



Mattos

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Susan Guerrero, Principal

PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Dear Mattos Families,

Thank you to Community Members for attending our recent Community Meetings on September 20th. Our morning and evening meetings were to include parents and community members in the collaborative process of building our Mission, Vision and Goals based on site input from a variety of stakeholders.

At Mattos my personal goal is to include all stakeholders in the important processes that involve our school. To that end I have met with our School Teams: Classified and Certificated, Student Leadership, and Parents and Community Members.

As the input is compiled I will post it to our school website. Next steps in formulating our Mission, Vision and Goals will include further analysis and discussion with our site Guiding Coalition which consists of Leadership Representatives from each Grade Level, our Specialists and Special Ed. We will then complete the process with our school team and share the results.

One area of expressed need to address immediately involves communication. Please be aware that we have made a commitment to provide on-going communication and that it will follow a site format of always providing:

- Bimonthly Mattos Messengers
- Bimonthly PTA Newsletters
- Bright Arrow Notifications
- Web Page Updates
- Flyers supplied to the school
- Posted Event Notifications
- Special Invitations

It is important that everyone read the communications sent home as communication has to connect to be effective. Thank you for taking the time to read each newsletter in its entirety. Your participation in the dissemination of information and in collaborative events sincerely benefits our school.

It truly takes more than a village to raise a child and to educate them, it takes an entire community. Our students in 4th, 5th and 6th grade are joining in to assist with this process by signing up to be Academic Ambassadors. Academic Ambassadors serve as student leaders in PE, Science and Computer classes by offering peer support in classes on a rotating basis. We currently have 105 student leaders signed up to help make Mattos even better than it is. Students are scheduled in cycles so they do not miss too much of their regular class. Academic Ambassadors will also be getting opportunities to do Leadership Projects within the school as the program progresses. If you'd like to assist as a Parent Advisor please contact me.

Separate but equally important is our Student Council for 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Students in 4th and 5th grade can run for Class Grade level Representative positions and students in 6th grade can run for offices such as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Information Officer and Events Coordinator. All candidates will be asked to prepare a 1 minute speech to deliver to the 4th-6th grades as part of the election process. We will hold a balloted election to give students the experience of voting. Ant parent or guardian interested in working with me on Student Council can drop by or contact me via email or phone.

Another area that was emphasized at our recent series of community meetings was the need to provide varied volunteer opportunities. There are several areas that parents volunteer in already and it was expressed that some parents would like the opportunity to volunteer in different ways at our school that are not currently identified such as on a one time basis, after hours, at home and for special programs. Right now we do have the need for interested parents to volunteer to oversee Lunch Time Clubs, serve on the Safety Committee, Safe Routes Co-chair, join ELAC: The English Language Advisory Committee, provide time 1 time Career Talks, assist with Student Newsletter, volunteer to assist with 1 to 1 Tutoring. If you have an idea of a volunteer opportunity that can be added please don't hesitate to come in and discuss it with me. We can work together to see how it fits into our school.

I want to thank parents who have chosen to walk to school with their children. What a healthy way to start the day for those that live within walking distance. If you can, please walk to help cut down on the drive through at our school. We are working hard to improve drive thru drop off and pick up service so the more walkers the better.

Next week, on October 5th it is International Walk and Roll to School Day where students are encouraged to walk or ride their bikes (with helmets) to school. Please look for posters advertising this event and please participate. Research shows that exercise before school helps better prepare students for learning. It also provides quality family time.

For drivers please follow the set guidelines for drop off and pick up. There are cones and signs to guide you and the for sake of safety we ask that you follow entrance and exit guidelines:

- Traffic should flow through in one direction entering and following the lane for drop off/pick up. Please exit to the right as indicated by the signage.
- Cars should advance to the drop off/pick up area and not stop in the street or prior to the drop off/pick up area blocking other cars.
- Students should be ready to exit with backpacks next to them exiting on the sidewalk side of the car rather than stopping going around, opening the trunk and taking out bags as it is a safety concern. The same suggestion in opposite order should be followed for quick pick up.
- Drivers need to remain with their car and if students are delayed the driver should move forward and out of the area to park so as to allow the cars behind to progress.
- Courtesy and safety concerns prohibits cutting in front of other cars. Please be considerate of each other.

Thank you for understanding that these reminders are for the safety and convenience of all. I appreciate the efforts of the many drivers following the guidelines and ask that those who need to make improvements please do so.

I want to thank parent volunteers who have taken the time to discuss drop off and pick up issues with me. I'd also like to thank all those who have volunteered and actively helped to direct traffic.

If you have not had a chance to meet me before or after school or at one of our community meetings I'd like to invite you to drop by and introduce yourselves. You'll find me out in the mornings and afternoons directing traffic. Please also know you can contact me at :
sguerrero@fremont.k12.ca.us
or at (510)793-1359 ext. 65-102

I look forward to meeting with parents and community members.

Cordially,

Susan Guerrero

Mattos Principal

School Site Council

The School Site Council ensures that the needs of all students are a priority. We monitor the Single Plan for Student Achievement and oversee the School Improvement Plan budget to make sure money is spent on the goals outlined in the Local Control Accountability Plan (these are mandated by the state)

This year we would like to congratulate our newly elected members:

Geeta Bhandakkar
Deb D'Spain
Vinayak Jindham
Ruby Kang

Campus Safety Volunteers

We are seeking morning volunteers to assist assigned staff members with monitoring children on the primary and upper grade playground areas from 8:10-8:25. If you are interested please contact the school office at (510) 793-1359.

Noon Supervisors Needed

We are in need of Noon Supervisors during lunch time from 11:45am – 12:55pm. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the school office at (510) 793-1359.

Volunteer Crossing Guard Program

We need your help for the Volunteer Crossing Guard Program. It is important to get the program started in time for the rainy season!

A **FREE** Training it will be provided by the District Office on October 7th from 9:30 am – 11:00 am. Fingerprinting will be provided by the District Office. If you would like to volunteer please contact the school office.

Continually Tardy or Late Pick-Up Students

Please be sure to have your children to school on time. We have had a number of continually tardy students in the school office recently and the school is losing ADA funds when they are late as well as interrupting class time. If you child receives too many tardies; a district letter will be sent out.

We also have an excessive number of students being picked up late every day. Our school is dismissed at 2:40 pm and Wednesday at 1:25. Due to the excessive number of students the office staff must stop their work in order to call all parents. We understand from time to time parents can be late due to certain circumstances, but please call the office to let them know.



Sep 28 – Mini Day

Oct 5 – Mini Day
Walk and Roll to School

Oct 7 – Coffee Social

Oct 12 – Mini Day

Oct 19 – Mini Day

Oct 20 – Pumpkin Patch

Oct 24 – Mini Day

Oct 26 – Mini Day

Oct 28 – Fall Festival

Oct 31 – Community Walk
8:45am

PTA Corner

Thank you to everyone who came out for the PTA meeting last night and those who have submitted pledge drive and membership forms! We appreciate your support and as a community rely on that support to run many of the amazing programs available on campus.

If you haven't done so already please consider donating a minimum of \$65 per child to the pledge drive. Your money will be used to pay for activities such as the Family Science Night, Music for Minors programs, Holiday sing-a-long as well as Science and Art Assemblies just to name a few.

Please also consider joining the PTA, with your \$10 membership fee you will become a member of the PTA, not just for our school, but for the state as well. With that membership you have access to the CA PTA website and their resources as well as earning discounts from businesses. You can visit <http://capta.org/join/member-perks/> for more information on available discounts.

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the school? We have a few positions still open on the PTA Board and Committee. Right now we are specifically looking for volunteers to help run the Fall Festival. We have veteran Festival Coordinators on the Board to guide you, but we need a few more hands to make the night run smoothly. This is always a very fun event that the entire community looks forward to each year. If you are interested, grab a friend to join you and email PTA President Kathy Lewis at tklewis@yahoo.com

Two ways to stay up to date on school events and information is to join our Yahoo group and like the Mattos PTA Facebook Page. If you haven't joined you can request access to the Yahoo Group by emailing daisyanna@gmail.com with your name, email address, child's name and room number. To follow our Facebook page go to <https://www.facebook.com/MattosPTA/>, hit the like button and you are set.

SUPPORT MATTOS WHEN YOU SHOP! HERE'S HOW:

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Welcome back to school, students and parents! My name is Laurie Jackson and I'm thrilled to be the Box Tops for Education™ and eScrip Coordinator for Mattos Elementary. Email me with any questions at laurie.jackson@gmail.com

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school earn cash. The earnings from the Box Tops that you send to school go directly towards your child's classroom! This is a no brainer; if you see a Box Top, CLIP IT! Send it to school with your child! You wouldn't throw money away, so please don't throw Box Tops away!

Download Box Top for Education Bonus App - Buy. Scan. Earn! Sign up at www.BTFE.com to stay updated on our school's earnings and find a full list of hundreds of participating products. Members also receive exclusive coupon offers and recipes and can learn about extra ways for our school to earn more cash.

eSCRIP and eScrip Online Mall it works with merchant partners to contribute to groups like ours each time you shop with them- at no cost to you! Please do the following: 1. Go to www.escrip.com 2. Sign up, and select John G. Mattos Elementary as the beneficiary, and 3. Register your credit/debit and loyalty (like Lucky rewards) cards. It's safe, secure and your information will not be sold! You can also shop directly at the eScrip Online Mall, without registering a credit card, and earn money for Mattos.

The Benefit Mobile App which an eScrip partner allows for instant earnings when you purchase gift cards from them. Please support our school by participating in these programs! We have the potential to raise thousands of dollars!

Our 6th Annual Halloween Costume Recycling Event is coming up!

Tired of spending \$20+ on costumes that will only be worn once? Have a closet full of old costumes that you don't know what to do with? Consider helping out the environment (and your wallet) by donating your gently used costumes and picking up new (used) ones for the low, low price of \$5!

Beginning Monday, October 3rd we will be accepting donations of gently used -or new- Halloween costumes for both children and adults. Costumes should be in clean, usable condition with all accessories packaged together. Look for the collection bins near the office and by the fence near the kindergarten area. Costumes will be sold after school in courtyard on **Thurs, Oct 20th and Friday, Oct 21st for \$5 each.**

We are looking for someone to take over the coordination of this event for next year. Helping this year will give you an idea of what's involved! Contact Christy Ryan for details - christyryan99@yahoo.com

Electronic Flyer Delivery Starts October 3

FUSD is getting ready to launch a new electronic flyer communication tool called "Peachjar." To view school approved eflyers, simply click the Peachjar button on your school's website homepage.

The "green" initiative will save our school tons of paper. No action is required on your part. You will receive a welcome email from our service provider that includes a username and password. This is provided to give you the opportunity to manage your account and flyer delivery preferences.

To ensure smooth delivery of this communication, we suggest you add "schoo@peachjar.com" to your email contacts. When you receive your first eflyer, be sure to click "always display images."

This system will be used for distribution of school approved flyers. Your email will not be shared or used for any other purpose. Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure parents are well informed about school programs, activities and events.

School Meals

If your child will be purchasing school lunch and will pay with cash, please make sure he/she has the **exact amount**. Our lunch staff is not supplied with cash to be able to give change. The difference will be put toward the next lunch meal. The cost of school lunch is \$3.25.

To apply for free or reduce meals please go the <http://fremont.rocketscanapps.com> or pick up an application at the school office. The Child Nutrition Office is located at 4210 Technology Dr. Fremont, CA Phone: (510) 659-2587

California English Language Development Test (CELDT) 2016/2017

The State of California mandates that the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) be given to students who speak another language when they first enter a California public school. This test identifies students who are English learners (limited in English proficiency) so that schools may immediately provide appropriate instruction to meet their needs. The CELDT must also be given to all English learners every year to monitor their progress in learning English and to help evaluate the programs they receive. The test has four parts: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. For the 2016/2017 school year, Fremont Unified will be giving

this test starting October 3 until October 31, 2016. Additionally, we found some students who were never initially tested upon registration. These students will also be tested during this time frame. If you have any questions about the test, please call Federal and State Programs at (510) 659-2531.

Attention all 4th, 5th & 6th graders: JOIN THE BAND!

Join the afterschool Band program this year and learn how to play a band instrument (Woodwind, Brass and Percussion). No experience is necessary. Class meet once per week afterschool right her on campus. Registration begins on the first day of school; more registration information will be sent home. All registrations must go through the FEF either by signing up on line or mailing the registration directly to the address listed on the flyer. Check out www.fremont-education.org for more information on the After School Band program.

2nd Annual: A Night of Science and More!



A science extravaganza for all ages! **Free & open to the public.**

Saturday, October 15, 2016

5:00pm - 9:00pm

Ohlone College Newark

Center for Health Sciences and Technology

39399 Cherry Street, Newark, CA

Fun Interactive Exhibits & Mad Science Shows, Star Gazing with Telescopes, Aquaponics Farming Area, Outdoor entertainment and Live DJ, 49ers NFL STEM Education Workshops, Health Sciences Area, Guest Speaker John Collins, The Paper Airplane Guy, "Mission Mars: The First Human Journey" presented by Pascal Lee, Mars Institute and SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence) Institute, Virtual Reality Room, Creation Station, E-Sports Gaming Area and much more!

Join the fun on Walk and Roll to School Day

The students, parents, and teachers at Mattos will celebrate International Walk and Roll to School Day on Wednesday, October 5th. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our health, the environment, and our school spirit. With the suggestions below, we're hoping every student will participate.

What's going on?

- Morning commute walking groups

- Bike parking at the bike racks; helmets required, bring your own lock
- Giveaways for kids
- A school-wide mode chart to see how we get to school
- Walk with Mr. Hendrickson (Meet at Elks Lodge at 7:45 a.m.)

If you live farther away

- Bike with your child
- Take the bus with your child and walk from the bus stop.
- Carpool with another family. Spare the environment and some hassle for yourself: connect with other families who live in your neighborhood.
- Park and walk – Join Mr. Hendrickson at Elks Lodge at 7:45 a.m.

Lost and Found

Please make sure you label all of your child's belongings, we will be disposing of the lost and found items on a weekly basis.

We highly suggest you write the student's full name on a visible area of the reusable lunch bags, water bottles and on the tags of your child's jackets.

Halloween "Community Walk"

Monday, October 31st will be our annual "Community Walk" This year students are allowed to wear their costumes to school. It will be held in the Intermediate Playground at 8:40 am. Please make sure you students arrive on time. Parents are asked to follow the school guidelines regarding appropriate costumes:

- Costumes should no glorify violence or gore (i.e., no weapons or blood).
- Costumes should be age appropriate.
- Temporary hair dye is allowed.

Parents are welcomed to the "Community Walk". If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher

Bus Zone- DO NOT PARK

Parents please make sure you are **NOT** using the Bus Zone to drop off or pick up students. This area is designated for School Bus and Private Transportation assigned by our Transportation Department **ONLY**. The vehicles assigned by FUSD transportation have a sign on the window with the student's name they are picking up. If you need to park your car to pick up or drop off a student please park on the street and used the crosswalk to cross the street if needed.

Science in the Park-FREE Family Event

Saturday October 1st

9 am – 2 pm

Alder E. Oliver Sports Park

2580 Eden Park Pl., Hayward, CA

LEGO Activities, petting zoo, 3D printing, interactive STEM activities, water rockets, educational animal programs, food trucks and much, much, more!

Information at www.ScienceInThePark.org