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1855 Majestic Way San Jose, CA 95132 Dec 2018 - Feb. 2019

### **Dear Majestic Way Families**,

December is a time of giving and a time of thinking of others. We all love to receive, but there is so much joy that comes in doing for others. You may have family traditions that you hold near and dear to your hearts involving gifting family and friends. With all of the tragedies happening this year, maybe you can think of starting some new traditions. Donate to those in need who have lost everything they owned in the recent fires. Spend some time at the Salvation Army or other charities handing out food and gifts that are collected. Visit senior citizen homes and read or sing Christmas carols to the residents. There are many ways in which you can give; many that cost nothing but time and a kind heart. The Student Council, here at Majestic, are doing our part by partnering with Scholastic Book Clubs and collecting brand new pajamas for children in need. We will be collecting newborn to adult sizes. We need pis for all seasons, but especially winter. We need complete sets or nightgowns. We hope that you are able to participate with Majestic Way in making the Christmas holidays a little brighter and a little warmer for some deserving kids. Pajamas need to be at Majestic Way by December 13th. Thank you and Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa.....Happy Holidays!!!

Sincerely,

LaKeisha Blackshire



Parents: Please call the office if your child is out. If we do not answer, please leave a voice mail. We will need the following information: Your name and relationship to the student, the reason your child is absent and a number where you can be reached. Remember if you do not call in your child will be marked unexcused. Unexcused absences lead to truancy.



**Upcoming Events - September/October** Walk n' Roll – Walk on Wednesday & Fridays December 7th Spirit Day Where your Sprit Shirts!!! December 10th thru 13th Scholastic Book Fair December 13th Holiday Social & Pajama Night @ the Book Fair.

December 24th thru January 4th No School. Winter Break!!!! See you on January 7, 2019

January 11th Spirit Shirt Day – wear your spirit shirts!

January 14th Spell-A-Thon packets sent home.

January 16th PTA General Meeting (2:46 – 3:45) January 21st. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

(NO SCHOOL)

January 25<sup>TH</sup> PTA Family Event (TBD)

February 1st Sprit Shirt Day – Wear Your Spirit Shirts!

February 1st Spell-a-thon pledge sheets DUE

February 4-8 Spell-a-thon Tests Administered

February 8th Monarch Movie Night

February 11-15 Spring Box Top Collection

February 15th Multi-cultural Day

February 18-22 NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS' BREAK February 27<sup>th</sup> PTA General Meeting (2:45 – 3:45)





### **VACATION**

As we head into autumn and the holiday season, many of you may start planning family vacations. I strongly encourage you to plan any trips around the school schedule so that your student does not miss school. VACATIONS ARE NOT CONSIDERED EXCUSED ABSENCES!!!





### **College Thursdays**

Families, please join us in celebrating College Thursdays! We want to expose the students to colleges all over the nation. We encourage all students and staff to wear their favorite college apparel every Thursday. This includes sweatshirts, sweats, hats, t -shirts, socks...The teachers get into the college spirit as well wearing rival college sweatshirts and boasting of their alma mater. We encourage representing all types of colleges: community, state, UC, private. The more exposure, the kids have, the better. **Encourage your students to ask the staff** about what college they attended; it's a great conversation starter. We want students to know that college is within their reach!



#### VOLUNTEERS

ALL PARENT VOLUNTEER'S ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VOLUNTEER FORM AND TB TEST ON FILE WITH THE DISTRICT TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CLASSROOM, ATTEND FIELD TRIPS AND PARTICIPATE IN PTA/ SCHOOL EVENTS SUCH AS WALK A THON OR THE OLYMPICS. NEW FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR!!



No Dogs Allowed on Campus

Please be advised that we are not allowed to have dogs on campus for safety purposes except for Service dogs. I understand that some of you walk your dogs to and from school when dropping off or picking up your children. As much as we love dogs here at Majestic Way, dogs are not allowed. I have a miniature Schnauzer named Smokey that I call my third child, so I understand the love you have for your dogs. Please be advised that we are just trying to keep all students safe. We are working on getting district signage posted, as dogs are not allowed on any of the Berryessa schools. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.





Majestic Way Minimum Day Schedule 2018/19
12/21/18 Day before Winter Break
02/15/19 Day before Presidents Week
3/8/19 - 3/15 /19 Spring Parent Teacher
Conferences
6/7/18 Last Day of School



### Parents:

Please do not block or park in the neighbor's driveways. This is not acceptable, and your vehicle could be towed or ticketed at your expense. Please arrive early to secure a legal parking spot as the parking lot is now closed-no pick up or drop off from the parking lot. Please use caution when dropping off and picking up your students. We have had parents parking illegally, not obeying the students on Safety Patrol and just being unsafe. We thank you to all those parents who are obeying the traffic laws and keeping our students safe



# SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL/ELAC-<u>English Language</u> <u>Acquisition Committee</u>

Want your voice heard at your school site? Want to be involved in how school funds are spent? Have safety concerns? Want to understand how second language students are mastering the standards? Want to advocate for your kids? Joining School Site council is an excellent way to speak out and be heard. If your student is multilingual, being a part of the English Language Acquisition Committee is a way to see what the latest trends in ELD, discuss instructional strategies and find ways to make sure your students are getting all the skills they need in order to be proficient. The ELAC parent representative can also attend the monthly (to every other month) District English Acquisition **Committee and represent Majestic Way's English** Language students. We NEED your voices. Currently we do not have an ELAC parent representative, so Majestic Way does not have any representation at the district meetings. Please find attached a ballot to nominate vourself or others to become officers or members. The dates/times for ELAC/SSC are:

Meeting Times: 2:45

12/12/18

1/15/19

2/13/19

3/19/19

4/16/19

5/7/19

In addition to these committees, we have a District Wide Policy on Parent Involvement. If you would like to get more informed, please go to our site and click on the link labeled Parent Involvement Policy. Thank you.

Thank you.



# **Berryessa Union School District Board Meeting Dates for 2018 – 2019**

December 11, 2018 January 15, 2019 February 12, 2019 February 26, 2019 March 12, 2019 April 9, 2019 May 7, 2019 May 21, 2019 June 4, 2019 June 18, 2019

All regular meetings of the Board of Trustees will begin at 6:00 p.m. for closed session and 7:00pm for open session and will be conducted at (or as noted and subject to change)

### **Board Room**

Berryessa Union School District 1376 Piedmont Road Agendas for these meetings are posted on this web site and at all district schools and facilities at least 72 hours prior to the meeting date and time.

## Parent,

Please do not drop your student off before 7:55am. There is no supervision. If your student should be injured or worse approached by another person we would have no way to protect them. This rule is for both regular and rainy day schedules.



### SECOND CHANCE BREAKFAST

We hope that you received the letter recently sent home about breakfast being provided at recess time for grades 1-5 for a \$2.00 fee. It will be a grab and go type system. No money will be taken from the students at that time. Please put money into their lunch account and it will be credited. Please communicate with your child if they are to take a breakfast each day, as their account will be charged anytime breakfast is taken. Their free or reduced lunch status applies to breakfast as well. We hope many students participate in the breakfast program.

