



## Mabel Paine Elementary School

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Dear Mabel Paine Families,

I am so excited for the 2018-19 school year. As you might remember, we spent last year reworking our mission (what we strive to do every day) and vision (what we aspire to be) and developing core values: respect, diversity, compassion, and collaboration.

<p><b>Vision</b> We inspire all learners to achieve excellence in an encouraging, caring community.</p>		<p><b>Mission</b> We commit to empower each other to reach our highest potential.</p>
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Why is this so important? Because everything we do should support these ideals. And when we read in the 2018 Stakeholder Survey that you all wanted to be more involved with the school, we included the idea of mutual empowerment in our mission. Notice that it doesn't just say "students." This is because we want the adults to feel empowered, too! A couple of ways you can become more empowered and involved are:

- Joining our first-class PTA
- Chairing a PTA activity (Carnival, Trunk or Treat, Book Fair, etc.)
- Attending school activities and events
- Volunteering in the classroom
- Sharing your points of view with us

Another way we "lived" our mission and vision was through the development of a new Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) system here at Mabel Paine. Returning students and parents will notice that our old "POWER" acronym is gone this year. Instead, it's replaced by a much more simple concept. We are asking our students to be Mindful Mustangs. **Mindful Mustangs do the RIGHT thing in the RIGHT place at the RIGHT time.** As in years past, we will explicitly teach this concept to our students in the first month of school by conducting behavior expectations assemblies and touring all areas of the campus with students in grades 1-5. Preppy K and kindergarten teachers conduct behavior talks and tours, as well, so all of our Mindful Mustangs will know what we are expecting of them. Please see our website ([www.mabelpaine.org](http://www.mabelpaine.org)) and the first Mabel Paine Press for more details.

As we head into the 2018-19 school year, here are some things to remember:

On **Monday, August 27**, we will be welcoming all families to a Meet the PTA event in the grass area north of our office from 8:30-11:30 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 child care for your incoming Preppy K or kindergarten student.

The first day of school for students is **Tuesday, August 28**. All class placements will be accessible via your Aeries portal on Monday, August 27. 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 on site 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 stop by the office and pick up a registration packet as soon as possible. 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 and juice may be purchased for \$.50. 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. Please be sure to write your child's first and last name on the memo part of the check. You can find updated information regarding lunch menu and prices on the district website: [www.pylusd.org](http://www.pylusd.org). If you prefer, you can now pay for lunches through our new online payment program.

**Parking Lot Procedures:** As always, please make safety and courtesy your guidelines for behavior in the parking lot. Follow the signs, painted curbs, and directions of parent volunteers and school personnel to ensure the safety of the children. 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. (No parking is allowed along the red curb at any time in this lot.) **ALL** other students should be dropped off **AND** picked up using the valet/drive through lane in the main parking lot. No matter which parking lot you are using, please keep in mind that there is no parking or leaving your car unattended in the drive through lanes at any time. Please stay in your car, pull all the way forward 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. If you'd like to walk up to school to drop off or pick up your child, please park on the street so our flow of traffic will run smoothly and safely. Parents who walk to pick up their children may do so at the steps of the MPR at the front of campus.

**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. Grades 3-5 will line up on the upper grade black top. Grades 1-2 will sit down at the lunch tables labeled with their teacher's names.

**Parent Volunteer Safety Procedures:** In order to volunteer, you must be on the daily schedule. All volunteers are required to sign in at the Volunteer Desk to obtain a sticker. If your name is not on the 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 small children (siblings) will be 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](http://www.mabelpaine.org)) and review it carefully with your child. You will be required to sign a verification letter stating that you have read and understand the contents of the handbook. This letter will be sent home in the first day packet. If you do not have access to the internet, you may pick up a copy of the handbook from the school office.

**Important Upcoming Dates for the First Week:**

**8/27** Meet the PTA (8:30-11:30 A.M.), Preppy K Back to School event (9:00 A.M.), Kindergarten Back to School event (10:00 A.M.)

**8/28** First day of school, Yogurtland Family Fun Night (2:30-9:00 P.M.)

**8/30** Back to School Night (details to come) *This is an important meeting at which you will meet your child's teacher and learn about their academic program for the year. This event is for parents in grades 1-5 only.*

I am sincerely looking forward to meeting you and am confident that our mutual collaborative efforts will ensure success for your student!

Sincerely,

Melanie Carmona, Principal