

MLA Bulletin:

Week of September 3, 2019

Dear Families,

It was such a pleasure to see many of you during Back to School Night! There are many upcoming opportunities to get involved in our community, from School Site Council elections to Blueprint Community Meetings. Please read this week's bulletin to learn how you can stay informed and share your voice.

With love,

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Whole School Updates

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

MLA's Future Home

- Last week, the Office of Innovation presented a proposal to the OUSD Board of Directors. During this meeting, they shared a proposal that includes MLA expanding to fully inhabit both the Maxwell and Sherman campuses. More details on the proposal is below.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to see the resources from the August 28 OUSD Board Meeting.
- Want to learn more and share your voice?
 - MLA Community Meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 6:30-8pm @Maxwell Campus

Food Allergies

- We have many students in our community who have SEVERE ALLERGIES TO NUTS. Please respect their parents wishes when packing your child's lunch and snack and try your best to avoid packing nut products.
- **PLEASE READ:** [See Dr. Ramos' letter here regarding nut allergies at MLA.](#)

School Site Council (SSC)

- MLA's School Site Council is an important decision-making body that determines how our school's Title 1 funds will be spent. SSC will meet once a month on the 3rd Thursday evening, from 5:30-7pm. The SSC is composed of parents, teachers, staff, and the principal.
- At our first meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2019, we will choose members of the SSC through a self-nomination and voting process. All are invited and encouraged to participate.



Upcoming Events

- MLA Community Meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 6:30-8pm @Maxwell Campus
- School Site Council (SSC) Establishment Meeting: Thursday, September 12; 5:30-7pm
- MLA Movie Night -- COCO! Friday, September 13th; 5 to 8 @Sherman Campus

Sherman Campus Updates

Drop-off and Dismissal

- We ask families to follow the plan to pick up and take their children to the Sherman campus to ensure the safety of all students and to ensure a smooth delivery and collection. Here is the link to review the plan:
 - [Sherman drop off and pick up plan](#)
- We are establishing an efficient and safe way to drop off students every morning on the Sherman campus. This has been achieved thanks to the valuable collaboration of Nommi and the school safety patrol, thank you very much Nommi!
- Sherman dismissal needs parent volunteers to help drive traffic. **If you are available to help for 15 or 20 minutes** please contact Beatriz: beatriz.ferrer@ousd.org.

Wednesday at Maxwell

- We remind you that on Wednesdays we are at the Maxwell campus.
- As on the Sherman campus, we also offer pre-school care on Wednesdays at Sherman in the cafeteria from 7:30 to 8:10.
- 4th and 5th grade students must exit through the garden gate below. To the left of the main door.
- [Wednesday schedule](#)

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

Section 2: PTSA News

Celebrations!

Beat the Heat

- Thanks to the PTSA and Grow MLA, we were able to purchase floor fans for each MLA classroom. Thank you!

Bus Passes

- Thanks to the hard work of Padres Unidos, we were able to raise \$491 to help families purchase bus passes to get to and from school every morning from just ONE DAY of a fundraiser. Thank you!



Communications Update

Talking Points

- We are having challenges uploading TalkingPoints for every parent of every student. As of now, TalkingPoints is only loading the account for the PRIMARY CONTACT in a child's Aeries (registration) account. In other words -- most families will only have access to TalkingPoints on one phone number.
- We are working with TalkingPoints to remedy this problem ASAP.

Fundraising Update

Cada Familia

- **Click here to donate and learn more about Cada Familia**
- Through your generosity, the PTSA budget supports the needs of our students and teachers. Your donation will support the these programs:
 1. MLA's Afterschool program
 2. Cantare con Vivo
 3. Classroom supplies for our students and teachers
 4. Field trips to expand students' learning
 5. Learning apps
 6. Library books
 7. And much, much more!
- **5 is the magic number!** We are asking each family that is not currently giving to start at the \$5 per month level. If you are already donating, THANK YOU! Might you be able to increase your giving by \$5?
- <https://melroseleadershipacademy.org/parents>

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

MLA is fortunate to have an incredible group of families who come together to help our teachers and students thrive. Thank you to everyone who continues to show up for our school!

- Power Hour – Join other MLA parents **every other Wednesday at 8:30a (next meeting on the 9/11)** to assist teachers and the office with small tasks. Stay for as long as you can!

Please follow [this link](#) to sign-up for any of the upcoming events or contact our volunteer coordinator, Tara Stoop, to let her know when you can help or ask any questions you may have.

Tara Stoop, Parent Volunteer Coordinator

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510-635-6555 (text if you want!)

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER: Email drtarastoop@gmail.com



MLA Family Group Updates

Family Blueprint Update

- **MLA Community Meeting:** Tuesday, September 3rd, 6:30-8pm, Maxwell Campus
- Join MLA parents and teachers for a discussion about OUSD's Blueprint process, MLA's facility issues, and the solidarity work that other schools are doing to push back on OUSD's short timeline that doesn't give our communities real time to consider these important issues.

Green Team

- **Workday:** September 14, 2019, 9am-1pm-both campuses.
- **Workday projects:** pruning, weeding, litter pick up, etc.
- **Needs:** a parent to be a point person for the Sherman campus; someone with an artistic flair to upkeep our bulletin board; plants for garden boxes at Sherman site.
- **Interested in joining the Green Team?**
 - Please email Ricardo: crunchyconoakland@gmail.com or **Slack invite:**

Padres Unidos

- Once again our community showed that Yes we can do anything together. Thanks to your support, our fundraiser on August 28 was a success; We raised **\$ 491** to support MLA families transportation difficulties getting to school, with bus passes. **THANK YOU!**
- Padres Unidos meeting, Friday, September 6th, 8:40 am outside the cafeteria at Maxwell campus.

Section 3: Community Bridges (after school program)

After School News

- None this week

After School or Before Care Questions? Please email armando@lovelearnsuccess.org

