

Frequently Used Terms

MBEF	Manhattan Beach Education Foundation: This is a community driven fundraising organization that supplements state funding for programs which inspire learning, enrich teaching, and promote innovation and academic excellence in the public schools of Manhattan Beach. Any donation will impact all students K-12. The funding plays a critical role in the success of Manhattan Beach Schools. They pay for many of the supplemental staff on our campus including, but not limited to Coach Tower, Terri Hampton in Maker Space, and Connie Liu in the Science Lab. To donate, visit https://mbef.org/givetoday
PTA	Parent Teacher Association: This is made up of Pacific Parents, Teachers, and Administration. Our goal is 100% participation every year. All proceeds go to funding important materials for our school including technology, instructional materials, field trips, professional development for our teachers, parent education, paper, ink, and much more! To join visit www.Pacificschool.com
PASE classes	These are enrichment classes taught after school on campus for students K-5. Classes include Spanish, chess, cooking, art, and much more. Classes generally run in 10 week cycles. To learn more or register, visit www.mbxfoundation.org .
EDP	Extended Day Program: The Manhattan Beach Extended Day Program provides care before and/or after school at Pacific. There is typically a waiting list. Please inquire with the office for availability.
Back to School Night	This evening is held shortly after the year begins. Although not mandatory, it is HIGHLY encouraged for parents to attend. Parents will gain tremendous insight into their children's curriculum and programs implemented by teachers.
E-blast	This newsletter is sent to you via email every Sunday morning by the PTA. If you want to stay informed, it is the best place to find out what you need to know. Through Aeries you needed to check a box to allow your email address to be included.
MakerSpace	All students are given access to our incredible MakerSpace! They get a chance to plan, create, and build while learning from successes and failures. Volunteers are needed weekly. Inquire with your child's teacher to find out how to help.
Open House	This evening is held in March. It is an opportunity for your child to share their classwork with you.
Panther Valet	Two volunteers are in the roundabout on John/14 th St every day to help your child out of the car. We highly encourage you to take advantage of this service as long as your child can walk themselves to their classroom. Please do not get out of your car and abide by all regular traffic laws while dropping off or picking up your child.
PTA Meetings	These are held 3-4 times per year. While the PTA board members will be presenting the information, the meetings are open to EVERYONE and all parents do have a voice. Parents can also bring any concerns they might have to these meetings as a part of "New Business."
RichStone	This is an opportunity for Pacific Panthers to give back to the community. The Richstone Center is a place for women and children seeking refuge from abuse. There is typically a food drive in November for Thanksgiving and a gift drive in December. Each class typically adopts one family for the holidays. Room parents will be provided information for your class.
Room Parent	Each class will have 1-2 room parents. They will provide you with information throughout the year about class parties, Pacific events, and how you can help in the classroom. They are a great resource if you have questions about anything.
School Supplies	While the school technically makes a small amount of money on this, the intention is to make life easier for parents by having all school supplies chosen ahead of time by the teachers, pre-ordered, and ready for students on the first day of the new school year. No more running around to a bunch of stores trying to find the right glue sticks! Information comes out in May/June every year for the following year.
Science Lab	Every student has access to the Science Lab taught by Ms. Liu. The amount of time spent there varies by grade level. All lessons are aligned with California State Standards and involve hands-on learning.
Staff Appreciation Week	This is held in the beginning of May each year. Your room parent will send information as it gets closer on how you can participate.
Spirit Assemblies	Every Wednesday there is an assembly held on the upper playground. Students 1-5 attend and parents are encouraged to attend as well.
YAA	Young At Art – This was started in the early 80's right here at Pacific when funding was pulled from the arts. It is solely run on volunteers. Inquire with your teacher how you can either teach or help with lessons. You don't need to be an artist and we promise you'll get inspired!

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Our annual operating expenses are approximately \$250,000. The PTA relies on these fundraisers to purchase technology, field trips, instructional materials, ink, paper, Artists in Residence, and much more!

Book Fair	This event is held for one week in the late fall in time for holiday shopping. Every student will visit the book fair and create a wish list. Students may purchase books before school, after school, during lunch, or their assigned class-time. Students in grades K and 1 must be accompanied by an older sibling or grown up in order to buy books. Each teacher also creates their own wish list of books...parents can purchase one or more for their child's class (a sticker is placed inside the book with your child's name).
Hometown Fair	This is an annual event the first weekend of October held by the city of Manhattan Beach. It has that old-time charm and is a great time for any age. Pacific will host two booths that will directly benefit our PTA. Walking is recommended. It is held on Valley near 15 th St. Volunteers are always needed. Read the e-blast for more details on how to help.
MovieNight	This is a long-standing tradition at Pacific. This will be held on a Friday evening in late September and include bounce houses, face painting, games, and food trucks. It's followed by a movie on the lower field. Early access tickets are always available and encouraged for Kindergarten so they can bounce before it gets too crowded. Information will be available through the e-blast.
Parent Party	For more than 20 years we have had our annual Parent Party. This is the largest fundraiser of the year and is a parent's only evening event, usually held in March. It is ALWAYS a great time and benefits the school tremendously. There are incredible items available for bidding. And don't forget to bring your dancing shoes! Tickets can be purchased in February, information will be in the e-blast.
Panther Parties	These are held at various times during the year. They are parties hosted by parents and all the ticket prices go directly to our PTA. In the past they have included shopping, manicures, fitness, wine, kid activities, and more. They will be advertised in the e-blast and many will be available for bidding during the Parent Party. Contact your PTA Presidents if you are interested in hosting a party!
Pantherthon	This is our annual fitness event. Students request pledges from their friends and family members to earn money for our school based upon how many laps they run. This year the event will be held in late January. This is a DIFFERENT event than the KINDERTHON, which is held in June and only for the Kindergartners.
Paw Prints	This is a newsletter put out by our very own students. Meetings are held during lunch and for upper grade students. Look out for info in our e-blast.
Run Club	Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, there are volunteers waiting with your child's Run Club wristband on the upper field from 7:45am-8:05am. Students earn prizes for running certain distances, including new shoes for students in Lawndale. Students can run for just part of the time if they choose so if you can't be there right at 7:45am, don't worry!
Science Night	This event is held in April. This is an evening event from 5pm-8pm, but you can come for however short or long you would like. There are tons of great activities and experiments set up for the students. This is a free event. Food is available for purchase.
Skechers Walk	This is an annual community event held at the Manhattan Beach Pier the last Sunday in October. Participants be actual walkers <i>or</i> virtual walkers. Skechers will match, double, triple, or sometimes quadruple your donation! Please be sure to click MBEF as your desired foundation when signing up!
Talent Show	All students are welcome to participate in Pacific's annual Talent Show. Information and early planning is done in December/January. The actual event will be held in March. The e-blast will have more specific information.
Yearbook	Each year Pacific Elementary has a yearbook with photos of students K-5. Parents can add in two personalized pages for their child! While this makes a small amount of money for the school, the intention is that students can cherish their school memories. The earlier in the year you order, the less expensive the yearbook costs. See the e-blast for details.

We understand that this list can seem overwhelming. The intention is that you can familiarize yourself with the wide variety of opportunities and choose what works best for your family.

We hope to see you participate in a few of these PTA sponsored programs and fundraisers!