



Mar Vista Elementary

PARENT NEWSLETTER



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OFFICE HOURS: 7:30-
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CALENDAR

Fri	11/7	End 1 st trimester / End of 1 st AR Goal Period Wizard of Oz Show / 7:00pm
Sat	11/8	Wizard of Oz / 7:00pm
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	Character Assemblies / 10:15 & 1:30pm Report Cards sent home with students Bingo Night / 5:45 – 8:00pm
Fri	11/21	Honor Roll / 10:15 Student Council Movie Night (Finding Nemo/Free Admission/\$1 popcorn) / 5:30-7:30
Tues	12/09 – Fri 12/12	Sixth Grade Outdoor School (Bussing Provided) / \$142 per student

Principal's Pen

Community involvement is way up! Back to School Night kicked it all off with an all time high of participating parents. Family Fix It Day, the Harvest Festival, and the Twin Lakes Share Fest Day brought the larger community in to support our school. The fundraisers so far this year have gone well despite the faltering economy. Parents have been volunteering to lead events, fix things, build things, and raise funds. This is an amazing community. Thank you for all your wonderful support.
Sincerely,



Veterans Day, November 11th

There will be no school on November 10th or 11th in honor of Veterans' Day. Veterans' Day is a day to honor the brave men and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force, marines, and Coast Guard.

Wizard of OZ

We're off to see the Wizard! Many Mar Vista students have been working hard over these past two months learning lines, dances, and songs and now it is showtime! Performances are scheduled for Thursday, November 6th @ 9am; Friday, November 7th @ 9am & 7pm; and Saturday, November 8th @ 7pm. There is no admission charge, but bring a few dollars to enjoy a treat at the bake sale during the evening performance intermission. The entire family is sure to enjoy this classic story brought to life right here at Mar Vista.



Drive for Schools Fundraiser Update

Thank you for supporting Mar Vista when you purchased a Toyota drawing ticket. We earned **\$6,730** (\$16,840 over four years). Mr. Pushnik's and Ms. Nunes's classes had top sales and have earned a Pizza party courtesy of Back in Shape Chiropractics. Many thanks are owed to Back in Shape and the Gabay family for once again sponsoring this fruitful fundraiser. Thanks is also owed to Toyota of Santa Cruz. County wide local school earned \$288,515 this year (\$741,217 over four years). The winner this year is the Somerville Family of Soquel and they have decided to receive the \$25,000.00. A list showing who won all the 100 other prizes is in the office window.

Cookie Dough for Technology Update

Yahoo! The Cookie Dough & Gift Wrap fundraiser made **\$3,700** to support the purchase of computer lab materials and other tech items. Many thanks are owed to Office Manager Barbara Di Puma for leading this fundraiser. Within the next two weeks cookie dough will be delivered to school.

Monte Festival Successful / \$8,900!

Thank you to parent Joe Del Colletti for coordinating this year's Monte Fireworks ticket sales. This money will benefit building a play structure.

BookFair Successful

We just completed our semi-annual Scholastic Book Fair, and it was very successful. We made

a cash profit of **\$1,739.00**, and received almost 50 new books for the library. Also, we have a credit of \$120.00 to be used in Scholastic's Instructional Resource catalog. The 6th grade workers were a great help. Thanks SO much to all you parents, grandparents, older sisters, etc. who volunteered for work shifts. You are greatly appreciated!!



Busy Signal? Call MV's New # 761-6177

Throughout the year parents and staff have commented how often they encounter a busy signal when calling Mar Vista's 688-5211 phone number. Beginning immediately our new phone number will be 761-6177. (You can still use the old 688-5211 number, but you may get a busy signal if it is already in use.)



Harvest Festival Successful / Special Note

Fall is my favorite time of year, it always has been. That is why I get a kick out of helping with the Harvest Festival. I love petting zoos, kids jumping from hay bale to hay bale to the rhythmic sound of Isis and the Cold Truth Band. I love a good grilled hotdog, a creative moment at the bead zone or the magical transformation of the face-painting artists. I love seeing children awed by Lindi and the snake she is presently wearing. I love the teachers enjoying themselves at the games or trying their hand at tie-dyeing.

This festival is possible because of all the parents, teachers, staff, teenagers, and children who spend their time and energy making it happen. This festival happens with great support from the many neighboring businesses. Thank you to Ms. Keasey's class for decorating the pumpkins for the Harvest Festival...you made it colorful and welcoming to our school. Thank you to the fathers and mothers who spent their time running the many wonderful games or crafts. Thanks to all the parents at the bake sale and who manned the cotton candy booth, sweet lemonade and popcorn corner, sticky cotton candy stand and of course the yummy barbeque. Thank you to the many teenagers who showed true community service by helping with the games and set-up and breakdown. Without your helping hands we would have been at a loss.

At the core of the festival there have been two people who gave of their time and talent and sheer energy a hundred fold, they are Susie and Joe Kusler, they are the glue that put the festival together. I thank them a hundred fold.

It has both been a pleasure and honor to work with all of the Mar Vista Community to put on the Harvest Festival. I hope the tradition continues for years to come.

Peace,
Sue Kelly

Twin Lakes Church Helps Mar Vista

The community volunteers made a big difference. Collectively they did lots of weeding, racking, & cleaning. They fixed the green house, repaired a bench, replaced basketball nets, cleaned the roof, pressure washed the halls, scraped the stage and repainted it. They painted tables, benches, and rails. They applied 8 gallons of stain to wood benches and railings; 7 gallons of gray paint on walls, 3/4 gallon of yellow to the yellow benches, and 3 gallons blue & 3 gallons of white paint to the play ground. Wow! Many thanks are owed!

Parent Interruptions of Instruction

Parents are an invaluable part of our success as a school; however, we are asking parents to please make appointments if you need to speak with your son/daughter's teacher. We want to avoid losing instructional minutes to any unscheduled visits during the day. Thank you for your cooperation.



Second Harvest Food Drive

We held a very successful food drive this year at Mar Vista. Many families brought in food that will go directly to less fortunate families in our community. The Student Council Cabinet had the opportunity to tour the distribution center and saw first hand how valuable and needed the Second Harvest Food Bank is. Thank you for supporting this valuable community service.



Disaster Preparedness

As we move into winter, this is a great time to review the emergency response information that is part of the parent handbook. We as a staff are well prepared for any sort of emergency that might happen. If there is inclement weather (severe raining, thunderstorms, power outages,...), you will be updated over the radio on KPIG FM107.5 and KSCO AM 1080 about possible school closures. If you have any questions about safety that are not in the parent handbook, please call Mr. Hertz. We can never be too safe!!