

Mar Vista Elementary School

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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September Character Theme: Cooperation/Respect

CALENDAR

Sat	9/15	Aptos Quiznos Day
Thurs	9/27	Chinese Dance Assemblies / (grade 4-6 / 9:15 – 10:00) (K-3 / 10:30 – 11:15)
Fri	10/12	Book Fair begins @ library
Sat	10/13	Monte Fireworks (buy your tickets from Mar Vista now!) / 1:00 – 10:00
Mon	10/15 – Fri 10/19	Parent Conference Week / 12:05 dismissal Book Fair continues all week until 4:00pm
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 (call parent Sue Kelly to get involved: 688-1843)

Mar Vista Garden Club for Parents

Sign up now by calling third grade teacher Colleen Rigen at 688-5211. We are looking for a group of parents to help maintain the Life Lab Community Gardens. Duties would include planning, planting, weeding, watering, growing seeds in the greenhouse, harvesting or cooking and serving! You may work with groups of students when possible, just come by after-school, over the weekend or at your leisure. The IDEA is to KEEP THE GARDEN GROWING!

Bully Prevention Program

Last week we debuted our new Bully Prevention Program to our students at our annual Friendship Assembly. Students participated in class meetings to discuss expectations about behavior and reporting incidents. Parents play a key role in listening to students share about their school day and any incidents they may have witnessed or participated in. Parents are encouraged to call or write the administration when there are stories of bullying. Below are our four bully prevention rules:

- We will not bully others.
- We will try to help students who are bullied.
- We will include students who are left out.
- When we know somebody is being bullied, we tell an adult.
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Mar Vista Students Reach Higher

As you may recall from an earlier newsletter, we estimated that our State Academic Performance Index was at its highest level ever at 795. We were right! The State released test scores on its website last week and confirmed our students' score. We are proud of our kids but know we must continue to focus on assessment results to see how we can help them achieve more. Our goal is to reach the State goal of 800 this year. The best thing parents can do is to be excited about your child's growth. Go over their work and be enthusiastic. Look for reading errors, use our at-home AR program, and practice math skills. Review all homework and all returned work with your child and have fun! We are proud of our students' achievement!

Back-to-School Night Up 9%

74% of students' parents or guardians were able to attend Back-to-School Night this year. That's up 9% over last year! If you weren't able to make it, please speak with the teacher to make sure you are clear about your child's program. This will ensure that your child is turning things in and that you have important dates. Your child's success depends on your involvement.

Aptos Quiznos Day & Night / Sat., Sept. 15

Thank you to local owner Adam Safari @ Quiznos

105 -D Post Office Drive, Aptos for giving Mar Vista 200 kid meal certificates for student math recognition. We would like to thank Aptos Quiznos by sponsoring a Quiznos day this Saturday. Please show your appreciation by patronizing our local Quiznos. Parents please alert the owner or manger that you are a MV parent/customer when you go in this Saturday or any day. If you have questions for Adam, he can be reached at 688-6600. Teachers in grade 1 through 6 will give the certificates to students who excel on our new Math Facts in a Flash program. Ask your child what level s/he is currently at!

Keep Emergency Cards Updated

Emergency cards assure us, your child, and you that we can locate guardians, parents, or 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 for keeping cards accurate with current numbers.

Fundraiser Money / Fireworks Tickets

Last June our MVP'S sold Summer Quest workbooks for students' practice over the summer. 18 workbooks were purchased. This great idea brought in \$44 to the MVP'S. The eScript / Safeway program has brought in \$641.48 over the last 12 months to the MVP'S. Please select the MVP'S as the group your cards are supporting! Just log-on to escript.com. Currently we are selling Monte Fireworks Show tickets from the office at \$15 each. \$10.00 is returned to the MVP'S from the Monte Foundation! Please support your parent club & enjoy the show!

Friendship Assembly Honors Students

The following students were recognized by their teachers for making friendship happen at Mar Vista. (Each month we celebrate a different character trait, teach lessons about the trait, read books in the library about the trait, and honor students who made an outstanding effort to demonstrate the trait. Look to the top of each Mar Vista Parent Newsletter to know that month's theme!) Congratulations to the following students:

Kindergarten

Louise McCarthy

Josephine Mason

Devon LaBonte

Kaden Harrah

Ryan Ceballos

Barbara Clark

Mikelli Chiaramonte

Truman Natividad

Melissa San Miguel

Abby Osborn

Lola Britton

Abigail Livingston

Alec Minugh

Kaimi Carrasco

Kaylee Fink

First Grade

Sara Donlin

Cailin Brewer

Jacob Holmes

Swen Tyler

Isabella Perry

Michael Pushnik

Mikala Conway

Isaac Morgan

Cameron Kies

Jillian Rodriguez

Linda Smith/Joanne Tabasz

Cole Baranowski

Maya Woods

Kylee Alba

Second Grade

Debi Natcher

Priscilla Tavera

Jaimey Rivas

Mary Jo Dellamaggiore.

Jordan Perez

Abram Williams

Risa Schwartz

Bridget Crowley

Lorien Kahn

Annika San Miguel

Coryn Chiramonte

Third Grade

Sharon Silverglate

Ryan Fotheringham

Abigail Parr

Colleen Rikken
Tyler Best

Rebecca Miske
Noah Gabay

Jenna Glaser

Daniel Lane

Fourth Grade

Heidi Schacher
Nathan Frear

Raleigh Knight

Brittany Hettick

Eric Perez

Joan Culver
Kelly Kirchner

Philip McCabe

Dylan Luis

Tenaya Edwards

Fifth Grade

Susan Nunes
Lily Nugent

Kaylie Travis

Mebin Skaria

Wyatt Stoker

Jenner Werling
Sophia Weigand

Joe Hanagan

Chloe Nelson

Simon Potapa

Sixth Grade

Brenda Ashworth
Kenny Harrah

Emery Morgan

Joe Whitworth

Keisha Magua

Eileen Fernald
Rayanne Cooper

Cristian Ruiz-Zambrano

Colleen Panero

Marissa Vega

Shelly Keasey
D'Antony Breisacher

Lance Thornbrugh