

# Mission Valley Elementary

## -Family Newsletter- August 2020

### Welcome Back Message from the Principal-

Welcome Back to School!

I hope this message finds you well and you and your family are safe and well. While this is not the start to the school year we had hoped for, please know our staff is working tirelessly on a comprehensive Distance Learning Plan.

If you have not yet gone into your **parent portal** to update the documents for your child(ren) for this school year please do so ASAP. If you need assistance please contact: [kakimberlin@fusdk12.net](mailto:kakimberlin@fusdk12.net) or [kgunnell@fusdk12.net](mailto:kgunnell@fusdk12.net)

We ask for your continued patience as we work through the logistics of developing vibrant distance learning activities for all students.

Please be on the lookout for an **email from your child's teacher on August 21, 2020** detailing how to log into their classroom. Students will be logging in on **Monday, August 24** for a quick technology check.

The first day of school is **August 26, 2020**. School begins at 8:20 am. Please refer to the website, <https://missionvalley.fremont.k12.ca.us> for helpful updates and resources.

Finally, we wish you all good health and we look forward to returning to school in the future.

Your Partner in Education,  
*Mrs. Denise Mapelli, Principal*

### Greetings from the School Office-

We welcome families and students to the new school year and are always here to answer your questions, provide information and ensure that the needs of teachers, students and families are met.

Currently, we are working from home majority of the time. We check email throughout the day and will respond to you within 24 hours. Please watch our website for updates and possible hours the office may be open in the future. For now, we'll help and support everyone via online or phone communication and look forward to the day we'll be able to greet you in person with a warm smile!

*Kathy Kimberlin, Secretary*  
*Kenya Gunnell, Office Assistant/Attendance*



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#### Special points of interest

- **Parent/Student district Handbook Addendum**  
ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED
- **Maze Process is Online**  
Questions? Contact office staff:

**Kathy Kimberlin-**  
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**Kenya Gunnell-**  
[kgunnell@fusdk12.net](mailto:kgunnell@fusdk12.net)





## Connect with Parent Club-MVSA

The Mission Valley School Association (MVSA) uses *Konstella* to streamline all communications from PTO to parents, committees and social groups within our school. This platform enables you to view upcoming school events, newsletters, volunteer information, parent to parent communications and so much more. Once you are added to Konstella, you will have the opportunity to communicate with other parents and receive all notifications.

or download the Konstella IOS / Android App and Register by Invitation Code - Z256dt

*Please note that the URL and Invitation code is case sensitive.*

**Step 2:** Enter your email address to receive an invitation link.

**Step 3:** Check your email and click on the Join link in the invitation from Konstella.

MVSA website may be found on the Mission Valley Website: <https://missionvalley.fremont.k12.ca.us/>  
Or here:

<http://www.mvsa-fremont.org/>

**Step 1:** Visit the following URL:  
<https://www.konstella.com/cd/Z256dt>



*The Mission Valley School Association (MVSA) is the non-profit Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) of Mission Valley Elementary School.*

### Prep @ Mission Valley

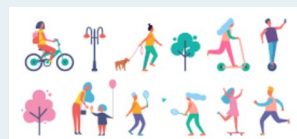
Many of you know that Mission Valley offers Science and Physical Education prep classes.

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 Re-



### SCHOOL OFFICE-

**Principal:** Denise Mapelli -email: [dmapelli@fusdk12.net](mailto:dmapelli@fusdk12.net)

**Secretary:** Kathy Kimberlin -email: [kakimberlin@fusdk12.net](mailto:kakimberlin@fusdk12.net)

**Office Assistant/Attendance:** Kenya Gunnell -email: [kgunnell@fusdk12.net](mailto: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: <http://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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## End of School Year 19/20...

End of year drive thru at the school. Students and staff shared messages of thanks and appreciation. 6th grade promotion was held virtually, as was spirit week, distance learning fun, thank you to essential workers and a few other activities that were continued and celebrated with pandemic health safety in place.

The school day may change, but not the commitment of Mission Valley educators, support staff, parent club, volunteers, students and their families!

Photos courtesy Twitter @MVESBeavers



## 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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# 2020-2021

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Kindergarten Recess						
9:50-10:10						

Grades 1-3 Lunch/Recess						
9:50-10:00 recess						
11:45-12:30 lunch/recess						
1:20-1:30 recess						

Grades 4-6 Lunch/Recess						
11:00-11:45 Lunch/Recess*						
1:00-1:15 Recess						
*10:50 Recess - Wed. only						

Friday Letter Reward						
Grades 1-3		2:00-2:25				
Grades 4-6		2:15-2:35				

Special Events						
Sept 15 - Back to School Night						
May 18 - Open House (6:30-7:30)						
May 19 - May Day Dances						

- No School
- Early Release
- First and last day of school
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Special Events

Daily Schedule						
Kindergarten 8:20-11:40						
Grades 1-3 8:20-2:30						
Grades 4-6 8:20-2:45						

Early Release Day Schedule						
Grades 1-3 8:20-1:08						
Grades 4-6 8:20-1:10						

### NEW-Lunch Drop Off Process

Lunches need to be dropped off NO LATER than 10:30 on the cart outside the office  
At 10:30 the cart will be taken to the MUR

Students will need to charge a lunch if delivered after 10:30

### Student Pick-Up

Please refer to Lunch, Recess and Letter Reward schedules when picking students up early.  
We recommend arriving 10-15 minutes before or after these times to pick-up your student.