

Mar Vista Elementary School

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR

Mon	2/4	North Zone Advisory Committee @ Aptos High Career Room / 7:00 – 8:30pm
Tues	2/05	Lost & Found to Charity
Fri	2/8	Family Annual Residency Verification Forms Due to Office
Mon	2/11	Holiday / Lincoln's Birthday
Tues	2/12	Annual Parent Surveys Due Date
Wed	2/13	Site Council / 4:30 – 5:30, ELAC 5:30 – 6:00, MVP'S 6:00 – 7:30pm Mar Vista Science Fair begins (ends Fri., Feb. 15 at 1:00pm) Mar Vista Science Fair Parent Viewing Night / 6:00 – 7:30pm
Thurs	2/14	Valentines Day Spirit Day
Mon	2/18	Holiday / President's Day
Fri	3/7	End 2 nd Trimester
Sat	3/8	Santa Cruz County Science Fair @ Civic Auditorium / begins 9:30am
Fri	3/15	Report Cards sent home with students
Wed	3/19	Kindergarten Registration Day (Make your appointment now!)
Fri	3/21	Begin Spring Break (21st-30th)
Mon	3/31	School resumes
Thurs	5/22	Open House (Spaghetti Feed @ 5:30 & classes open at 7:00pm)

Science Boards Come Home Today

Thank you to teacher Heidi Schacher for securing a grant to give every 4th – 6th grade Mar Vista student a 3' x 4' display board to take home today (weather permitting). These boards are free to our students and are to be used on their mandatory science fair project. Students brought home a packet before winter break describing the science fair parameters and dates. Look for your child's board today. You can't miss it! Visit <http://science.santacruz.k12.ca.us> for more information.

Monday Coffee at Mar Vista

Thank you for your support of our parent club by purchasing your Monday coffee drink from Curbside Coffee in our parking lot before school. Curbside is rebating 15% of all sales to the parent club. To date we have earned \$37.20.

Student Council Earns \$321.00

The candy gram fundraiser earned our students \$321.00! The officers worked diligently selling and distributing hundreds of candy grams. They hope to use the money to keep the ball boxes full equipment and purchase spirit pencils to give out during spirit days. The next spirit day will be on Valentines Day (Thurs., Feb. 14).

Lost & Found Going to Charity

On Tuesday, Feb. 5th we will be donating all clothing and lunch sacks to charity. Ask your child to look at the rack in the cafeteria on his or her break. Remember to write your child's name on an inside label of clothing. Thank you to Leo, our night custodian and to teacher, Mrs. Fernald for sorting through the lost & found and bringing these items to charity.

Safety Concerns Reported / Do Not Use Neighbor's Lot for Drop Off or Pick Up

There have been numerous complaints from our neighbors at 6996 Soquel Drive about Mar Vista parents using their lot to drop off and pick up students before and after school. Their biggest concern is safety. We have been told about many near misses between cars and students. That parking lot was not designed for student use and there is no supervision there. Supervision for safe loading of students is provided at school. Please do not use the lot at 6996 Soquel. It is unsafe. If you see something unsafe at 6996 Soquel Drive, call the Aptos Sheriff at 662-0690 to report dangerous incidents or safety concerns and call or write the principal so that we may remain informed about our students' safety. Thanks, together we can create safe procedures for our kids.

Disaster Preparedness

As the rainy season kicks in, it is important to know the process for how school is canceled before the school day begins (as a result of storms, power outages, etc.) Radio station KSCO, 1080AM will be contacted as soon as the decision has been made, and no later than 7:20am. Every attempt will be made to open school if it is safe to do so, but there may be situations, either district-wide or site specific, in which school must be canceled for the day. In the event of an emergency there may not be sufficient staff available to answer the phones at the schools or the district Office, so KSCO will be the best source of information.

In the event of a disaster during school day, each family is encouraged to review the Parent Overview of the Disaster Preparedness Plan you received in your first-day packet.

The Mar Vista Site Council and Safety Committee review and revise our Site Safety Plan as needed. These committees along with staff, local law enforcement and emergency services, and District committees continue to plan for the safety of our students.

Annual Parent Survey Today

Please look in today's Thursday Folder to find the annual PVUSD Parent Survey and directions. Each year PVUSD conducts a district-wide parent survey to help us know what parents think and feel about their child's school experiences. We hope that you will take some time to give us some feedback. The principal, Site Council Chair, and at least one other Site Council representative will read each survey. All the results will be given to parents/guardians before the end of the school year. Again, thank you for including your perspectives in our annual assessment of the school.

Girls On The Run III

We are gearing up for our 3rd year of Girls on the Run at Mar Vista. The two words that best describe Girls on the Run are "FUN" and "RUN". Every aspect of this program is geared toward helping girls feel good about who they are - physically, emotionally, and socially. We are excited to offer this great program to the 3rd-6th grade girls in our school this coming spring!

Our goal is for each girl to:

- have a stronger sense of identity
- learn the advantages of peer group support
- learn to stand up for herself in a healthy manner
- have an improved body image
- understand her place in her community
- complete the Girls on the Run 5k (3.1 mile run/walk) event on May 17th, 2008

Girls on the Run will meet on Mondays from 2:15-3:30 for 10 weeks beginning the week of March 3rd. The girls will train for a 5k run/walk event to be held on Saturday, May 17th. Registration is limited and is on a first come/first serve basis. Registration forms will go home the last week of January and

the fee is \$175. Scholarships are available. For more information, please visit the website at www.girlsontherun-sv.org <<http://www.girlsontherun-sv.org/>> or send a note to the office for the coaches (2nd Grade Teacher Ms. Risa & parents Roxanne, Susie, Amanda and Allison).

Walk a Thon Coming!

The MVP'S next big fundraiser is the walk-a-thon in March! We want Mar Vista families to embrace this 100% profit fundraiser and encourage their children to get pledges. This will be the last major fundraiser by the MVP'S this school year.