

MLA Bulletin:

Week of August 25, 2019

Dear MLA Families,

We are looking forward to seeing you this Thursday at Back to School Night! In this bulletin you will find important details about Back to School Night, as well as the Blueprint process.

See you Thursday!

Directora Bri

Whole School Updates

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

MLA's Future Home

- Our Superintendent and her team will make a proposal to the OUSD Board of Directors on Wednesday, August 28 regarding MLA's future home. Please see the letter below for more information about the proposal and timeline:
 - [English Letter](#)
- **Next Steps:**
 - The Board will vote on the proposal on Wednesday, September 11th.
 - Once the Board votes, we will begin the process of forming an MLA Design Team that will meet over the course of this school year to propose the detailed plans for MLA's future program.
- **Want more information?**
 - Directora Bri and Subdirectora Beatriz will be available in the cafeteria at the Maxwell campus from 6:15-6:45 p.m. following Back to School Night for an optional *Blueprint Question and Answer Session*.

Back to School Night

- Thursday, August 29, 5-6:30pm
 - [BTSN Flyer with Schedule](#)
- If possible, please do not bring your children to BTSN. If you bring your children with you, **they will need to stay with you the whole time.** The Maxwell lower yard will be used for parking and the upper yard will be used by the After School Program. The Sherman yard will be used for parking, and the play structure will be used by the After School Program. There will be NO supervision for students that are not in the After School Program and cars will be driven onto campus. For your child's safety, **please do not let your child leave your side.**



Whole-School Wednesdays!

- See the schedules below:
 - TK-1: 8:30-1:00pm
 - 2nd-3rd; 6th-8th: 8:30-1:10pm
 - 4th-5th: 8:40-1:10pm

Maxwell Campus Updates

Before Care Update

- Maxwell gates open for supervised play and/or breakfast at 8am.
- Before care
 - Students in grades TK-3 must sign up for paid before care through lovelearnsuccess
 - Students in grades 6 through 8 can read or do homework in the cafeteria from 7:30-8

Maxwell Campus Questions? Please email sheila.loarca@ousd.org

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](#)

Sherman's Schedule This Week

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: at Sherman!
- Wednesday: at Maxwell! This day the student's entry time is also at 8:40 and the after-school student program runs on the Maxwell campus.

Before School Program at Sherman:

- Maestra Alvarado will be hosting our before school care at Sherman from 7:30 am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please do not leave your children outside of school, you must enter and sign the sign-in sheet in the classroom of Ms. Alvarado. On Wednesdays, you can leave your child supervised in the cafeteria at Maxwell beginning at 7:30 (for students in grades 4 and up).
- Let us know if you need before-care by contacting Beatriz Ferrer: beatriz.ferrer@ousd.org.

4th and 5th Grade Family Meeting:

- Monday, August 26: The 4th and 5th grade parents and guardians committee will meet in the auditorium (Sun room) on the Sherman campus. The meeting is from 6 to 8 pm.



Back to School Night:

- Thursday, August 29, 5-6: 30 pm (will be held on both campuses simultaneously, on the Sherman campus we will start in the auditorium all together)
- The BTSN at Sherman will have three parts:
 - Presentation of the teachers and the assistant principal in the cafeteria (sunroom). Families will receive a schedule of how student rotations work for each team (crew): 30 minutes
 - Families will visit student classrooms. 25-30 minutes
 - Optional: families that have students on the Maxwell campus will move to that campus for information during this half hour.
 - [BTSN Flyer with Schedule](#)

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

Section 2: News from MLA's Families

Communications Team Update

-Free Dress Day is the last Friday of every month. This month's will take place this Friday August 30.

Don't forget you can stay informed about MLA events by:

*Reading the bulletin

*Our website (melroseleadershipacademy.org)

*The TalkingPoints app (download to receive messages from the school and your teacher)

*Like our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/MelroseLeadershipAcademy/)

*Check out the bulletin board near the cafeteria (Maxwell Campus)

*Add our calendar to your Google calendar (mlaschoolquestions@gmail.com)

Please reach out if you have any questions.

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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 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 starting August 14th** 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

drtarastoop@gmail.com

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

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER: Email drtarastoop@gmail.com

MLA Family Group Updates

Families of the African Diaspora (FoAD)

- Join us August 26th - 30th to assist with Saludos.
- Save the Date: 1st Meeting Wednesday, September 11th at 6pm

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

- **Support our students with transportation difficulties getting to MLA!**
- We will have coffee and buñuelos sale on Wednesday 28th, in the morning from 8-9am and in the afternoon we will have icees and fruit from 1-1:30pm; to raise funds and be able to provide students with bus passes. Look for us at the main entrance of MLA.
- **Questions?** Contact Mary Ramos

Section 3: Community Bridges (after school program)

After School News

- After school program will still be held during Back to School Night, but the rooms will shift in order to accommodate BTSN.
- Please check in at the After School Office during BTSN to find your student.

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

