

# MLA Bulletin:

## Week of September 8, 2019

### Whole School Updates

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

#### School Site Council

- This Thursday, from 5:30-7pm, MLA will have our first School Site Council meeting of the year.
- Known as the “Establishment Meeting,” this is when SSC members will be nominated and voted in through a democratic election process. If you are interested in joining the SSC as an elected family member or even just watching, listening, and contributing please come.
- Here is the agenda: [MLA SSC Agenda: September 12, 2019](#)

#### Blueprint Update

- This Wednesday, the OUSD Board of Directors will vote on the proposed plans for schools in Cohort 2 of the Blueprint process. You are invited to attend and participate in the meeting.
- [Read more here](#) about how to attend a board meeting.

#### 7th Grade Camping Trip

- This Wednesday and Thursday, the 7th graders and 7th grade teachers will go on an overnight camping trip to the Presidio. Thanks to the awesome 7th grade team and families for all of their hard work to make this happen!

#### Upcoming Events

- Blueprint Vote at OUSD Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, September 11 @La Escuelita
- School Site Council (SSC) Establishment Meeting: Thursday, September 12; 5:30-7pm
- MLA Movie Night -- COCO! Friday, September 13th; 5 to 8 @Sherman Campus (popcorn, nachos and drinks for sale).

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### Section 2: PTSA News

#### Family Communication Update

- TalkingPoints



- After much collaboration with TalkingPoints staff, we learned that the problem many of you are facing is that the system is currently set up to only pull ONE phone number from Aeries for each student. If you sign up with the phone number that you used during registration, you should automatically begin receiving notes from the school. If you or your partner or other family members are having trouble, it's likely they are listed as the second contact in Aeries, or their number might not be listed in Aeries.
- We are working with TalkingPoints to remedy this problem.
- **Room Parents**
  - Thank you to those of you who have signed up to be Elementary Room Parents this year!
  - Soon, you will begin receiving emails from your child's room parents. These emails will have class-specific details about things like field trips, homework, birthdays, etc.
  - You can opt out of receiving room parents emails by replying "OPT OUT" to the first email you receive. This will take you off of the list.
  - HUGE thank you to Mary Ramos Pena who organized room parents. :)

## Celebrations!

- We are excited to host our first PTSA General Meeting on Wednesday evening, September 18
- We will share more info in next week's Bulletin

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- This week's Saludos Volunteers: Maestra Melissa's Class (2nd grade)!
- Wednesday, September 11: Teacher Lunch (see below)
- Wednesday, September 11: Power Hour
- Saturday, September 14: Green Team Work Day (see below)
- Wednesday, September 18: PTSA General Meeting and **Volunteer Orientation**

### Teacher Appreciation Lunch

We are so lucky to benefit from wonderful teachers and staff here at MLA. As a small way to express our gratitude the PTSA organizes a monthly "Teacher Appreciation Lunch" hosted on the second Wednesday of the month by a different grade, at the Maxwell Campus. Parents are asked to prepare food (or buy it!) and bring it to the teacher's lounge and clean-up after the lunch.

The first lunch is Wednesday September 11th and will be hosted by the TK and 8th grade families (October will be hosted by 1st grade families). Sign-up below or contact Jen Houser, jenthouser@gmail.com 917-678-9069  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jdcfb-oSeIOCioV34DkTzqcmluroru\\_\\_4MmgFEMnM4M/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jdcfb-oSeIOCioV34DkTzqcmluroru__4MmgFEMnM4M/edit?usp=sharing)

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER:** Email [drtarastoop@gmail.com](mailto:drtarastoop@gmail.com)

## MLA Family Group Updates

Saludos!



- We are excited to start our Saludos rotation this week to help with drop-off at the Maxwell site.
- This week's Saludos room is Maestra Melissa in 2nd grade.
- Please contact Jon Sullivan [jsullivan03@gmail.com](mailto:jsullivan03@gmail.com) for more info about Saludos.

### Padres Unidos

- Join us and meet Spanish-speaking families from the MLA community; while keeping informed about events and new information about our school and how we can support to improve it.
- **We need volunteers to help with to sell popcorn, nachos and drinks at the movie night at Sherman campus next Friday, September 13.**
- Next meeting Friday, September 20, 8:40 am in the Maxwell Campus cafeteria.
- More information with Alma Ortega (510) 593-6355, Ruth Correa (510) 338-5251 or Elena Perez (510) 927-6778

### A Note from the Green Team

Dear MLA Families:

MLA has 5 Service Days this year. We encourage every MLA family to come to at least one Service Day per year, even if just for an hour or two! Our first Service Day is this Saturday, September 14, from 9am to 1pm.

- Bring drinking water and sun hats.
- Kids welcome!
- We'll pick up trash, prepare plant beds, do pruning, and general clean up. (If you are skilled at pruning plants, go to Maxwell site, and bring your own pruners with your name on them.)
- Tools, gloves and sunscreen provided.
- We are working at both Maxwell and Sherman sites!

Contact Ricardo Cortes (bilingual), Green Team Chair with your questions at: [crunchyconoakland@gmail.com](mailto:crunchyconoakland@gmail.com)

### Service Days 2019-20:

- September 14
- November 9
- January 11
- March 14
- May 9

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## Section 3: Community Bridges (after school program)

### After School News

None this week

**After School or Before Care Questions?** Please email [armando@lovelearnsuccess.org](mailto:armando@lovelearnsuccess.org)

