

Mt. Washington Messenger

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Valentino, Principal

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<p>School Information</p> <p>Phone number: (323) 225-8320</p> <p>Fax number: (323) 223-2514</p>	<p>Principal's Message</p> <p>Welcome to the 2011-12 school year. We are off to a busy start. I am pleased to welcome our new families and so many familiar faces to our school. Thanks to everyone who attended our welcome back and orientation meetings. We have big goals this year.</p>	<p>One of our main goals is to increase attendance rates for staff and students. You have already received a master calendar of school events. Hopefully, you will use it as a tool to help plan your child's school year. Please make note of the dates in your calendar, preferably in pencil, as they are subject to change. You will be notified of any changes in advance. (See current date changes on the back on this newsletter.)</p>
<p>School Hours</p> <p>Breakfast: 7:40 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>School Begins: 8:10 a.m.</p> <p>Kindergarten Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.</p> <p>Lunch Grades 1-6: 12:10 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.</p> <p>Dismissal: 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Achievement News</p> <p>We have much to celebrate as we begin this new year. Namely, the students' performance on the California Standards Test. Overall, students increased scores in language arts, math and science. More importantly, we have begun to close the achievement gap between all the significant student subgroups.</p>	<p>As a result of amazing test results, our school has raised the API score from 896 to 908, an increase of 12. We are one of only 5 schools in our local district that have an Academic Performance Index of 900 or higher. Now that is something to celebrate!!!</p> <p>Let's keep up the good work. As we strive for proficiency for all, we want to make sure that we are still meeting individual needs.</p>

	<p>Food Program</p> <p>Family income, as determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, qualifies pupils for free or reduced price lunch. Please complete and sign the lunch application for the 2011-2012 school year as soon as possible even if you do not wish to participate. All information received remains confidential. This information is also used to determine school Title I qualifications and budget allocations. Please stop by the office for a lunch application if your child is new to LAUSD or if you did not receive one by mail. Applications may also be found online at www.cafela.com.</p> <p>Breakfast is \$0.60, lunch \$ 1.00, and milk/juice only is \$0.25. Please see Diane Roberts for prices if your child is receiving free or reduced priced meals. School meals may be purchased on a daily basis or paid in advance before school and at recess. Student accounts will be debited each time they pass through the lunch line.</p>	<p>You will be notified when the account balance is low.</p> <p>Students may not consume food from “Fast Food” restaurants in the lunch pavilion. And, for health reasons, no adults are allowed to eat lunch in the lunch pavilion. If you would like to eat lunch with your child, you may do so by checking in at the office and your child will be called to meet you.</p> <p>Breakfast will be served from 7:40 – 8:05 a.m. daily, or students may have breakfast during recess. Menus are provided with the Monthly newsletter and are available on-line at www.cafela.com. Menu selections have recently changed to offer students a healthier choice of foods.</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">School Site Council</p> <p>If you are interested in being involved in our school at the governance level, you are encouraged to join the school site council (SSC). The SSC is the decision-making council for the school, made up of teachers, parents, classified staff members and the principal. The SSC develops and approves the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) in consultation with all stakeholders and ensures that the school is continually engaged in identifying and implementing curriculum and instructional practices identified in that plan. According to the by-laws, the SSC must meet at least eight (8) times per year. Meetings are held Thursday afternoons at 2:45 p.m.</p>	<p>On Monday, September 19, we will hold an orientation meeting for the School Site Council. We will view a video that explains in further detail the council's purpose and structure. Cabinet positions are determined by election.</p> <p>If you are interested in participating on our council for 2011-12, please let Mrs. Valentino know. Your name will be placed on the ballot. Elections for officers will be held on Monday, September 26.</p> <p>Be on the lookout for further details.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2011-12 Dates Changes/ Additions on Master Calendar</p> <p>Monday, September 19 - SSC orientation and Coffee with Principal (8:40 a.m.) (changed from Friday, September 16)</p> <p>Friday, December 9 - Awards Assembly (switched from December 2)</p> <p>Wednesday, December 14 - Winter Program (switched from December 15)</p>	