



Mar Vista Elementary

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR

Mon	10/20 – 10/30	Student Council's 2 nd Harvest Food Drive
Tues	10/21	Make-Up Picture Day (for students who missed picture day)
Sat	10/25	Fall Harvest Festival / MVP'S Sponsored Costume parade @ 1:00pm
Sat	11/1	Skate Night @ Roller Palladium / 7:30 – 9:00pm (\$6.50 @ door)
Mon	11/3	North Zone Advisory Council @ AHS Career Room / 7:00 – 8:30pm
Tues	11/4	SSC / 4:30 – 5:30, ELAC 6:00 – 7:00
Fri	11/7	End 1 st trimester / End of 1 st AR Goal Period
Mon	11/10	No School
Tues	11/11	Veterans' Day / No School
Wed	11/12	Board of Education Meeting (Dalton Weitzel Recognized) / 7:00pm
Fri	11/14	Report Cards sent home with students
Tues	12/09 – Fri 12/12	Sixth Grade Outdoor School (Bussing Provided) / \$142 per student

Principal's Pen

We have completed our formal parent conferences and we have had an outstanding percentage of parents who were able to attend. Thank you for your participation. (Kindergarten home visits are coming later this month.) Please continue to speak with your child about his or her effort and accomplishments and about goal areas, too. Please stay in touch with your child's teacher(s) through the weekly folders and please look for your child's first report card on Friday, Nov. 14. Back to School Night, Parent Conferences, and weekly folders all serve to make your child's educational program clear to parents and should inform parents on how they can help at home. If your child appears to be under challenged or overwhelmed, please communicate this to our teachers so that they may work with you to make subtle accommodations to help your child to be engaged and feel successful. By working closely together your child can have an outstanding learning experience that will serve them the rest of their lives.



Student Council Spirit Update!

Hundreds of spirit pencils were awarded to all students and staff participating in last week's pajama day! What fun it was to see all those P.J.s! The Student Council also wants to remind everyone that every Friday is School Colors Days. Wear blue and white or anything with a sea loin on it! The next big event is Skate Night on November 1st! Come have fun as a family. The event costs \$6.50 per skater, the Student Council receives \$1.50 for each paying skater! Look at the calendar above. Show your spirit and have fun skating with your child and friends! You can bring your own skates or rollerblades or you can get rentals as part of your admission fee.

Medications at School

On several occasions lately students have been found with medication that belongs to them, but that has not been brought to the office with proper paper work. Even over-the-counter & "natural" remedies need to be accompanied by paperwork signed by the parent and the child's doctor. Please consult page 14 in the Parent Handbook for more information or call our Health Clerk, Debra Foxworthy at extension 4980 for assistance.

Accelerated Reader Goals Check In

We are now 80% through the trimester. This means that every 2nd through 6th grader should have achieved 80% of their personal point goal by now (some 1st graders have goals already too). If you don't know your child's goal number, reading level, or reading history; then visit our school website and get access to this secure and individualized information now! Click on **Home Connect** and use your child's login password and ID #. You can even sign up to get emailed each time your child takes a quiz! Check it out and help your child to succeed in reading! Each Mar Vista student needs to read everyday within their AR reading range. (Consult the Mar Vista Homework Plan the Parent Handbook to know how many minutes your child should read after school each day.) AR will help your child to feel and be successful in reading.



Student of the Year / Congrats Dalton Weitzel

Congratulations to Dalton Weitzel and his family. The Mar Vista teachers selected him as our student of the year. The Board of Education asks each school to do this and it is always difficult to pick just one student. Dalton is an outstanding representative of our students. He has consistently shown outstanding character traits during his six years at Mar Vista. Dalton demonstrates his high level of integrity and

fairness in all interactions with other students as well as teachers. He's known to be reliable, dependable and the first to help another student out. Teachers describe him as a respectful, positive contributor to their class. As an avid athlete, he demonstrates good sportsmanship in all athletic activities. In academics, Dalton displays a hard-work ethic. He completes tasks with efficiency and thoroughness. Dalton's quiet manner, yet confident demeanor, makes him a strong leader. Mar Vista is proud to honor him with this recognition. The Board of Education will recognize Dalton at their meeting on Nov 12 at the Board Room.

Five Computer Programs Mar Vista Students Can Use in 2008 – 2009

We anticipate opening our new computer lab soon. Great thanks is owed to former Mar Vista parent Mark Van Meter and Van Meter Construction for all the labor and free materials they have provided. An Open House will be announced soon for parents!

The following applications will be available to Mar Vista students and teachers. Thank you to our MVP'S supporting technology resources for teachers and students.

- Apple Works Word Processor
- Ultra Key Typing Program
- Accelerated Reader Reading Comprehension Program
- Math Facts in a Flash Math Speed Program
- Success Maker Individualized Comprehensive Math (new this year!)
- Web Browsers (Fire Fox, ect.)



Harvest Festival Coming Saturday! / Fun 4 All

Your toes will start tapping to the music of the Cold Truth Band, your nose will take in the smells of the scrumptious barbeque, your face (painted of course) can not wipe the smile off, Lindy's reptiles mesmerize you, the 4H Petting Zoo softens you and then you realize you are at the Mar Vista Harvest Festival. On Saturday October 25, 2008, Mar Vista Elementary School will be having a Harvest Festival from 12 noon to 4pm. Come bring the whole family. At 1p.m. students will try their best to scare and dazzle us with their costumes in the Costume Parade. can participate in the costume parade. Local area artisans will be selling their wares in the Multipurpose Room just in time for early Holiday shopping. Tye-dye a t-shirt, bead a necklace or paint a Frisbee...come join us in the fun. There will be a dunk tank where we can dunk our favorite principal and yard duty staff. There will be games galore, from witch toss to goldfish toss! Bounce in our bouncy houses. Get your hands sticky

with cotton candy. Take a chance in our community sponsored raffle during the festival, tickets will be sold at the event for \$1.00 a ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets. Just come and enjoy and share in the Mar Vista School Community. All proceeds will go to Mar Vista Elementary School programs.

Recycling Task Force Update

We have established a recycling task force here at Mar Vista. The task force is a group of upper grade students who manage and coordinate our recycling efforts. They are responsible for education, collection, and sorting of C.R.V. items. They have asked for your help to raise funds for Mar Vista Student Council. Please bring any CRV items: aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and unbroken glass beverage containers. The task force appreciates your support. Recycling materials can be dropped off in the big blue bins that are located between the cafeteria and our new art storage shed.

Mar Vista Students Save Our Shores

Nearly half of the Mar Vista student population cleaned Seacliff Beach and parts of the Rio del Mar Beach last month. We were the only school participating in this event, the day before the worldwide cleanup. Hundreds of pounds of garbage were removed from Seacliff Beach. We are proud of our students!

Halloween Costumes

As a reminder, there will be no costumes at school again this year. The Harvest Festival offers children a great opportunity to show off their costume. Don't forget about the costume parade @ 1:00pm!

The "I Message"

The "I Message" can be very helpful when there is a conflict. Students should use the "I Message" to help resolve conflicts at the lowest level. If this doesn't work, ask an adult for help or write Mr. Hertz or Mr. Ertl a note. Helping students to resolve conflicts on their own can be empowering and help develop life-long social skills.

Lost & Found Donated to Charity

Once again we donated at least 80 sweaters/jackets and 20 lunch bags to local charity. Please take time now to write your child's name on the labels of sweatshirts/jackets. A volunteer will check the labels before delivering any items to charity.



Safety @ Aptos Public Library / Construction

It will not be safe for parents to pick up or drop off their children in the Aptos Library parking lot due to the parking lot expansion between mid October and the end of January. After the parking lot is completed you will once again be welcomed to use the parking lot as a pick up or drop off spot. If you have any questions, call me @ 420-5309. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,
Nancy Call,

Youth Services Librarian Aptos Library