

Mar Vista Elementary School

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 – 4:00
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CALENDAR

Mon	6/4	Summer Session AR @ Home Program begins (see attached)
Wed	7/4	Aptos 4 th of July Parade / MV Students meet @ public library / 9:00am
Fri	7/20	Summer School @ Valencia ends
Tues	7/31	Summer Session AR @ Home Program ends (see attached)
Tues	8/7	Mar Vista Office Reopens
Fri	8/10	Class Lists posted @ office / 6:00pm
Tues	8/14	Kindergarten Orientation "Meet the Teacher" / 12 – 2:00pm Tour of Mar Vista for new students and families / 2:00 – 2:45pm
Wed	8/15	First Day of School for 2007 – 2008 school year / 2:05 dismissal Parent Welcome Coffee / Volunteer Information @ MUR / 8:05am
Tues	8/21	School Site Council Meeting / 4:30 – 5:30pm ELAC Meeting / 5:30 – 6:00pm MVP'S Meeting & Community BBQ/ 6:00 – 7:30pm
Wed	8/22	Board of Education Meeting @ District Office / 7:00pm
Thurs	8/23	MVP'S Volunteer and Fundraising Fair / 6:15 – 7:00pm Back to School Night / 7:00 – 7:30pm & 7:30 – 8:00pm
Mon	9/3	Labor Day Holiday
Thurs	9/11	Picture Day
Sat	10/20	Family Fix It Day #1 of 2 / 9:00am – 1:00pm
Tues	10/23	Sixth Grade Outdoor School Begins (Bussing Provided)
Fri	10/26	Sixth Grade Outdoor School Ends (Bussing Provided)
Sat	10/27	Fall Harvest Festival

Principal's Message

In August we will be welcoming your children back to school! On behalf of the Mar Vista Staff, we look forward to helping our Mar Vista students throughout the coming year. We want each child to feel and be successful. We will recognize and nurture the uniqueness of each of our students. We will strive to educate our students at a level that is challenging yet comfortable for each child. If we do this, then every child will feel and be successful! Until we see you in August enjoy your summer break and take time each day with your child to practice reading, writing, and math skills.

Together for
kids,

Accelerated Reader

Mar Vista is encouraging students to use the Accelerated Reader Program. This is a licensed software program to evaluate students' reading comprehension levels. First, your student must read a book that has a coordinating quiz. There are lists of books that we have quizzes for in the library and on our Mar Vista website. Next, your student may take a quiz from any computer with internet access. If they pass the quiz, they score points! We will be monitoring students to make sure they are reading and taking quizzes within their

reading level. At the end of this summer we will be recognizing students who met their personal goal. Look for more information on the attached flyer.

4th of July Parade / All Students Welcome

This year we want to gather as many Mar Vista kids as possible to march in the Aptos 4th of July Parade down Soquel Drive. Parents are asked to join Mr. Hertz with their student at the Public Library at 9:00am.. Let's show all of Aptos which school has the most pride and show the whole country just how proud we are of our nation!

2007-2008 After School Enrichment Programs

This year returning for Mar Vista's After School Enrichment program is our much loved science teacher, Irvin. He will be teaching on Wednesdays as well as conducting a Monday class. Rick Kepler will return to teach tennis and Jenni Ward with Earth Arts Studios will instruct a drawing/painting class. Also in the process of being added to our program is theatre, guitar, Robotics, chess, and cartooning. Thanks to parent fundraising we are able to provide financial assistance and subsidies to each of these enrichment programs! (see attached flyer!)

6th Grade Outdoor School

Outdoor school information will be provided at the beginning of the school year however the dates and cost are

set. Due to the tremendous fundraising efforts of parents and staff the cost of \$231.25 per student for the week has been lowered to \$153.25! Outstanding! This includes bussing to and from camp. The dates are in the calendar above.

Tour of Mar Vista

New students with their parents are invited to join Mr. Hertz on a guided tour of Mar Vista School on Tuesday, August 15 at 2:00pm. Meet by the Mar Vista sign in the front parking lot. Immediately following the tour, you are invited to socialize in the multi-purpose room and enjoy healthy snacks and juice provided by our Parent Club. The MVP'S Board will be present to greet new families. See you there!

Congrats Lucy Wilkinson Newest SSC Parent Rep

The results are in. One parent, Lucy Wilkinson expressed interest by the deadline for the two-year vacancy created by the departure of parent Barbara Woerner. Therefore Lucy is the winner! We look forward to Lucy's leadership on the critical committee. All are welcome to audit and address the committee. Meeting times are posted in the calendar above.

Important Dates for 2007 – 2008 School Year

August 15	First Day of School
Sept. 3	Labor Day
Nov. 12	Veteran's Day
Nov. 19 - 23	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 24 – Jan. 14	Winter Break
Feb. 11	Lincoln's Birthday Day
Feb. 18	President's Day
March 21 - 28	Spring Break
May 26	Memorial Day
June 6	Last Day of School

Regular Communication

Please look for this newsletter every other Thursday in your child's "Mar Vista Communication Folder". Important notes from your child's teacher and returned work will come home on Thursdays too.

Voluntary School Supplies

Any instructional supplies that your children bring to school are to be provided voluntarily. You are not required to donate any instructional materials to our school. A suggested donation list is attached to this newsletter.

Emergency Cards

Please anticipate an emergency card coming home the first day of school, complete as thoroughly as possible, and return it immediately to school. It assures us, your child, and you that we can locate guardians, parents, daycare providers in case of an emergency. It is very important to provide us with accurate and legible phone numbers; this is how we will find you should something serious happen at

school. Remember, no student can ever be released to anyone not listed on his/her emergency card. Thanks!

Parking Lot Safety

A reminder to parents that for safety reasons, please refrain from using your cell phone in the parking lot. The area along the front of the school (yellow curb) is reserved for parents who drive in to quickly drop-off or pick-up their children, so please do not leave your vehicle parked there.

Back - to - School Night: Thurs., Aug. 23

6:15pm – 7:00pm, MVP'S Volunteer Fair @ MUR
7:00pm – 7:30pm, Intermediate Teacher Presentations
7:30pm – 8:00pm, Primary Teacher Presentations

At 6:15pm, join our Mar Vista Parent and School Club for coffee & treats and visit volunteer booths to mingle with parents behind the scenes here at Mar Vista and learn how to get involved! You'll be able to purchase spirit wear, yearbooks, Subaru Drawing tickets, Monte Fireworks Tickets, and more! At 7:00PM the intermediate teachers will begin their presentation in their classrooms. At 7:30PM the primary teachers will start their presentations.

Please, Back-to-School nights are for parents to learn how to best maximize the school year for their child. Children should not attend if at all possible. If your child does attend, have him sit with you in the classroom and not unattended on the playground. This will allow every parent to listen carefully, take notes, and ask reflective questions. You may want to consider childcare arrangements with parents from other schools and reciprocate with them when they attend their child's Back-to-School Night. This investment of your time will pay-off in your enhanced understanding of your child's teacher's programs.

Fun Science Opportunity on Wednesdays

"Outdoor Science Exploration and Classroom Science Fun" will be offering an active learning group with fun experiments in physics and chemistry, biology and geology - at Mar Vista. (see attached flyer). Students in grades 3-5 will have an opportunity to connect solar batteries to motors, watch rocks pop, see water bend, create polymers... All amazing, fascinating and interesting activities that will surprise and mystify your students!

Thank you
Irvin the Science Teacher

Cross Guard Needed for 2006 – 2007

We are looking for a crossing guard for next school year to help our students and families cross Soquel Drive near our south exit. The position will pay at least \$7.11 an hour. Please contact Mr. Hertz if interested. Thank you to parent Teresa Bowdoin for filling this position this school year. You have provided so much safety assurance to our community.