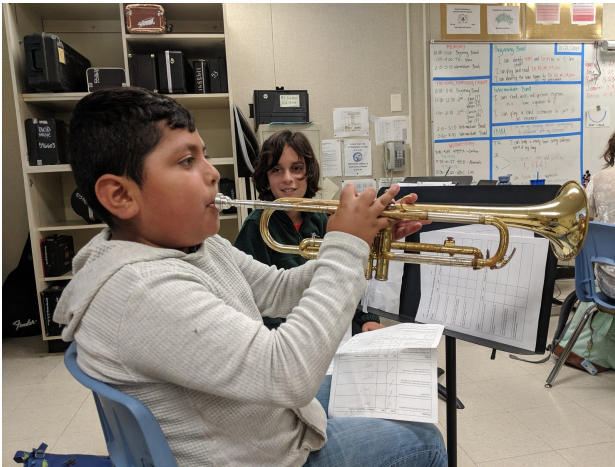


MLA Bulletin:

Week of November 4, 2019

November Spotlight: The Arts at MLA!

We are grateful to have a robust program in the arts at MLA. From Ballet Folklorico to middle school band... to capoeira and visual art, we are excited to see our budding artists spread their wings. We send a huge thank you to Ruth Correa Hernandez for her fantastic work bringing Ballet Folklorico into the lives of our students and teachers and to Padres Unidos for hosting a beautiful and inspiring Dia de los Muertos celebration.



Students in Ms. Gold's Middle School Band elective work on hitting the right note!



Students in Maestra Ruth's Ballet Folklorico after school class inspire the audience in their Dia de los Muertos performance.

Whole School Updates

Visit our website to see all events listed on our Family Calendar: <https://melroseleadershipacademy.org/>

Grading

- **Middle school:** Please continue to check Jumprope with your child. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's crew leader.
- When can you expect your child's next **report card**?
 - **Middle School:** November 12 — report cards sent home in backpacks
 - **Elementary School:** December 2 — report cards sent home in backpacks

MLA School Site Council + Title 1 Meeting

- Our next SSC meeting will take place on **Thursday, November 14**, from 5:30-7pm in Maestro Jose's room.

- We will ALSO host our annual **Title 1 Meeting** on Thursday, November 14, immediately before the SSC meeting, from 5-5:30pm on Thursday, November 14.

MLA SELLS Committee

- The next SELLS meeting will take place on Friday, January 17 at 8:45am in the MLA auditorium at Maxwell. We will share the agenda the week before the meeting. For more information please email beatriz.ferrer@ousd.org.

Blueprint School Design Team

- WELCOME to our MLA expansion design team members! After receiving over 300 votes for family design team members, we decided to expand our design team to include all families that received over 25 votes, as many of the races were incredibly close (often just by one vote)! We have a lot of work to do to get ready for next year, so our expanded design team will roll up our collective sleeves to support our community through this transition.
- Introducing the MLA Expansion Design Team:
 - Teachers: lead — Gabriela Casal
 - Gabriela Casal (MS), Luz Salazar-Jed (3-5), Evelyn Ramirez (TK-2), Holly Welch (SpEd), Laura Gonzalez (whole school)
 - Family Members: lead — Kirstin Hernandez
 - Andrea Lowe + Ursula Aldana (MS), Rocio Camacho + Alison Briscoe Smith (3-5), Patty Segura + Mike Viola (TK-2), Mercedes Castillo + Elena Perez (ELLs)
 - Admin and District Staff: lead — Bri Zika
 - MLA Admin and Clerical Staff: Sheila Laorca (office), Mary Ramos (recess), Beatriz Ferrer Castro (AP), Princess Villegas (After School)
 - District Staff: Nicole Knight (ELLMa Office), Sam Offerberg (OUSD SpEd Dept.)
- The Design Team will meet every other Tuesday from 3:30-5:30pm in Anabel West's room
- Our upcoming work as a design team:
 - Goal #1: to decide by the end of December which grades will go to which campus next year
 - Goal #2: to reflect on our school's mission and vision; to clarify who it is we seek to serve and what we believe our students deserve
 - Goal #3: to design an MLA school quality tool "DL by EL" (Dual Language by Expeditionary Learning) through which we can honestly reflect on our instructional program, our academic impact, and the work ahead of us to ensure we sustainably plan for our future on two sites.
- Your grade level family leads will reach out to you shortly with information about how to participate in the input process. Your feedback is welcome during our listening sessions!

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, November 5: Hearing and Vision Screening
- Monday, November 11: No School
- Tuesday, November 12: Design Team Meeting
- Thursday, November 14: Title 1 Meeting (all are invited)
- Thursday, November 14: SSC Meeting (all are invited)
- November 25-29: Thanksgiving Break



Section 2: PTSA News

Celebrations

- Thanks to all for making the Celebration of Día de los Muertos a success. It was a wonderful night, PTSA and Padres Unidos raised around \$1200. Special thanks to ALL the volunteers for their hard work, without you this event wouldn't be possible!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- Wednesday, November 6: Power Hour
- Saturday, November 9: Green Team Work Day PLUS Middle School Classroom Move Day
 - Our SDC and Newcomers will be spreading out into the middle school and moving classrooms. As a result, we **NEED YOUR HELP** on Saturday, November 9, to help us move curriculum and furniture. If you are available from 9am-1pm on Saturday, please join us!

FOR MORE VOLUNTEER INFORMATION EMAIL drtarastoop@gmail.com

MLA Family Group Updates

Saludos! Note -- please leave the cones outside next to the sidewalk in the morning after drop-off, so that folks aren't encouraged to park in our drop-off zone during the day

- **Week of November 4:** Families of **Maestra Romero's** kindergarten class are scheduled to help with Saludos this week. Please contact your Room Parent if you're available to help.
- **Week of November 12:** Families of **Maestra Vilma's** TK class are scheduled to help with Saludos this week. Please contact your Room Parent if you're available to help.
- Please read the [Saludos Tip Sheet](#) to learn about your class' Saludos week and to learn how to be a helpful Saludos volunteer.

Padres Unidos

- Next meeting: Friday, November 15th @ 8:40am at Maxwell Campus. Everyone is welcome!

Families of the African Diaspora

- **Annual OUSD Martin Luther King Oratorical Competition**
OUSD is hosting the 41st MLK speech competition. Students from K-12 can recite original poetry or speeches or groups can perform poetry, speeches or scenes. For the past few years MLA students have participated and we would love to continue to showcase our student's talent with the Oakland community. Stay tuned for more information and visit the competition website (<https://www.ousd.org/mlkoratorical>) or if you have questions reach out to:

Kira Greer
zuleka@gmail.com



Section 3: Sherman campus

Dia de los muertos

- Thanks so much to the volunteer parents that made our dia de los muertos celebration on Friday Nov the 1st at Sherman a successful celebration!! Here are some images of the event:



Before Care at Sherman

- If you need before care for your child, please contact beatriz.ferrer@ousd.org to sign up. Before care takes place in Maestra Caroline's classroom (portable A). We ask for a \$60 monthly donation. Please pay by cash or check payable to MLA PTSA at the Sherman main office to Beatriz or Ms. Vaca.
- **Important: If you are not on the before care list, please drop your children off between 8:10 to 8:40 am and use the MLA drop off gate.**

Sherman campus Questions? Please email beatriz.ferrer@ousd.org

