



Mar Vista Elementary

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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OFFICE HOURS: 7:30-4:00
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Mon	3/2	"Girls on the Run" program begins North Zone Advisory Meeting @ AHS Career Center / 7 – 8pm
Tues	3/3	4 th grade STAR Writing Assessment
Wed	3/4	Board of Education Meeting / Budgets / 7:00pm
Thurs	3/5	Board of Education Meeting / Budgets / 7:00pm
Fri	3/6	End 2 nd Trimester / End 2 nd AR Goal Period
Sun	3/8	County Spelling Bee @ UCSC / 12 – 4pm (Go Evan & Teagan!)
Tues	3/10	Site Council Meeting @ Library / 4:30- 5:30 ELAC Meeting @ Library / 6-7pm
Fri	3/13	Report Cards Sent Home with Students Open Enrollment Deadline
Fri	3/20	Honor Roll Assembly / 10:15 County Science Fair project set-up @ Civic / 2 – 6pm County Science Fair @ Civic / 9:30am
Sat	3/21	Visitation Day 1 of 2
Wed	3/25	MVP'S Auction Dinner Dance / 5:30 (Buy tickets now! Support MV!)
Sat	3/28	
Wed	4/1	Visitation Day 2 of 2 MVP'S Meeting @ Library / 7:00 – 8:30
Tues	4/7	Kindergarten Registration Day
Fri	4/10	Spring Break
Mon	4/20	School Resumes
Fri	5/1	Walk-a-Thon
Mon	5/4	STAR Testing Begins
Tues	5/12	STAR Testing Ends
Thurs	5/21	Open House (Spaghetti Feed @ 5:30 & classes open at 7:00pm)
Fri	5/23	Last day of AR for 2008-2009
Fri	6/5	Last Day of School
June		Board of Education sets Budget Plan
Mon	6/15	Summer School Begins @ Rio Del Mar (ends Fri 6/10)
Wed	8/12	1st Day of School!



Principal's Message / Don't Panic – Stay Involved

Many rumors have been going around the larger community and one of them has been that the Board is considering school closure as a cost cutting idea. I have seen the latest list of budget cut considerations and **school closure is not on the list**. Please spread the word! If you would like to know more about what is on the list, please come to the North Zone Advisory meeting at AHS Career Center at 7:00pm – 8:30pm where Assistant Superintendent of the North Zone, Cathy Stefanki will be discussing the list with parents from all the North Zone schools. The Board will have to make very tough decisions and will be setting their budget this June. Two Board Meetings are planned for next week. I'm glad that school closure is not one of their considerations! Despite all the turmoil it is a great feeling to be able to plan another school year for our children!

Have you taken the PVUSD Parent Budget Survey? If not, please do - it takes 2 minutes. There is a link to it

on the PVUSD home page: www.pvusd.net. This is NOT the typical annual survey. This survey asks you to prioritize the services or programs that the District currently delivers. The District is seeking input from parents in order to help guide their decisions associated with balancing the budget.

Next Friday is the end of 2nd trimester grading period. Teachers and students are working hard finishing final assessments, units of study, and projects. Teachers will use data from these assessments and their observations to report to parents and guardians about student achievement. Your child will bring home his/her report card in an envelope on Friday, March 13. Please review the report card with your child and identify at least one area to praise your child for and at least one goal area to work on at home. Please send back the signed envelope on Monday, March 16.

Together for Mar Vista Children!

Superintendent's Parent Budget Survey

The state of California is in the midst of a state-wide budget crisis that will critically impact the schools state-wide and the services it can provide. In PVUSD, we are using a survey as another way for us to gather your best thinking about what you believe are the most important support services at your child's school. Please take a few moments to provide feedback by visiting www.pvUSD.net.

Save the Date: Wine & Roses Auction

You don't want to miss this fundraiser!

The Wine & Roses Auction will be a night to remember. Come and enjoy a night of delicious food, wine tasting, silent and live auctions, live music, and dancing! The Wine & Roses auction will begin at 5:30pm on Saturday, March 28th. We are currently looking for auction items with a value of approximately \$50 or more. If you have a good idea, or an item, please notify our auction coordinator - Janeé Del Colletti at 685-0362.



1st Color Mar Vista Yearbook on Sale Now! Order Window: 2/26/09 - 3/20/09

\$19.00 for one book. \$17 for additional book within the same family. This is the only time to pre-order your color yearbook. Yearbooks are only guaranteed if pre-ordered. Once your order is processed a receipt will be sent home with your child to confirm your order.

Parent Input for Special Consideration during Classroom Placement Process

Sometimes parents and guardians want to give some input into which classroom their child is placed next year. Parental input is valued and considered, however parents and guardians must understand that our larger goal is to create classrooms that are balanced. We cannot promise a specific teacher. We want to create the best overall learning situation for the most students possible. If your child does have a distinctive situation or unusual learning need, then please let us know. The teachers and administration take pride in our balanced approach, but we also recognize special considerations. However, **we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet everyone's requests** because of the many variables to balance. When describing your child's unique educational needs, we ask that you try to avoid including teacher names or room numbers. This is because teacher assignments may change over the summer and even after the year begins. Forms are available April through May 8th* 2009. Forms received after this date may not be used to build class rosters.

New After-School Classes Update

Classes currently in session are Spanish (K-3), Sea Life Mobiles - Clay Class, High School Musical Dance Camp (very popular), and Cartoon Design. These classes have 34 combined total participants. Spanish and Clay are scheduled to start up again the week after Spring Break, so in early April we'll put out

another flyer to advertise those and potentially some other classes to begin that week. That will leave time for some more 5 or 6-week courses before the end of the school year. Parks & Recreation would like to try an art class again, perhaps dance or drama can be squeezed in two days per week, maybe tennis since the weather should be accommodating. Stay tuned!

Parents Get Connected with Home Connect

To learn more about your student's AR and "Math Facts in a Flash" progress, log in to Home Connect at <https://Hosted56.renlearn.com/283532/HomeConnect/Login.aspx> and enter your student's user name and password. You can also access this website from the school's home page. Look for the "Home Connect" Link! Please direct questions to your student's teacher. Don't forget to sign up for email notification!

Box Tops Campaign Raises \$206!

Our students collected \$206 in Box Tops! Ms. Nutchter's class collected the most with \$32.80. Thank you to parent Anna Winston for organizing Box Tops this year. Fund supports MVP'S.

Aptos Baskin Robins Supports Reading

Thank you to Aptos Baskin Robbins and owner Mr. Lee for his generous support of the AR Reading Program. Each year Mr. Lee donates hundreds of certificates valued at hundreds of dollars in support of student AR reading achievement. Students earn certificates at the end of each trimester when they make it to a point club. Please let me Mr. Lee know that you appreciate his support of our school's reading program by patronizing his store located at 100 Rancho Del Mar or by giving him a call at 688-3166. Mention this article and Mr. Lee will give \$3.00 off your next birthday cake!

\$3.00 Off Next BK Birthday Cake!
Just tell Mr. Lee,
"Thanks for support reading at Mar Vista!"

Good in Aptos Only!

MV Library Busy / Saves Parents Bucks

Since August of 2005 our library technician has checked out 50,527 books. In an average month kids check out 1,903 books. So far this year kids have checked out 7,928 books. Library services are great for kids and save parents tons of money. Imagine if parents had purchased those books instead. At an average of \$15 a book that would have cost Mar Vista parents over a \$750,000 dollars. Can we afford not to have libraries?

More MV Library Collection Statistics:

	Copies	Value	Average
Biographies	475	\$7,754	\$16.32
Non-fiction	2,396	\$38,812	\$17.44
Picture Books	1,903	\$22,615	\$12.22
Fiction	2,148	\$25,707	\$12.21
Total	6,922	\$94,888	\$15.00