

Mabel Paine Elementary School

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COMPASSION

DIVERSITY

RESPECT

COLLABORATION

Our Vision: We inspire all learners to achieve excellence in an encouraging, caring community.

Our Mission: We commit to empower each other to reach our highest potential.

August 12, 2019

Dear Mabel Paine Families,

I can hardly believe that the 2019-20 school year is already here. This year, our theme is **Ohana**. Lilo, the eponymous character in the hit Disney film *Lilo and Stitch*, explains the Hawaiian word to Stitch:

"Ohana" means family. Family means nobody gets left behind.

The theme arose from our Stakeholders Survey that staff, students, and parents took in February of this year. An overwhelming majority of the open-ended responses pointed to our small-school family feeling as the trait that makes Mabel Paine special. And it's true. We want all Mustangs to feel part of our family...our **Ohana**. We want our students and their families to experience a sense of belonging when they step on campus because we know that student wellness starts with this positive feeling of togetherness. To that end, we want to support our **Ohana** in various ways.

Schoolwide, we employ a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) system here at Mabel Paine. We ask all students to be Mindful Mustangs. **Mindful Mustangs do the RIGHT thing in the RIGHT place at the RIGHT time.** When they act like Mindful Mustangs, students are rewarded with positive feedback from staff, including Mu\$tang Money which can be redeemed for various incentives and prizes all over campus. Some additional ways we support students' more specific social-emotional needs are through specialized staff, such as an Outreach Concern counselor, a registered behavior technician, a behavior specialist, and our full-time school psychologist. While parents are always considered **Ohana**, here are some ways parents can encourage belonging for our students. You've probably heard the popular proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" and we agree! So get involved by:

- Reading the *Mabel Paine Press* every week (delivered by email)
- Joining our first-class PTA
- Chairing or assisting with a PTA activity (Jog-A-Thon, Carnival, Trunk or Treat, Book Fair, etc.)
- Attending school activities and events
- Volunteering in your child's classroom
- Sharing successes or concerns with us via our [Feedback Form](#)

Additionally, we would like to extend an enthusiastic Mustang family welcome to our new staff members:

- Jon Cho, grades 3-5 SDC
- Rachel Ackerman, SDC kindergarten
- Debbie Chun, resource specialist (to join Mrs. Peterson)
- Natalie Hansen, speech and language pathologist
- Ayla Carvey, speech and language pathologist

These educators have years of experience helping learners succeed and are excited about the opportunity to work with our students.

We look forward to deepening our **Ohana** spirit this year with you, our treasured Mabel Paine family.

Sincerely,

Melanie Carmona, Principal

As we head into the 2019-20 school year, here are some things to remember:

On **Monday, August 26**, we will be welcoming all families to a Meet the PTA event in the grass area north of our office from 8:30-10:30 A.M. Here, you can learn about the activities, events, and programs that PTA supports to benefit our kids. This is also where families who purchased a 1st Day School Supplies box can retrieve them. Also on this day, our Preppy K and kindergarten teachers will welcome their families for a Back to School event. Preppy K will meet at 9:00 A.M. and kindergarten will meet at 10:00 A.M. We will provide childcare for your incoming Preppy K or kindergarten student.

The first day of school for students is **Tuesday, August 27**. All class placements will be accessible via your Aeries portal on Monday, August 26. As a reminder, all class placements are tentative for the first two weeks of school due to changing enrollment. If you have concerns about your child's placement, please fill out the situational request form available in the office. Please be aware we will not be making class changes the first week of school and may not be able to accommodate parent requests.

Childcare is available onsite both before and after school. Please call (714) 779-2350 for information or registration.

New student registration may be completed beginning **August 13th** when the school office re-opens for the year. If you know of new students in your neighborhood that will be attending school this year, please encourage them to contact the school office for registration information. The school office hours are 7:30 – 4:30 P.M., and it is preferable to register before the first day of school.

School lunches (available for students in grades K-5) cost \$2.75. Breakfast costs \$1.50. Milk may be purchased for \$.50 and juice for \$.75. It is our recommendation that you pre-pay for lunches. Checks should be made payable to PYLUSD Food Services and may be dropped off in the front office (write your child's first and last name on the memo part of the check) or use the convenient [online payment feature](#). You can find updated information regarding the lunch menu and prices on the district website: www.pylusd.org.

Parking Lot Procedures: Mindful Mustang students and parents agree to be **SAFE and COURTEOUS** in the parking lot. Follow the signs, painted curbs, and directions of parent volunteers and school personnel to ensure the safety of our students. Beginning the first day of school, the horseshoe lot by the kindergarten rooms will ONLY be used by the preschool, Preppy K, kindergarten, and SDC parents along with the buses at BOTH drop-off and pick-up times. In this lot, only use the valet lane closest to the school (NOT the interior part of the horseshoe). ALL other students should be dropped off AND picked up using the yellow-lined valet lane in the main parking lot. **No parking is allowed along red curbs at any time and parents may not leave their vehicles. If you'd like to walk up to school to drop off or pick up your child, please park on the street. There is no parking or leaving cars unattended in the valet lanes at any time.** Please stay in your car, pull all the way forward to the front of the yellow-lined valet lane as space becomes available, and load or unload your students safely. In addition, all students are required to exit automobiles from the passenger side only. Parents who walk to pick up their children may do so at the steps of the MPR at the front of campus. [Here is a helpful map of our drop-off/pick-up procedure.](#)

Mustang Valet Program: This year, all parents and 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade students can volunteer their time to provide an **important safety service** to the Mabel Paine community in the morning. Mabel Paine is starting a curbside drop off program, **Mustang Valet**, staffed by dedicated students and parents. This program will improve the overall traffic flow around the school during the morning drop off, as well as allow parents of our younger kids to stay in their vehicles as their children are walked to class. Most importantly, having extra supervision and help in the morning will keep our Mustangs safe! [Please complete this form if you are interested.](#)

Safety Procedures: Mabel Paine's campus is a closed campus. This includes drop off and pick up times. No parents or visitors will be allowed through the gates and onto the campus before or after school unless they have checked in through the office. On the **first day of school only**, all parents are more than welcome to walk their student(s) onto campus and wait in line with them. You will be directed to the proper waiting area once in the gates.

Parent Volunteer Safety Procedures: In order to volunteer, please indicate your interest to your child's teacher at Back to School Night via their sign-up form. All volunteers will need to attend our Volunteer Orientation. For your

convenience, two Volunteer Orientations will be held at the beginning of the year on September 5 or September 10 from 8-8:30 A.M. (only come to one orientation, as these are duplicate presentations). All volunteers are required to sign in at the Volunteer Desk with a valid ID. If your name is not on the regular schedule, please sign in with the office staff and they will call your child's classroom to make sure the teacher is aware you are coming. For safety reasons, no additional children or siblings are permitted inside the classrooms while the parent is volunteering.

Rules and Procedures: Our Parent-Student Handbook is now online. Please visit our school's website (www.mabelpaine.org) and review it carefully with your child. You will be required to verify that you have read and understood the contents of the handbook on your Aeries Parent Portal. If you do not have access to the internet, you make pick up a copy of the handbook from the school office.

Campus Improvements: We are so thankful for summer projects that contributed to the safety and beautification of our school. We now have improved LED outside lighting, essential bathroom repairs, new carpet in the 20s and 30s buildings, new security fencing and repaired concrete around campus, cleaned air ducts, fresh paint and a new crosswalk in our lower parking lot, and new asphalt in our upper horseshoe lot. Our custodians have been hard at work all summer preparing a clean and fully-functioning campus for our students to return to as well. Thanks, Mr. Armando and Mr. Oscar!

Student Supply Lists

[Preppy K school supply list](#)

[Kindergarten school supply list](#)

[Grades 1-5 school supply lists](#)

[Grades 4 & 5 AVID supplies](#) (students in grades 4 and 5 need these supplies in addition to those on the document above)

Important Upcoming Dates for the First Week:

MONDAY, 8/26

Meet the PTA ~ 8:30-11:30 A.M. [*All pre-ordered First Day School Supplies will be distributed at this time]

Preppy K Back to School event ~ 9:00-9:45 A.M.

Kindergarten Back to School event ~ 10:00-10:45 A.M.

Aeries Parent Portal sends class placement to families for students in grades 1-5 ~ 5:00-8:00 P.M [This email will auto-send to all parents who have completed Online Data Confirmation (see pylUSD.org to complete this today!)]

TUESDAY, 8/27

First day of school

Yogurtland Family Fun Night ~ 2:30-9:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, 8/29

Back to School Night (Grades 1-3 ~ 6-6:30 P.M./Grades 4-5 ~ 6:35-7:05 P.M.) During this time, you will meet your child's teacher and learn about their academic program for the year. This event is for **parents only** in grades 1-5. Detailed information will be sent home on the first day of school.

[PYLUSD Calendar for 2019-20](#)