

Mar Vista Elementary School

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTOPHER HERTZ, PRINCIPAL

OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 –

4:00

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October Character Theme: Pride / We are all special, unique, & valuable.

CALENDAR

Thurs	10/4	midpoint of first trimester & AR Goal Period One
Mon	10/8	6 th grade parent orientation to outdoor school / 6:30 – 7:30
Tues	10/9	Site Council / 4:30 – 5:30 English Language Advisory Committee / 5:30 – 6:00 MVP'S / 6:00 – 7:30
Wed	10/10	Subaru Outback Raffle Tickets go on sale! School Dismissed @ 2:05 Science Fair Workshop @ County Office of Education Office / 5:30 – 7:00 Board of Education Meeting / 7:00 – 10:00pm
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 4:00
Fri	10/19	Lost & Found to Charity
Sat	10/20	Family Fix It Day #1 of 2 / 9:00am – 1:00
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)
Fri	11/09	End Trimester One & AR Goal Period One Willy Wonka – Theater Performance / 5:00
Sat	11/10	Willy Wonka – Theater Performance / 7:00
Mon	11/12	Veterans' Day Holiday
Fri	11/16	Report Cards sent home with students
Mon	11/19 – Fri 11/23	Thanksgiving Vacation

Principal's Message / Support of MVP'S Fundraisers

It seems that we are off to an outstanding start from my view. We have reasonable class sizes, our scores at an all-time high, we have all teachers hired and classes are settled. Accelerated Reader continues to inspire students and kids seem to be enjoying school. It's all so good and this should be appreciated.

However, not all is well. Our technology hardware is old and showing wear. We are the only school lacking telephones in classrooms and we are among just a few who have no voicemail. This is unacceptable. Our district cannot support our requests for relief, as they receive no funds from the State or Federal Government. Mar Vista School just doesn't qualify because our "high" socio-economic population. We are considered too

affluent in the eyes of big government. We recently didn't qualify for a great tech grant for technology (several of sister schools in Aptos did) because of our small size. Our school is stuck without funds to purchase newer equipment. This is unacceptable.

We can't get funds from legislative sources of government grants, but we can raise money by asking our parent community to give. Parent/community generosity is the key to our success and growth. Currently our parent club supports so many vital programs such as a math tutor, after school programs, and our technician to patch our old machinery. Thank you MVP'S! On behalf of our students and staff we appreciate this so much. All that we have this year came from parent generosity last year. Next year depends on how well this year's fundraisers go.

What can parents do? Please consider giving cash donations to our MVP'S. Perhaps one dollar a school day would be possible. One dollar is so little and yet if we collected this for each student we would be enjoying levels of funding that vastly exceed any prior year by two fold! Imagine what \$75,000 might do! Our twenty-year-old parent funded play structure could be replaced and we could have a new computer lab and media hub in our library. Imagine!

If you can't give a dollar a day, think about buying a huge lot of Subaru tickets and have a chance to win a new car with tax and license paid. It's all tax deductible too. Can you help us when the government can't? Thank you for anything you can give. Thank you for supporting our fundraisers.

Sincerely,

Chris Hertz

Reminder: Wednesday, October 10, School Dismissed @ 2:05

Please recall the District Schedule:
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Accelerated Reader Goals Midpoint / Read

We are now at the midpoint of the trimester. This means that every 2nd through 6th grader should have achieved half of their point goal by now (some 1st graders have goals already too). If you don't know your child's goal number, reading level, or reading history; then visit our school website and get access to this secure and individualized information now! Already over 30% of Mar Vista parents have their own account! Otherwise, contact your child's teacher to help your child achieve more! This program is great!

Subaru Tickets on Sale Soon

Support our school. This is likely our MVP'S biggest fundraiser of the year. Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25. Our parent club retains

100% of your purchase and it's 100% tax deductible. Please consider buying these tickets as gifts for the Holidays and buying lots of tickets too! This is our best opportunity to make next school year the best ever!

Harvest Food Drive Update

2 out of 8 food bins are now full. Please send in canned goods now. Thank you!

Welcome Marc Lorenston / New Tech

Welcome Marc Lorenston, new MV Tech! Marc started Monday and has already repaired many items. He works 1.25 days per week to keep our technology working and help teachers use technology to teach and communicate with parents. Marc is paid from funds from our Site Council and our MVP'S. Thank you to these parent groups for helping our teachers and students.

Santa Cruz County Office of Education. County Science Fair Workshops

Our workshops for parents and students are scheduled for the following dates at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Tech Center from 5:30pm - 7:00pm.

- Wednesday, October 10, 2007
- Wednesday, October 17, 2007
- Wednesday, November 7, 2007
- Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Character Awards: "Cooperation & Respect"

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized by their teachers for being role models.

Ms. Britton –
Brian Bowyer
Chelsea Gardner
Dagon Herring
Myah Lopez

Ms. Clark-
Olivia Crook
Sage DeClereq
Bryce Edwards

Daniel Hettick

Ms. McCarthy-
Camryn Gurnee
Kade Hassel
Jenna Kusler
Morgan Ziel

Ms. Donlin –
Emily Daniels-Fletcher
Madelyn Guy
Matthew Hatcher
Max Stobaugh

Mr. Pushnik –
Kimika Best
Dakoda Hamilton
Michael Panero
Sydney Travis

Ms. Smithey/Tabasz –
Kami Brewer-Pozzi
Athena Kelley
Lynette Mata Mendoza

Ms. DellaMaggiore-
Liam Magee
Sofia Natividad

Ms. Natcher
Gage Crook
Lelia Stafford

Ms. Schwartz-
Tyler Hassel
Katherine Tapiz

Ms. Miske-
Michael Brown Beaudoin
Dylan Helms
Alicia Houser

Ms. Rigger-
Athena Boyd
Sam Caldwell
Mikayla Padilla
Brennan Parkin

Ms. Silvergate –
Paola Magana Hernandez
Owen Marks

Ms. Culver –
Antonio Garcia
Savhanna Nevin
Tiffany Nguyen
Jacob Zachmeier

Ms. Schacher –
Mireia Chanda-Torres
Sebastian Doll-Ouye

Ashley Garcia
Alex Stratton-Moore

Ms. Nunes –
Corissa Duenas-Saenz
John Copriviza
Joel Rivas
Dalton Weitel

Ms. Werling-
Jacob Baker
Abigail Crowley
Julien Nakanishi-Rodriguez
Chloe Nelson

Ms. Ashworth –
Marcello Granados
Mairen Magee
Emery Morgan
Jack Stobaugh

Ms. Fernald –
Emily Emerson
Nicole Gorman
Brandon Plaskett
Buzz Tilford

Ms. Keasey –
Jaime Cruz
Jessa Melcer
Malachi Rodriguez

Mar Vista Students Save Our Shores

Nearly half of the Mar Vista student population cleaned Seacliff Beach and parts of the Rio del Mar Beach on Friday, Sept. 14th. We were the only school participating in this event, the day before the worldwide cleanup.

Hundreds of pounds of garbage were removed from Seacliff Beach. I know this fieldtrip had an impact on many of our students. One third grade student exclaimed, "This was the best fieldtrip ever!" We are proud of our students!

Cartridges Bring \$ to MVP'S

We have sent in our first shipment of cartridges and cell phones. Our account will be credited points/cash for the ones that qualify. Additionally, until November, they are having a special promotion: for every qualifying cartridge and cell phone, we will be entered into a drawing for a \$200.00 gift

certificate for a company that provides school supplies/equipment. It would be great to get a couple of those!!! Support our school & help the environment by bringing in old cartridges & cell phones to Mar Vista. Thank you to parent, Stephanie Hocom for organizing this program.

Bike Rack Moved

We have relocated our bicycle rack to outside the office to increase security. Last week a parent's bicycle was stolen and we thought this new location would be more secure.

Student of the Year / Jade Rogers

Congratulations to Jade Rogers and her family. The Mar Vista teachers selected her as our student of the year. The Board of Education asks each school to do this and it is always difficult to pick just one student. Jade is an outstanding representative of our students. She is hard working, positive, helpful, and a true leader. We are all proud of this outstanding 6th grader. Jade will be recognized by the Board at their meeting on October 10th.

Lost & Found Overflowing

There must be 100 sweaters and 40 lunch bags in the lost & found center. Please take a look before or during parent conferences. After school on Friday, Oct. 19th all items will be brought to charity.

Congratulations New Student Leaders

Over thirty students ran for our four seats on Student Council. There are four "winners", but every one of them is a winner! We are proud of each student-candidate and each is encouraged to continue trying to make a difference for his or her fellow students. The four new officers are: Jade Rogers as President, Tyler Ayers-Nusbaum as VP, Zachary Fishman as Treasurer, & Teagan Knight as Secretary. We look forward to an outstanding year of student leadership!

Extended Learning - Homework Club

Cancelled During Conference Week

Please recall that there will be no Homework Club during parent conference week.



ALL VOLUNTEERS and VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN-IN AT THE OFFICE AND WEAR A NAME TAG. THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SECURITY OF OUR STUDENTS. SIGN-IN IS PART OF OUR SCHOOL AND DISTRICT SAFETY PLAN!