

Mission Valley Elementary

-Family Newsletter-
December 2020



Message from the Principal-

Dear MVE Community,

As I write this letter I am reminded that I am very fortunate to be part of this community. While 2020 has not been what we would have hoped for, there have been many wonderful things happening in our school community that I am very proud of. I want to wish you a wonderful, safe holiday season and hope you might consider giving back to the community by allowing your child(ren) to complete a [Winter Wish Light](#) activity and by considering giving back to a local charity, if possible, or doing a kind act for someone in the community.

While we all know 2020 has been an exceptional year, we are still able to help those in need at this time of the year. For the past four years students have written letters as part of the Make a Wish/Macy's Believe campaign. Students can still make a difference in the virtual letter writing world once again this year. Macy's will donate \$1 to Make-A-Wish, up to \$1 million to help wishes come true.

As a school community we have collected both food and toys for those in need over the past couple of years and still have the ability to do this virtually as well this year. If you are able, please consider donating to one or both this holiday season.

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! Click on the images below for a link to their websites.



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Reporting Your Child's Absence or Tardy-

It is VERY IMPORTANT to notify our attendance clerk Kenya Gunnell, of your child's absence or tardy. You may notify prior in the case of a doctor/dentist appointment or notify us no later than 9am daily. Kenya may be reached at:

Email: kgunnell@fusdk12.net

OR

Phone: 510-656-2000 press option 7

~~Daily attendance is the key to student success~~

GATE Information

Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) provides support for gifted and talented (GATE) students through differentiated instruction.

We believe that differentiated instruction not only serves the needs of our exceptional students, but also enhances the entire educational program for all students.

In February of 2020, funding for the CogAT testing was cut as part of the budget savings. While the CogAT testing has been the primary means of qualifying students for GATE identification we are now in the process of identifying an alternative way of identifying students. **There will not be a test for GATE eligibility given this year.** We are currently revising the GATE identification process and handbook FUSD will have an update by Spring 2021.

During the 2020/21 school year we will continue to identify 5th and 6th grade students who were not identified in an earlier grade. These students may be considered for GATE identification through the professional judgement process. [Teachers](#) (*staff only*) and/or [parents](#) may nominate a student. A completed nomination form must be submitted by the teacher or parent to the school Principal by **December 11, 2020**.

Principals will set up meetings with the teacher, student, and parent to discuss the student's eligibility for GATE identification.

In June 2021, parents, teachers, and students who applied for professional judgement will be informed of their child's GATE eligibility.

Parent Workshop— [Click here for Zoom](#)



Parent Workshop: Helping Children Manage Anxiety during COVID-19

Date: Wednesday, December 9th, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Zoom ([Link](#))

Meeting ID: 929 9044 3989

Passcode: 186755

As the COVID-19 pandemic wears on, its effects on our mental health may have become increasingly noticeable - especially in children and teens. Join us for a parent workshop as counselors from FUSD share information and ways to help kids cope with stress and manage anxiety about COVID-19.

Spanish and Mandarin interpreting services are available upon request. For questions, email Catrina, Parent Outreach Coordinator at caquilar@fusdk12.net

Have you Seen the Newsletter -Drawing

Our newsletters are issued monthly and full of helpful information and resources for students and their families.

In effort to be sure families have seen the Mission Valley Elementary newsletter we are holding a fun drawing for a gift card to **Suju's Coffee & Tea** OR **Starbucks!**

[Click Here to Enter the Drawing](#)
Or enter this into your browser
<https://forms.gle/ajgf5LwDf1dekwL99>

Safe Routes to School Update

Thanks to everyone who participated in International Walk & Roll Week! Over 2,500 students from 128 schools walked, rolled, scooted, skateboarded, and more throughout the week.

The winner for Mission Valley is 4th grade student Maneesh G. Congratulations! They won a scooter and helmet!

Remember, you can continue to walk, roll and be active inside and outdoors throughout the year. To learn more or get involved visit our partners, Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools at www.alamedacountysr2s.org or email info@alamedacountysr2s.org.

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20/21 Yearbook Cover Contest-Ends Dec. 7th

As our tradition, the yearbook cover contest is open only to current 6th graders.

The top 2 winning designs will be used as the front and back covers of the 2020-2021 yearbook. The 1st and 2nd place winners will receive a Free Yearbook, and they will have their own pages in the yearbook. Please refer to the Yearbook Cover Contest Flyer for details. The sample designs are attached as well. The deadline for design submission is Monday Dec 7, 2020. All the entries must be scanned, saved as a jpg file and named as "Room #_Full Name of the Student", and sent to the email: langtianya09@gmail.com by the deadline.

Guidelines:

- ☑ Draw your design on a plain white 8 1/2" x 11" copy paper.
- ☑ Leave a 2" margin on top.
- ☑ Your design should include a brief slogan with a maximum of 8 words. (For example: "Our Time to Shine" or "Shoot for the stars")
- ☑ The artwork must be original and should not include any copyrighted characters such as Pokémon, Disney characters, etc.
- ☑ The design should include our school name and the current school year: Mission Valley, 2020 - 2021.
- ☑ The design should be colored. Please trace your final design with a black Sharpie pen and make a few sketch copies before coloring, in case coloring fails. You can also scan the sketch design first and use coloring apps with computer. Please try to use our school color blue as the background color.
- ☑ The design must be scanned, saved as a jpg file and named as "Room#_Student's Full Name", and sent to the email: langtianya09@gmail.com.

Deadline: All entries must be sent to langtianya09@gmail.com by Monday, December 7th. Sponsored by MVSA, parent club.

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.

HOME
OF
THE
BEAVERS



FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

MISSION ATTENDANCE AREA

SCHOOL BUDGETS

DECEMBER 10 THURSDAY @ 6 PM

what's happening:

Superintendent CJ Cammack invites parents and the community to a series of virtual town hall meetings to talk about the FUSD budget and gather feedback regarding potential budget balancing solutions.

Watch event on the FUSD Live Stream



how to participate:
Before the virtual town hall on school budgets goes live use this [Google form](#)

During the virtual town hall if you want to provide live input please see details [here](#) /townhall



fremont.k12.ca.us/townhall



FREMONT UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 16, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the 2020-21 school year, your child will be assessed a total of three times to help determine areas where they may need additional support. These district assessments, along with other classroom assessments, will be used to identify students who may have experienced significant learning loss due to distance learning in the 2019-20 school year, as well measure student progress of this year's course standards to identify students who are at risk of experiencing learning loss due to distance learning.

The first of these three assessments was administered during the month of October. School sites are currently analyzing data collected from Assessment 1 to determine classroom and other interventions that may need to be implemented for specific students. The Assessment 1 tests were based on students' previous year content standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.

Parents/guardians currently have access to Assessment 1 results via the [Illuminate Parent Portal](#). Grade 6-12 Mathematics results are not in the Illuminate Parent Portal - please contact your child's teacher for assessment results. If you do not have access to the Illuminate Parent Portal, please contact your child's school office. The results of this assessment will not be used for grading purposes and will be excluded from report card grades.

Assessments 2 and 3 will focus on your child's current grade level content standards taught up to that point in time. **The testing windows will be as follows:**

- Kindergarten - Grade 5
 - o ELA, Assessment 2: November 30, 2020 - December 11, 2020
 - o Mathematics, Assessment 2: January 6, 2021 - January 27, 2021
 - o ELA and Mathematics, Assessment 3: March 2021, dates TBD
- Grade 6 - Grade 12:
 - o ELA, Assessment 2: November 30, 2020 - December 11, 2020
 - o Mathematics, Assessment 2: January 25, 2021 - February 5, 2021
 - o ELA and Mathematics, Assessment 3: March 2021, dates TBD

If you have any questions regarding the results of these assessments or intervention your child may be receiving, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,
FUSD Instructional Services Department