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The Mustang Express

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MANISCALCO PARENTS,

We hope all our Mustang families are healthy and safe as we continue to move through the 2020-2021 school year. During the week of February 22nd, we will be having our annual Kindergarten sign-up event for families who will be having a student join us for the 2021-2022 school year. There will be information to come and if you have any questions regarding registration please reference our website or call the front office.

A busy testing session is just around the corner for students. A testing calendar will be sent home by Mr. Phillips and Ms. Webster in the coming days. This will show when grades levels are completing state and district testing for the end of the year. You are an integral part in helping your child to understand that testing is a part of the instructional process, and is not something to fear. Attendance at school during these times is crucial for students to be successful. Per state and district protocols, students on eLearning must report to campus to complete FSA assessments. More information to come on specific dates and times eLearners will be required to come to campus. There will be no virtual option to complete these assessments for our students in grades 3-8.

As a reminder, students should not be using cell phones during the school day or on the school bus. In addition, we have had students having inappropriate conversations on social media apps and through text. Parents are encouraged to check and monitor their child's cell phone use regularly to ensure all our Mustang students are safe and using technology appropriately.

If you have a fifth grade student who will be staying with us for middle school and have not applied for choice, the second choice window opens 3/5/21 at 5:00 P.M. and closes on 3/25/21. All fifth grade students who will be staying at Maniscalco must apply for choice. If you applied in the first window and were notified by email from the choice office, please accept the choice seat to ensure your student is confirmed to stay with us at Maniscalco. If you have any questions regarding our middle school program or the choice process, please call the front office.

Thank you for all you do for our school as we move through a challenging school year. Every day is a great day to learn at Maniscalco!

Thank you,

Maniscalco Administration



\$10 PASS FOR DRESS DOWN FRIDAYS:

**SAVE \$6 AND ORDER
TODAY!**

Order a \$10 pass for Dress Down Fridays and you will get to use it every Friday for the rest of the school year. Fill in this form and return to your teacher or the front office with the money.

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“Early preventive care protects your child’s smile now and for their future.”
 - Article on last page

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Maniscalco PTSA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.



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FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Early preventive care protects your child's smile now and for their future.

Are Baby Teeth important? They just fall out anyway!

The primary or "baby" teeth serve many critical functions for your child and it is important that the primary teeth remain in place until they are lost naturally.
Primary teeth

1. Aid in maintaining good nutrition by permitting your child to chew naturally and eat a variety of foods
2. Assist in speech development
3. Help the growth and development of permanent teeth by saving space for them and aid in forming a path for them as they erupt

A healthy smile can help children feel good about the way they look to others; maintaining a positive self-image and good social relationships. Studies show that children with poor oral health have decreased school performance and attendance. Children experiencing pain from decayed or not cared for teeth are distracted and unable to concentrate on schoolwork or lose their focus.

The first dental visit should occur as teeth erupt; around the child's first birthday or earlier if there is a history of dental problems. A home preventive program includes brushing, flossing and proper diet. Early oral examination may lead to detection of beginning stages of tooth decay or other oral health issues that can easily be treated. Many adults are amazed that their children actually enjoy coming to the dentist and are at ease in our office because of the unique "kid" friendly atmosphere. Parents are always welcome to accompany their children back into the treatment area. Dr Paul Duga and Dr Shawna Adams-Feeney are dedicated Pediatric dentists each with children of their own. Their mission is to provide a special environment for infants, children, teens and children with special needs to receive the highest standards of dental care. They work hard to raise public awareness of the benefits of modern dentistry.

Call our office 813-631-1100 or visit our website www.drDugaDrFeeney.com for more information.

Our office follows the CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid 19.

Steps to encourage a Healthy Lifelong SMILE

Brush 2 minutes twice a day with a rice-size amount of fluoride toothpaste.

Floss once or twice a day.

Fluoride supplements as recommended by your pediatric dentist or pediatrician
Sealants applied as needed

Dental Visits provide dental development assessment & early diagnosis of oral tissue. (Dental visits should be completed every 6 months).

Proper Diet Along with a balanced diet, limiting between meal snacks and sweetened beverages, soft drinks, juices & sports drinks will help keep your mouth healthy.

Water drinking water during the day helps rinse sugar away from teeth

Parental Involvement reinforces good oral habits

Sports Safety mouthguards are recommended in any sports where contact with another person or equipment may occur.

In addition to teaching children the importance of regular brushing, flossing, a healthy diet, and routine visits to the dentist, it is important that as parents and caregivers we set a positive example by practicing good dental hygiene. If you as an adult do not brush, floss, and visit the dentist, it is unlikely that your children will either.

Your teeth are important!! You can keep them for the rest of your Life!!

A healthy mouth with a beautiful smile is worth the effort!!!