

JOIN MBMS PTA

As you may know, MBEF will fund employee salaries. Similarly, our MBMS PTA funds technology, supplies, enrichment programs, staff development, and parent education, etc.

The MBMS PTA Membership Drive and the Magazine Drive are our only fundraisers for the entire year.

**MBMS PTA works with a very tight budget.
We spend well OVER \$200 a year per student.
It is critical that every family contributes.**

MBMS PTA will fund more than \$250,000 in 2011-2012 for:

- Technology enhancements for classrooms and labs
- Books, software, licensing and supplies for our library
- Curriculum enrichment for all Exploratory classes
- Vital course materials and supplies for all core subjects
- Outstanding music, choral and drama programs
- After school and new programs, which add to our students' educational experience

We are asking for a \$200 donation per student attending MBMS.

**In August,
you will receive a Membership Drive letter and donation envelope in
the mail. You will also be able to pay on the MBMS PTA website,
www.mbmswaves.com.**

Any questions? Please email:

**Melinda Arentsen at melinda.arentsen@gmail.com
Lisa Taylor at lisa_eisma_taylor@yahoo.com>**

Letter from Your PTA President

Welcome to the Manhattan Beach Middle School. Our MBUSD Schools have never shined this bright. I hope you too, realize how fortunate our children are to be attending such an outstanding school. There were so many accolades recently. If being acknowledged as a California Distinguished School wasn't enough, MBUSD earned an all time high Academic Performance Index score of 926, a 12 point increase from the previous year. Ranked #3 in the State of California is nothing less than remarkable. Then Forbes Magazine named Manhattan Beach the best school district for median real estate values of \$800,000 and up, and sixth overall in the nation. Wow! We owe so much to our dedicate staff, teachers and district leaders. Additionally we should credit the parents for helping to foster a positive learning community, and showing by example how important education is.

We all know the benefits of contributing to your children's education since we have been doing it for years, and more then ever we see the great results. I hope you continue to contribute in anyway you can. If you can give financially, I applaud you. If you allocate time helping teachers, I applaud you. If you volunteer to chair a PTA event, again I applaud you. Thank you everyone for making a difference!

✓ **CHECK OUT OUR NEW MBMS WEBSITE:** <http://mbmswaves.com/>

Notice that you can pay for all your purchases and donations via PayPal, you can report absences on-line, you can link to Nutri-kids, Ed-Line, District Calendar and so much more!

✓ **CHECK OUT THE NEW DISTRICT CALENDAR:** for those of you who want to catch a Mira Costa Football game, or Musical Performance, or double check performance times of the numerous concerts this will be a great new tool for parents.

✓ **BE INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING EXPERIENCE:**

Join the hundreds of parents who help by volunteering for numerous events and activities through the year.

✓ **STAY AWARE OF THE STATE'S DECLINING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING:** Find out how you can help.

I sincerely hope your summer has been spent with family and friends, great conversation and an abundance of laughter,

Your MBMS PTA President,
Paki Wolfe



Who can I contact for more information? Paki Wolfe, at goforpaki@yahoo.com

Manhattan Beach Education Advocacy Team

This past school year, Manhattan Beach Education Advocacy Team traveled twice to Sacramento to advocate on behalf of Manhattan Beach Schools. We met with over 50 lawmakers and staff, including members of the State Senate and Assembly Education committees, Democratic and Republican Party leadership, and the Governor's Office. The Team advocated armed with constructive money –saving bill suggestions, and were well received. In fact, several of the ideas were converted to bills that the team is following and supporting.

Select other activities this year include:

- “Write to your Legislators” activity at the MBEF Rally for Education.
- Numerous letter writing, phone and email campaigns addressing the State Budget, bills and other issues.
- Meetings with our State Legislators, Senator Ted Lieu and Assembly Member Betsy Butler as well as local office staff.
- Maintenance of relationships with key staff in Sacramento.
- Participation at the Manhattan Beach Home Town Fair education booth.

Join us! Please contact Susan Neal at susanneal7@gmail.com.



FAQS by parents about MBMS

What is Edline? An on-line site where the teachers post assignments and grades, and Mr. Jackson posts information. It is frequented, possibly every day by either yourself or your child. New families receive “activation codes” at student registration to access the site. You must log in to access most parts of the site.

What is Infosnap? The same on-line registration service you used in elementary school. Please check your contact information, including cell # and e-mail addresses for both parents. I recommend checking the e-blast box so you receive Mr. Jackson’s updates.

What is The Planner? This is an essential organizing calendar and much more! The students write their homework assignments it, and refer to it daily. It also has Rules and Policies, map of campus, discipline procedures, dress code, how to make-up homework, and procedure for calling the attendance office just to name a few things. I highly recommend you reading it with your child.

Is there a MBMS website? Yes! This site will be updated by the PTA weekly. Visit www.mbmwaves.com

Who is the “Go to person” for everyday stuff? That would be Helen in the front office. She is amazing. If interested, add the phone number to your contact list 310.545.4878 (ext 4). Everyone must check-in and out of the office when visiting campus.

What is the daily schedule? School starts at 8:10, unless you have “0” period with a 7:20 start, and is dismissed at 3:00. Most students arrive between 8:00-8:05, so carpooling is highly recommended. Humanities is a three period block out of the seven periods. Nutrition is a 15-minute break at 10:37 when a fleet of food carts is available. Lunch is at 12:30 for 6th graders and 12:45 for 7th and 8th graders.

What is Late Start? One Wednesday each month, school begins at 9:00 so the teachers can have their staff meeting, and our teenagers can sleep in.

How often do parents get report cards? There are three semesters a year; you will receive three Report Cards via the regular US Post Office mail. However you can check your children’s grades regularly on Edline.

What do they do for PE? PE activities rotate every 4 weeks. Every child will have paddle tennis, soccer, swimming, ping-pong, badminton, hockey, along with “Run Day” every Wednesday (weather permitting) when the class jog/walks through out beautiful Polliwig Park. It is dreaded by many students and loved by many parents.

What class electives are there? There is the wheel, which you have already determined, cadet band, concert band, symphony band, cadet strings, orchestra, chamber orchestra, Neptune chorus, mermaid chorus, and seaside chorale. 7th & 8th graders have student council (ASB), journalism, yearbook, Teacher Assistant (TA), and surf PE.

What are the volunteer opportunities for the parents? Lunch Supervision and Scholar Quiz are our biggest demand. There is a list volunteer opportunities in your Orientation Packet, and will be available on our website.

What are the safety procedures? The entire School District has the same emergency systems in place. In case of an emergency you will be contacted by automated phone call to your home, cell phone, and e-mail on file. For this reason alone, please make sure your contact information is accurate and complete

Are there afterschool programs? There are clubs, art classes and a variety of options sporadically through the year. If you need everyday activity, the Teen Center at Manhattan Heights has an afterschool program. Visit the city website www.citymb.info.

What team sport opportunities are there in 6th Grade? Encourage your child to try-out for the MBMS teams, look for the try-out dates next September. Teams with tryouts include Flag football, soccer, basketball, baseball, girl’s softball and volleyball. All students are welcome to join cross-country, waterpolo, tennis, track and field.

Middle School PTA Volunteer Sign-up Sheet
mbmswaves.com



- | Chair | Committee | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Student Directory (early Fall) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Directory Assistant (early Fall) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Parent Party (Fall) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Magazine Drive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Event TBD (any ideas?) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MB Hometown Fair Booth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Portraits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Scholar Quiz (May) need dozens of volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | ASB (student council) Spring Carnival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pride Day Beautification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Book Fair (May) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hearing/Vision/ Scoliosis Screening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | PTA Website support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lunch Supervision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community / Charity Outreach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Library Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yearbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recycling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 th Grade Promotion |

If you printed this form from home:
Your Name
Your Child's Grade Level/s

- | Chair | Committee | Specific Interest |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Young At Art | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 th <input type="checkbox"/> 7 th <input type="checkbox"/> 8 th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Back to School Staff Brunch (Aug 30 th) | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Donate <input type="checkbox"/> Bring Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Back to School Night (Sept 13) | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Apple Pie Committee | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Roll Breakfast (April) | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 th <input type="checkbox"/> 7 th <input type="checkbox"/> 8 th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Appreciation Week | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Orientation / Registration Aug 25, 2011 | |
| | Help with ID Photos, distribution of Info, planners, PE uniforms etc | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 th (9:00-11:00) <input type="checkbox"/> 7 th (11:00-1:00) <input type="checkbox"/> 8 th (1:00-2:30) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Make-Up Orientation | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 26 (2-5) <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 29 (2-5) <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 30 (2:30-5) <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 31 (7-9AM) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Level Celebrations | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 th Grade <input type="checkbox"/> 7 th & 8 th Grade <input type="checkbox"/> Wavefest |

Chairperson

- The Wavelength
- Mira Costa Liaison / Green & Gold Day
- Carpool Liaison
- Student Planners
- Blood Drive
- Study Skill Workshops
- 6th Grd Science Camp Registration (Spring)
- PE Uniforms, sell & distribute Aug 25th, 5th Grade Orientation in May

Chairperson

- Access Books
- Reflections Art Contest
- Lost and Found police
- Interest in giving blood
- Anti Bullying Ambassador

I cannot commit to anything right now, but I am available:

- school hours as needed
- evening and weekends as needed

Thank You



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- How they kept
- When he'll g



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Manhattan Beach Middle School

**Student
Directory**

*Show Us Who You Are...
Or Just Show Your Appreciation*

The Manhattan Beach Middle School PTA is accepting a listing of businesses and professional services for a \$50 donation. The listing will be included in the 2011-2012 Student Directory's Sponsor Listing section.

Distribution and use of the MBMS PTA Student Directory is for MBMS students and their families ONLY. The PTA sincerely appreciates businesses that submit a sponsorship, but in order to protect the privacy of our families, there will be no distribution of the Student Directory to sponsors.

Include My Business Listing in the 2011-2012 MBMS PTA Student Directory!

The information you provide below will be included in our Sponsorship section, however, we reserve the right to edit your information. The listing will appear in alphabetical order by business/service category. Sorry, no personal ads, and no graphics. Please print clearly.

Your Name _____ Business Title _____

Name of Business or Service _____

Business Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Business Website _____

Business Email _____ Business Phone _____

Business Category (eg: Home Maintenance-Gardener): _____

Brief description of your business or service, **15 words or less:**

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

**Return the completed form by 9/9/11 with your \$50 donation made payable to "MBMS PTA"
Attn: Directory Committee, MBMS PTA, 1501 Redondo Ave, MB, CA 90266.**

Thank you for your generous support of our student directory!