

# Mar Vista Elementary School

## PARENT NEWSLETTER

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### CALENDAR

Thurs	5/8	Deadline for Students make 1,000,000 word challenge / 25 book challenge
Fri	5/9	Walk-a-Thon Pledge Sheets due back to teachers/office
Mon	5/12	STAR Testing Ends
Tues	5/13	SSC 4:30 – 5:30, ELAC 5:30 – 6:00, MVP'S 6:30 – 8:00
Fri	5/16	Walk-a-Thon! (Benefits MVP'S General Budget and New Play Structure Fund)
Thurs	5/22	Open House (Spaghetti Feed @ 5:30 & classes open at 7:00pm)
Fri	5/23	Walk-a-Thon Pledge \$ Due to office 3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester AR Period Closes / Summer Session begins Saturday
Mon	5/26	Memorial Day
Tues	5/27	Talent Show Day & Night
Wed	6/4	6 <sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony & reception / 5:00 – 7:30pm
Fri	6/6	Last day of School / (PM kinder come early) / school lets out at 11:00am
Mon	6/16	Summer School begins at Bradley (July 4 Holiday)
	7/4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade (meet at the Aptos Public Library) / 9:00am
Fri	7/18	Summer School Ends
Tues	8/12	New Family Walking Tour of Mar Vista / 2:00 – 2:50
Wed	8/13	First Day of School

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Needs Organizer

We are looking for a parent to lead Mar Vista students in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. It all starts at 9:00am at the Aptos Public Library. With a little preplanning our students could each be given a balloon to carry as they march down Soquel Drive. There are banners to carry too and we will want the leader to have these things. Please contact the principal to learn more. Thanks!

### Summer School Update

The Mar Vista teachers have selected 84 students who really need summer school. 28 students' parents have accepted this valuable offer. This means the 13 students on our official wait list can now go since the deadline to sign up has passed. If your child is on the wait list, you are now encouraged to contact the Extended Learning Department at 768-2390. If you think your child should have been invited to attend summer school, please contact the principal today. Perhaps it's not too late.

### Last Chance to Order a Yearbook

If you missed your opportunity to order a yearbook for your child in March we will have a Wait List sign-up sheet in the office beginning on Friday, May 9th. We anticipate having approximately 15 extra yearbooks available for purchase. Parents or Guardians may call or come in to the school office to place their name on the Wait List. Students may not make this request. Depending on the number of actual available books that are available we will call each parent and inform them that they can purchase a yearbook. The cost will be \$20 and only one yearbook per student can be requested. If 30 parents put their name on the Wait List and only 15 books are available we will call the first 15 parents and inform them they can come in and purchase a yearbook. You will be required to come in by the next day and pay \$20 in cash, certified check or money order only. No personal checks will be accepted. If the parent or student does not come in by the end of the next day we will call the next person on the list and provide them the opportunity to purchase a yearbook. We anticipate yearbook distribution to be on Tuesday, June 3rd. No yearbooks will be distributed prior to this date, including those that are purchased via the Wait List.

### **Walk-a-Thon: Get Your Pledges!**

Pledges are due to the MVP'S on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is for every Mar Vista student to earn \$35. Together we can help keep valuable programs at our school next year. We want to earn \$14,000. The first \$10,000 will benefit the MVP'S general budget and the remaining will support the installation of the new play structure.

### **Book Fair Success from Mrs. Ullman**

Our recent Scholastic Book Fair was a success! Thank you all for participating. We earned \$1885.45 cash profit, plus \$650.00 Book Bonus profit. Having two fairs a year seems to really pay off, as the profit ratio goes up considerably with the second fair. A big thanks to all you parents who volunteered, and also to the many sixth grade students who helped. A special thanks to Sophie Wells and Jade Rogers, who came in on their own time after school, and to former students Ethan Padalino and Reilly Nichols, who helped on Thursday evening.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Update**

Our Promotion Ceremony is Wed., June 4 at 5:00pm at the outdoor stage. The reception is on the patio and in the cafeteria. Thank you to parents Tina Wells, Lisa Baum, Gina Nivens, and Abi Hassel for organizing this celebration. Between them they have raised funds for the reception, organized a video with music, and will be arranging for refreshments and cake.

### **\$O\$ Drives Brings Needed Cash to MVP'S**

Thank you to the 13 families who already have been able to give to MVP'S so far! To date we have received \$300 for the play structure, \$120 for the library, and \$1,783 for the MVP'S general budget. The Federal Government is sending "Stimulus Checks" to families throughout May. Please consider giving a portion to the MVP'S. We need \$117 per family to allow our MVP'S to set a budget on par to the last three years' budgets. Let the principal know if you wish to direct your contribution to a specific cause. Thanks!

### **Teachers Need New Refrigerator**

One of our two staff refrigerators has stopped working and our teachers need a replacement. Please call our custodian Kirk Durand at 688-5211 if you are able to help our teachers out.

### **Parent Leadership Vacancies**

Our Site Council has one parent vacancy. This is a two-year term to review school goals and student achievement data; set new goals and set budgets. So far no parent has expressed interest in this important position. Please contact the principal to get information or to express interest. Thank you to parent Karen Medina for being the parents' representative these past two years.

The MVP'S are still looking for two co-treasurers for next school year. This position helps our school greatly by making deposits at Wells Fargo, tracking fundraiser income, and writing checks to pay for things or field trips. If you are good with money and numbers and want to help, please come to the next MVP'S meeting in May. Thank you to parents Mary Ann Gabay and Susan McAnerney for helping our school as co-treasurers the past two years.

### **Family Fix It Day Successful**

Thank you to parents Kyle Smith and Jim Wason for organizing this successful day. The lifelab irrigation system is working great again and the pathways are free of weeds and well mulched. The new foster grandparent bench looks super and the shelves in the Theater Arts Shed are now ready for teachers' theater supplies. You guys rock!

### **Security Begins by Wearing an ID**

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 7:30 TO 2:30.