



Majestic Way Elementary School

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November/December 2015

Dates to Remember

Nov. 2	Make-up Picture Day
Nov. 4	Walk on Wednesday
Nov. 6	Family Night – Ono Hawaiian
	Spirit Shirt Day
Nov. 10	School Site Council @ 2:45pm
	Reflections Celebration Event @ 5:30pm
	PTA @ 6:30pm
Nov. 11	No School – Veteran's Day
Nov. 12	Cookie Dough Delivery
Nov. 13, 16, 17, 18, 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences (1pm Dismissal)
Nov. 20	Trimester 1 Ends
Nov. 23 -27	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 2	Walk on Wednesday
Dec. 4	Spirit Shirt Day
	Coffee with the Principal @ 9am (Library)
Dec. 7-11	Scholastic Book Fair
Dec. 17	Minimum Day
Dec. 21-Jan.1	No School – Winter Break

Dear Majestic Way Community,

It was wonderful to see many parents and guardians at our Harvest Day Parade last month. I am looking forward to seeing many of you again this month during our Parent/Teacher Conference week. Please remember that school is a partnership. At any time, if you have questions or concerns about your child(ren)'s education or academic progress, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

I would also like to take this time to introduce you to a new staff member to our Majestic Way family. Randi Beckman, will be joining Majestic Way as our new Social Worker. Chireen Hammad (former Social Worker) has been assigned to two other schools. Ms. Beckman comes with years of experience in working with children and families.

It is with great excitement that I share with you this wonderful news. Majestic Way was invited by the City of San Jose and City Council to participate in the International Walk to School Day Proclamation Ceremony last month. During this ceremony Majestic Way was one of sixteen schools that were recognized for our work in the Walk and Roll Program. Over the last 3 years, Majestic Way has steadily increased our weekly walkers and bikers to school. I am impressed by the dedication, commitment, and achievement that our students and parents have put forth in this awesome endeavor/program.

Your partner in education,
Mya Duong
Principal, Majestic Way Elementary School

District Assessments

Testing will be a part of your child's future in school. All students, grades Kindergarten through 5th grade will be taking a district wide performance assessment. Testing will be from October 26th - November 13th. Results will be shared during the fall conferences.

BrightBytes Parent Survey

Majestic Way is partnering with BrightBytes, an educational research and analytics company, in order to learn more about our students' school and home technology use for learning. Please support us in this initiative by completing the questionnaire by: Monday, November 23rd. Please go to www.BBYT.ES and enter in your 5 character code: **LR4VP**. The questionnaire will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Thank you for taking part in this important initiative!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on the following days: November 13, 16, 17, 18, and 20. Please keep your eye out for a letter from your child's teacher with your appointment date and time. Students in grades 1st – 5th will be dismissed at 1:00p.m. on these days. Your child's education at Majestic Way is a partnership. You are part of the education equation. Parents plus teachers equals positive and successful learning experiences for students.

Rainy Days

As we enter the rainy season, please allow extra time in the mornings to arrive to school on time. When students arrive to school on rainy days, they are to report to the Multi Purpose Room (with the exception of Kinders...drop Kinders off directly to their classroom). Please keep in minds that only students are allowed in the MPR. Parents are asked to drop off students and leave.

Drive Safely and Be a Good Model

The Majestic Way staff and students are counting on you to drive responsibly and to follow traffic laws. 4th and 5th grade Safety Patrol Officers help pedestrians to cross at the crosswalks. Staff members help to monitor traffic to ensure student safety at dismissal time. Please respect our efforts to keep everyone safe. Bad language, rudeness, rude gestures and unsafe driving are inappropriate and not appreciated by staff or students who are trying to do their jobs. License plate numbers of vehicles whose drivers are rude or exhibit unsafe driving will be turned over to the San Jose Police Department, School Safety division, for follow-up. **RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY – DO NOT PARK IN THEIR DRIVEWAYS!!**

Character Counts

The following students were awarded a certificate for displaying the character trait of **RESPONSIBILITY** in the month of October.

Kindergarten: Cesar B., Eugene S., Aerin F., Jean C., Zoey C., & Amani C.

1st Grade: Vivian D., Simon H., Galilea O., Benjamin G., Bella D., Nina A., & Denver H.

2nd Grade: Ethan H., Kelly D., Evan H., Joshua C., Anh N., Kaitlynn T., Caroline L., & Cayden P.

3rd Grade: Huy H., Alexander G., Bella G., Henry T., ThienKim H., Jacob H., Marleau A., & Kiera C.

4th Grade: Litong D., Jessie W., Dinh P., Audrey F., Austin B., Kevin N., & Haley M.

5th Grade: Janie T., Edbert L., Laura V., Christina L., Chau D., & Grace L.

Safety Patrol: Janie T., Kaylee M., Jeremy G., & Sjamara T.

Before & Afterschool Supervision

Adult supervision on the playground does not begin until 7:55am. Please do not drop off your child(ren) before that time. Furthermore, students need to be picked up promptly after school as there is no after school supervision. Please follow these important rules for the safety of your child(ren).

Lost & Found

Remember to check Lost & Found! You only have a few more weeks to check the lost and found area located in the F Pod hallway for any missing sweatshirts, jackets, or lunch boxes. All items not claimed will be donated to a local charity before the winter break.

Getting Involved in Your Child's School

The National PTA offers some tips for parents to help their children. Children whose parents are active partners in their education:

- Get better grades
- Have better attendance records
- Have fewer problems with drugs and alcohol
- Have a more positive attitude toward learning

How can parents participate in their children's education? What can they do?

- Be a friend of the school. Get to know the school culture. The staff members truly make a difference in the students' lives. Get to know them.
- Keep in contact with the school. Visit the school and their website to see what is happening. There are opportunities for you to get involved.
- Get to know the standards. Most states have adopted a set of benchmarks to assess students, teachers and schools. Become familiar with them.
- Join the PTA or other groups that are interested in improving the effectiveness of our children's education. The greater the membership, the greater the positive effect.

Classroom Celebrations & Rewards Dates

Below you will find the dates for classroom celebrations & rewards. On this date the classroom will celebrate **ALL** birthdays, classroom reward parties, and any other celebrations that fall within that month.

November 20, 2015
December 18, 2015
January 29, 2016
February 12, 2016
March 18, 2016
April 29, 2016
May 27, 2016
June 10, 2016

Please note that the school will not permit or accept classroom celebrations at any other times. Example: If cupcakes are brought to school to celebrate your child's birthday on a non designated day, than it will be returned home.

Board of Trustees Meeting Dates for 2015 – 2016

September 15, 2015
October 20, 2015
November 17, 2016
December 9, 2015
January 19, 2016
February 9, 2016
February 23, 2016
March 8, 2016
April 12, 2016
May 10, 2016
May 17, 2016
June 7, 2016
June 21, 2016

Meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. for closed session and 7:00 p.m. for open session and will be conducted in the Board Room of the Berryessa Union School District.

Majestic Way 3 Critical Points

School Site Council

The next School Site Council meeting will be held on 11/10 at 2:45pm. If you would like to attend and need an interpreter, please call the school office to let us know by 11/4.

Cuộc họp "School Site Council" kế tiếp sẽ được tổ chức vào ngày 10 tháng 11 lúc 2:45 pm. Nếu quý vị muốn tham dự và cần thông dịch viên, xin vui lòng gọi báo văn phòng trường, trước ngày 4 tháng 11.

La siguiente reunión del Consejo Consultivo Escolar se llevará a cabo el 10 de noviembre a las 2:45pm. Si a usted le gustaría acudir y necesita de un intérprete, por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela y déjeselos saber a más tardar el 4 de noviembre.

下個月的學校管理委員會會議將於 11/10 下午 2:45 舉行。如果您想參加並需要口語翻譯，請於 11/4 以前通知學校辦公室。

Ang susunod na pagtitipon ng Konsehong Lugar ng Paaralan (School Site Council) ay gaganapin sa 11/10 sa ika 2:45 n.h. Kung nais ninyong dumalo at mangangailangan ng tagasalin, mangyari lamang na tumawag sa tanggapan ng paaralan upang ipaalam sa amin bago ang 11/4.

PTA

The next PTA meeting will be held on 11/10 at 6:30pm. If you would like to attend and need an interpreter, please call the school office to let us know by 11/4.

Cuộc họp PTA sắp tới sẽ được tổ chức vào ngày 10 tháng 11 lúc 6:30 pm. Nếu quý vị muốn tham dự và cần một thông dịch viên, xin vui lòng gọi báo cho nhà trường biết, trước ngày 4 tháng 11.

La próxima junta del PTA (Asociación de padres y maestros) se llevará a cabo el 10 de noviembre a las 6:30 pm. Si usted desea acudir y necesita de un intérprete avise por favor a la oficina de la escuela a más tardar el 4 de noviembre.

下次 PTA 會議將於 11/10 下午 6:30 舉行。如果您想參加並需要口語翻譯，請在 11/4 以前通知學校辦公室。

Ang susunod na pagtitipon ng PTA ay gaganapin sa 11/10 sa ika 6:30 n.h. Kung nais ninyong dumalo at mangangailangan ng tagasalin, mangyari lamang sa tumawag sa tanggapan ng paaralan upang malaman namin bago 11/4.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held 11/13, 11/16, 11/17, 11/18, 11/20.

During conference week all students in grades 1- 5 will have early dismissal (1:00pm). All Kinders will be dismissed at 12:10pm. There will be no Late Bird Kinders during conference week.

Cuộc họp hội thao Phụ Huynh / Giáo viên sẽ được tổ chức vào những ngày như sau: 11/13, 11/16, 11/17, 11/18, 11/20. Trong tuần họp hội thao tất cả học sinh từ lớp 1 đến lớp 5 sẽ được về sớm (1:00pm). Tất cả học sinh lớp mẫu giáo sẽ được ra về lúc 12:10 pm. Sẽ không có lớp "Late Bird" trong tuần hội thao.

Las conferencias de padres/maestros se llevarán a cabo el 13, 16, 17, 18 y 20 de noviembre. Durante la semana de conferencias todos los estudiantes de 1ero a 5o. grado saldrán temprano (a la 1:00 pm). Todos los estudiantes de kindergarten saldrán a las 12:10 pm. No habrá horario vespertino para los estudiantes de kindergarten durante la semana de conferencias.

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家長/教師會議將於 11/13, 11/16, 11/17, 11/18, 11/20 舉行。在會議週, 1 - 5 年 級所有學生都將提前放學 (下午 1:00) ; 所有幼稚園學生, 在會議週, 不分 Late Bird, 一律在下午 12:10 放學。

Ang mga Kapulungan ng Magulang/Guro ay gaganapin sa 11/13, 11/16, 11/17, 11/18, 11/20. Sa panahon ng lingo ng pagtitipon, lahat ng mga -mag-aaral na nasa mga baitang na 1-5 ay magkakaroon ng maagang labasan (1:00n.h.). Lahat ng mga

Kinder ay palalabasin sa ika 12:10 n.h. Magkakaroon ng "Late Bird Kinders" sa panahon ng lingo ng kapulungan.

Majestic Way Elementary School 2015-16 School Calendar

August	
24	1 st Day of School (Kindergarten 8:10 – 12:10; 1 st -5 th 8:10 – 2:30)
September	
7	Labor Day-No School
9	School Site Council (Library 2:45pm-3:45pm)
9	PTA (Library 6:30pm – 7:30pm)
17	Back to School Night (Grades K-3 6:00pm-6:25pm; General Session 6:30pm-6:55pm; Grades 4-5 7:00pm – 7:25pm)
21	Picture Day (Class & Individual)
October	
14	School Site Council (Library 2:45pm-3:45pm)
30	Harvest Day Parade (Blacktop 8:30am-9:30am)
November	
2	Make-up Picture Day
10	School Site Council (Library 2:45pm-3:45pm)
10	PTA (Library 6:30pm – 7:30pm)
11	Veteran's Day-No School
13,16- 20	Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal K @ 12:10pm; Grades 1-5 @ 1:00pm)
23-27	Thanksgiving Break-No School
December	
18	Early Dismissal (K @ 12:10pm; Grades 1-5 @ 1:00pm)
21-Jan. 1	Winter Break-No School
January	
13	School Site Council (Library 2:45pm-3:45pm)
13	PTA (Library 6:30pm – 7:30pm)
18	Dr. King Day-No School
February	
10	School Site Council (Library 2:45pm-3:45pm)
10	PTA (Library 6:30pm – 7:30pm)
12	Early Dismissal (K @ 12:10pm; Grades 1-5 @ 1:00pm)
15-19	President's Break-No School

March	
3	Read Across America
9	School Site Council (Library 2:45pm-3:45pm)
11, 14-18	Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal K @ 12:10pm; Grades 1-5 @ 1:00pm)
14	Spring Picture Day (Individual)
25-Apr. 1	Spring Break-No School
April	
13	School Site Council (Library 2:45pm-3:45pm)
13	PTA (Library 6:30pm – 7:30pm)
15	Young Author's Faire Due
May	
2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week
4	5 th Grade Panoramic Picture
11	School Site Council (Library 2:45pm-3:45pm)
11	PTA (Library 6:30pm – 7:30pm)
12	Talent Show (MPR 6:30pm-8:30pm)
16-20	5 th Grade Science Camp
26	Open House (6:00pm-7:00pm)
26	Science Fair Showcase (MPR 6:00pm-7:00pm)
30	Memorial Day-No School
31	4 th Grade/SDC BBQ
June	
1	2 nd Grade BBQ
1-3	Olympics
6	Kindergarten BBQ
7	5 th Grade BBQ
8	3 rd Grade BBQ
9	1 st Grade BBQ
10	Kindergarten Promotion (Amphitheatre 9:00am-10:00am)
10	5 th Grade Promotion (MPR 10:00am-11:30am)
10	Last Day of School-Early Dismissal Grades 1-5 @ 1:00pm)

Note: All Thursdays are EARLY DISMISSAL days, as well as the following days: Friday, 12/18, Friday, 2/12, Friday, 6/10 and Parent Teacher Conference Weeks: Nov. 13, 16-20 and Mar. 11, 14-18.
Dismissal times: Kindergarten @ 12:10; Grades 1-5 @ 1:00pm.
***Dates and times are subject to change**