder of my role, commitment and ongoing goals:

I am dedicated to serve as the School Counselor for Blacow & Mission Valley Elementary Schools. I am excited to play an important role in both these schools, to empower the lives of young people. I am extremely open to collaborate with all of you in developing a nurturing and enriching school community for our students.

Through my role as a School Counselor, I support all of our students in the areas of academic, social-emotional, and educational development through a variety of services.

My role is to assist to eliminate/reduce barriers that impede on academic learning, specifically through small social skills groups; one on one Individual/crisis support; classroom workshops; parent workshops; parent support by providing strategies and necessary resources to assist the family supporting their child.

The newest resource is an Adult virtual relaxation room! Check it out:

[Adult-Virtual-Relaxation-Room](#)

Here are some other resources that have been in place already this year.

[Students-Virtual-Calming-Room](#)

[School Counselor Resources](#) (option to select English or Spanish on the webpage)

Please browse my webpage to learn more about our school counseling program, and helpful resources within our community. Feel free to contact via email.

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