

# Mar Vista Elementary School

## PARENT NEWSLETTER

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OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 –

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**February Character Theme:** Integrity & Honesty

### CALENDAR

Mon 2/18  
Sat 2/23  
Wed 2/27  
Wed 3/5  
Fri 3/7  
Sat 3/8  
Wed 3/12  
Fri 3/15  
Wed 3/19  
Fri 3/21  
Mon 3/31  
Mon 4/28  
Mon 5/12  
Thurs 5/22  
Fri 6/06

### Holiday / President's Day

Skate Night / 7:30 – 9:00pm  
MVP'S Fundraising Planning & Walk-a-Thon Kick Off Meeting / 6:30 – 7:30  
Parent Visitation Day 1 of 2  
End 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester  
Santa Cruz County Science Fair @ Civic Auditorium / begins 9:30am  
Parent Visitation Day 2 of 2  
Report Cards sent home with students  
Kindergarten Registration Day (Make your appointment now!)  
**Begin Spring Break (21<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>)**  
School resumes  
STAR Testing Begins  
STAR Testing Ends  
Open House (Spaghetti Feed @ 5:30 & classes open at 7:00pm)  
Last day of School

### Principal's Message

Thank you to the many parents/guardians who completed the 07/08 Parent Survey. The survey was sent home Thursday, Jan. 24th. Last year we received responses from 32% of parents and it looks like a similar return occurred again this year. I will read each and every survey and attempt to address your areas of concern and/or areas of improvement with the Site Council and through personal contact. Thank you for being a committed, supportive, and caring community! The staff and I appreciate everything that you do, and everything you give to our wonderful students. You are an outstanding community.

As you have probably read in the newspapers, we are bracing for the effects of the Governor's proposed cuts to education. The proposed cuts will be devastating to our school, as we are already highly dependent upon fundraising. Unfortunately fundraising at Mar Vista is not currently as robust as past years. The Site Council and MVP'S are beginning the grim process of developing next year's budget plans. The Site Council will set their budget by May and MVP'S will set theirs in June. It will be difficult. Give your input now. Also, please take a few minutes to write a letter or email to our Governor and Legislators. Please stay involved and

informed. Our students and community deserve quality education!

While visiting classrooms this week, I have been impressed by the incredible teaching and learning that goes on in our fine school! The teachers help our students strive for excellence by weaving discovery, enthusiasm, caring, and perseverance into each lesson. What a great atmosphere!

Together for students,

### Principal Chris Hertz' February Wish List

(Call me for details!)

- Parent help at lunch with students
- Parent help with fundraising
- Reams of canary-colored copy paper

### Parent "Visitation" Days

This year we have reserved the two Wednesdays prior to Kindergarten Registration for parents to visit classrooms. These two Wednesdays are intended to showcase our school to new incoming families and the focus should be on the students' overall learning environment and student achievement. Current Mar Vista

families are of course welcome to see classrooms in action too. Parents are reminded that the purpose of these two days is not to screen classrooms or select teachers for next year's classroom enrollment. Look for articles in the parent newsletter as we begin to gear up for next year's enrollment processes.

### **Student Council Update / Skate Night!**

The Student Council is proud to have begun a recycling fundraiser here at Mar Vista. We have several green recycling buckets around campus and will be collecting all C.R.V. recycling items: cans and bottles. We will also be announcing a day in March for families to bring any recycling items they have collected to the school so that we may raise funds for critically needed school supplies (PE equipment, student incentives,...) If you have a truck and can donate a few hours let Mr. Ertl know. (Drop note at office)

Mar Vista Skate Night!! We will be having our first Mar Vista Skate Night of the year. It happens Saturday, February 23 at 7:30 to 9:00pm at Santa Cruz Roller Palladium (Seabright Ave. and Gault St.). The price is \$6 per skater (rental included). What a fun way to raise money for our school! We'll see you there; don't be square!

### **STAR Testing Dates / 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

Mark your calendars now please!

- Testing: Apr 28 - May 9
- Make -Ups: May 12
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Only: STAR Writing Test: Tues., March 4th
- Make-Ups: Wed. March 5th only

Please plan ahead. Your child's regular, punctual attendance during this crucial testing period is very important. Please do not schedule any appointments, etc. during this two-week period. We greatly appreciate your cooperation during this high-stakes assessment period.

### **Use Crosswalk in Parking Lot**

It has come to our attention that many grownups are forgetting to set a good example for our kids by using the crosswalks in our parking lot. Please, please, please, when you come across the parking lot to enter campus use the designated crosswalk when crossing the driving lanes. Thank you.

### **Open Enrollment Update**

Approximately 33% of students at Mar Vista live outside of our attendance boundary. Students attending Mar Vista from beyond our attendance boundary are here at the yearly request of their parents/guardians. To avoid having to make yearly requests these parents may request "Open Enrollment". The last day to accept Open Enrollment requests is Mon., March 17th. We must have all Open Enrollment requests in our office by this date. Please contact Barbara in the office for assistance.

### **Character Education / December**

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized by their teacher for demonstrating good "Communication" skills:

Ms. Britton –  
Brian Bowyer  
Hannah Klein  
Myah Lopez  
William Alexander Minugh

Ms. Clark-  
Gavin Barnholt  
Mekelli Chiaramonte  
Sage DeClereq  
Bryce Edwards

Ms. McCarthy-  
Kai Amaya-DeMartini  
Roxanna Tabatabai

Ms. Donlin –  
Jonathan Dickey  
Star Granados  
Tessa Marks  
Kai Winston

Mr. Pushnik –  
Philip Chesser-Moreno  
Juan Martinez Escobar  
Grace Marks

Ms. Smithey/Tabasz –  
Lynette Mata Mendoza

Diego Rameriz  
Maya Woods  
Ms. DellaMaggiore-  
Hailey Barnholt  
Alicia Mauldin

Ms. Natcher-  
Rebecca Faulk  
Logan Jackson

Ms. Schwartz-  
Ashley DelColletti  
Matthew Medina  
Ireland Murray  
Marea Verdugo

Ms. Miske-  
Takoda Fletcher  
Taylor Knights  
Sydney Livingston  
Rachel Pedemonte

Ms. Rigger-  
Monte deCastongrene  
Lyndsey Mott  
Anthony Tapiz

Ms. Silvergate –  
Antonio Aseremo  
Nayeli Herrera Mendoza

Ms. Culver –  
Taylor Beasley  
Edgardo Martinez Escobar  
Giselle Mata  
Kiersten Moore

Ms. Schacher –  
Madeline Miller  
Rome Parco  
Peyton Spencer  
Ignacio Williams-Gutierrez

Ms. Nunes –  
Grace Harrison  
Hailey Jackson  
Teagan Knight  
Tabatha Ruiz

Ms. Werling-  
Madeline Ang  
Kiana Arias-LaRheir  
Connan Houser  
Angelo Long

Ms. Ashworth –  
Oliva Baum  
Kyle Cunningham  
Maryah Lax  
Sophie Wells

Ms. Fernald –  
Melinda Faulk  
Nancy Hernandez  
Jessica Olivares

Ms. Keasey-  
Tyler Gray  
Guadalupe Peralta Cortez

### **Character Education / January**

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized by their teacher for demonstrating an outstanding ability to “Understanding & Resolving Conflicts”:

Ms. Britton –  
Sunshyne Brechler  
Michael DAmico-Garca  
Kaylee Fink  
Sydney Lucia

Ms. Clark-  
Dalton Delaney  
Daniel Hettick  
Kasandra Molina  
Antonio Sanchez

Ms. McCarthy-  
Samantha Dunn  
Kaden Harrah  
Brianna Perez-Reynoso

Ms. Donlin –  
Shae Cornwell  
Ryan Foy  
Tessa Marks  
Madelyn Moseley

Mr. Pushnik –  
Garrett Cline  
Mikaela Kirkpatrick  
Parker Morgan  
Sydney Travis

Ms. Smithey/Tabasz –  
Brooklyn Aguilera  
Brody Childers

Ms. DellaMaggiore-  
Taylor Foy  
Payton Valenzuela

Ms. Natcher-  
Cisco Locsin  
Ryan Yeaman

Ms. Schwartz-  
Coryn Chiaramonte

Kamele Nugent  
Annika San Miguel  
Marea Verdugo

Ms. Miske-  
Sean Childs  
Thorton Layne  
Hannah Vaughn  
Ashley Volpi

Ms. Rikken-  
Baile Courtney  
Natalie Kies  
Anthony Tapiz

Ms. Silvergate –  
Na'il Mekhi Burkett  
Olivia McNary

Ms. Culver –  
Freddy Avalos-Santos  
John Emerson  
Rachel Grant  
Justin Randolph

Ms. Schacher –  
Sarah Acevedo  
Chayton Clark  
Ignacio Williams-Guiterrez  
Bryley Wetzel

Ms. Nunes –  
Jade Bowdoin  
Morgan Miller  
Emma Wason

Ms. Werling-  
Madalena Borges  
Zachary Fishman

Ms. Ashworth –  
Adrianna Chavez  
Christian Delgado  
Taryn Marks  
Ramon Ruiz

Ms. Fernald –  
Cera DiMartino  
Kayla Gavin-Hogan  
Grayelin Young  
Savannah Hassel

Ms. Keasey-  
Travis Fultz  
Albert Jauregui

### **Farewell Nicole Grova, Hello Andrea Miller / Campus Safe School Supervisor Update**

We want say farewell and thank you to parent Nicole Grova who helped us greatly in her role as “Safe School Campus Supervisor”. You made a huge difference for our students. We are please to announce that parent Andrea Miller has accepted this position is off to a great start. We look forward to Mrs. Miller’s help in creating an orderly and safe school for all students.

### **Lunch Supervisors Needed!**

We are very much in need of additional parents at lunchtime. Please contact Mr. Hertz to learn about flexible hours and flexible duties. You will experience great rewards and truly help the students of Mar Vista. The position can pay \$7.00 an hour or be voluntary. You will work to support the administrators in creating a respectful school environment at lunch.

### **Walk a Thon Coming!**

The MVP’S biggest fundraiser is the Walk-a-Thon this May! 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. Come to the planning meeting on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the library.

<p>ALL VOLUNTEERS and VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN-IN AT THE OFFICE AND WEAR A NAME TAG. THIS IS FOR THE SECURITY OF OUR STUDENTS. SIGN-IN IS PART OF OUR SCHOOL AND DISTRICT SAFETY PLAN! IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO REGISTER YOUR VISIT AND WEAR A TAG, THEN YOU MUST NOT PASS BEYOND THE PATIO WAITING AREA BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:20 TO 2:05.</p>
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