

Mar Vista Elementary

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 – 4:00
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CALENDAR

Thurs	8/21	Back-to-School Night / 6:15 – 8:00 MVP'S Fair / 6:15 – 7:00pm Primary Teachers & Kindergarten Presentations/ 7:00 - 7:30 Intermediate Teacher Presentations / 7:30 – 8:00
Wed	8/27	Room Rep Annual Orientation & Exchange @ MUR / 8:15 – 9:15 eSchool Plus Contest begins (through Sept. 9)
Mon	9/1	Labor Day Holiday
Thurs	9/4	Quiznos Appreciation Night / 3:00 – 8:00 (phone # 688-6600) call ahead!
Tues	9/9	Picture Day
Mon	10/13 – Fri 10/17	Parent Conference Week / 12:05 dismissal
Sat	10/25	Fall Harvest Festival / Parent Club Event
Fri	11/7	End 1 st trimester
Tues	12/09 – Fri 12/12	Sixth Grade Outdoor School (Bussing Provided) / \$142 per student

First Day Packet Contents to Return

Parents, please review, sign, and return as appropriate the following nine items from the first-day packets:

1. Superintendent's Annual Notice to Parents (pages: 28, 29, 30, & 31/ four items in all) (parent retains booklet) (This will be in next week's folder.) Delayed....
2. Emergency Card
3. Permission to Take Books Home Agreement
4. Parent Club Volunteer Sign Up Form
5. Insurance Form
6. Emergency Authorization Notice

Together Families and Schools Help Children Succeed

The Safe Schools/Healthy Students Organization is happy to be bringing a Family Education program to Mar Vista School. Centered on the importance of families sharing a meal together and spending time together as a family, The Family Program includes the entire family at the 7 weekly sessions. The program empowers parents and promotes strong families. Its purpose is to help all children succeed at home, in school, and in the community.

The group is run by a collaborative team that includes "Safe Schools/Healthy Students" counselors, a school staff member and a parent from the school. The sessions are held at the school site. After dinner, the families participate in various activities aimed at increasing communication between parents and children, between parents and the entire family, and between parents and other parents. Some of the activities are fun and others are more serious. One of the cornerstones of the program is that parents spend 15 minutes of uninterrupted one-to-one time with their child each week.

Contact the school office for more details. This will be a great program for families.

Quizno's Appreciation Night

Again this year, Quiznos of Aptos will be sponsoring Mar Vista's online "Math Facts in a Flash" program. Math Facts in a Flash is on our school web site for students in grades 1 through 6 to "practice" at home. At school students can both practice and test to demonstrate mastery of levels. Quizno's helps us recognize of students' successes by providing "Kid Meal" certificates. Teachers give the certificates to students who make progress and show solid effort. Please show your appreciation to Quizno's by joining Mr. Hertz and Parent Club leaders on Thursday, Sept. 4th, 3pm - 8pm. (105 D Post office Dr. Aptos)

Back - to - School Night: Thurs., Aug. 21

6:15pm – 7:00pm, MVP'S Volunteer Fair @ cafeteria
7:00pm – 7:30pm, Primary Teacher Presentations
7:30pm – 8:00pm, Intermediate Teacher Presentations

At 6:15pm, join our Mar Vista Parent and School Club for coffee & treats and visit volunteer booths to mingle with parents behind the scenes here at Mar Vista and learn how to get involved! You'll be able to purchase spirit wear, Monte Fireworks Tickets, and more! At 7:00pm the primary teachers will begin their presentation in their classrooms. At 7:30pm the intermediate teachers will start their presentations.

Please, Back-to-School nights are for parents to learn how to best maximize the school year for their child. Children should not attend if at all possible. We really want every parent/guardian to be there, so if your child does attend, please have him/her sit quietly with you in the classroom and not unattended on the playground.

You may want to consider childcare arrangements with parents from other schools and reciprocate with them when they attend their child's Back-to-School Night. (Each of the Aptos Schools holds BTSN on a different night.) This investment of your time will pay-off in your enhanced understanding of your child's teacher's programs.

eScrip 10% Back Program

Welcome back! One of the easiest ways for our Mar Vista families to earn money for our school is through eScrip. We have the potential to raise three times the amount that we have in the past. eScrip is having a "10% Back to Schools" promotion between August 6th through September 9th. We are going to have a contest between classrooms beginning Monday, August 27th through September 9th. One of the great things about this promotion is that if families who are not registered with eScrip, is that they may bring us their receipts and we can use the "Reward Receipt" process and get credit. The classroom that signs up the most eScrip cards and collects the most receipts wins an Ice Cream Party!

Here's what we will need families to do:

- Complete the Register Receipt Forms (to be sent in today's folder).
- Motivate your child to sign up and collect receipts from parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends.
- Make sure that your own cards are registered too! (visit eScrip.com to do this)

Please don't hesitate to call with ANY questions. It's a little confusing, but once we get the hang of how this works and take advantage of all the options we have with eScrip such as their Dining Out rewards, registering our Visa's and Macy's cards getting us double points, and various promotions, this can be a huge money maker for us each year with very little effort.

Thank you so much for your time and effort to help promote this very important fundraiser AND for making Mar Vista School such a great place for our kids to learn and prosper!

eScrip Chairperson,
Janeé Del Colletti 831-419-3465 cell

Congratulation Summer AR Readers

The following students made their summer AR reading goals by reading and logging on to the school website to quiz:

- Brennan Parkin
- Austen Verdugo
- Gordon Verdugo
- Tyler Best
- Paul Nolan
- Tanisha Babic
- Claire Aseremo
- Julian Nakanishi-Rodriguez

The following students demonstrated a commendable effort toward meeting their summer reading goal and deserve an "Honorable Mention":

- Morgan Miller
- Jordan Nakanishi-Rodriguez
- Devin Carr
- Peyton Spencer
- Lindsey Fierro
- Annika San Miguel
- Jake Glaser
- Jenna Glaser
- Daniel Heppner
- Antonio Aseremo
- Vrendan Aseremo

The following students made the "35 Point Club":

- Morgan Miller
- Tanisha Babic
- Gordon Verdugo
- Peyton Spencer
- Tyler Best
- Brennan Parkin
- Claire Aseremo

In all 114 Mar Vista students participated in AR this summer! We are proud of all our students who practiced their on-line AR reading this summer!