



Welcome to Mar Vista Home of the Sea Lions



April 2017

School News:

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ ELAC mtg. Tuesday April 12th 5:30 in the library.
- ◆ Mar Vista Parents (MVP) April 11th 6-7:30 in the library, regular meeting.
- ◆ School Holiday, Good Friday observance, April 14
- ◆ School Site Council (SSC Tuesday, April 18th 3:00-4:00 in the library.
- ◆ 6th grade Parent Night Wednesday April 19th. Aptos Junior High 6-8
- ◆ Pages & PJ's. Thursday April 20 6:00-7:30
- ◆ Sacramento Trip Friday, April 21 4th graders ALL DAY
- ◆ TK & Kinder Registration Thursday April 27th
- ◆ Math Contest, Aptos High School, Saturday April 29th 8:00-11:30
- ◆ Open House, May 4 Dinner: 5:30-6:30 Class Visits: 6:30-7:30

A letter from the Principal

At Mar Vista we do not accept a parent's request for his/her child to be placed in a certain teacher's classroom for next year.

Please rest assured that this is a decision we do not take lightly at Mar Vista Elementary School. Our teachers devote considerable time and effort to make the most appropriate placement for each child. There are a number of factors that are taken into consideration when making a classroom placement decision, which render it impossible to grant a parent's request. I can state with confidence that the faculty at Mar Vista is one of the finest in PVUSD, and the children's needs are always at the forefront when making these very important decisions.

Annual Pages and PJ's

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 20 6:00-7:30 pm. Families are invited to come to Mar Vista for an evening of great stories read by local authors and community members. Everyone is invited to come, wear their pajamas, and stay for hot chocolate and cookies at the end of the evening. What a great way to share the love of literacy and great stories with family and friends. This event is free of charge, but the evening is priceless.

SBAC Testing is coming!! Grades 3rd-6th

The SBAC testing program will begin Monday, May 1st and concludes on May 26th. The 5th grade state Science tests from April 24th – 26th. It is very important that student attend daily and on time so that we can complete the testing within the time allotted. Please do not schedule children's appointments during these weeks. More information will come in the April newsletter. Go to Mar Vista's home page at www.marvista.pvUSD.net find the SBAC Resource link to review a practice test. Grades 4-5: 5/1-5/12. Grades 3-6: 5/15-5/26. 5th grade Science: April 24-April 26

Aptos Junior High School Sixth Grade Parent Night

Sixth Grade Parent Night: Wednesday, April 19th 6:00-8:00 pm. This program is for parents/guardian only. Aptos Junior High Counselor (Stacey Carroll) will visit our sixth graders on April 17th. Mrs. Carroll will give the students a brief overview of the junior high program. Students are sure to be at school on this very important day. The registration packets are due no later than May 4th. Your child will not have class schedule unless the packet is turned in. I strongly encourage 6th grade parents to go to Aptos Jr. High web site for pertinent information concerning the junior high at www.aptosjr.pvUSD.net

Calling All Mar Vista Parents!

The School Site Council needs you!

What is the School Site Council (SSC)? It is a group representative of the various parts of the school community making decisions that affect the school. It is made up of school employees (the principal and another staff member), teachers, and parents. The SSC plans, monitors, and evaluates the activities and expenditures for certain programs operated at the school to improve student achievement. The SSC meets once a month during the school year to accomplish these goals.



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Mar Vista Auction

Wow! What an amazing LIVE auction event and Online Auction! We were thrilled to have many of our Mar Vista Teachers and Parents in attendance. We broke a few of records including: Event attendance, class project participation (100%), Class project sales, \$100 Raffle sales, and sale of 2017-18 School Year parking spot which brought in twice as much as last year.

Who's the AMAZING team that made it all happen!? **Katrina Rogers** led our class projects, **Wendy Smith** led the \$100 raffle, **Teresa Huntley** rocked ticket sales, and **Kierstin Testorff** was our promoter which kept all our parents in the *know*. But they're not alone! The following ladies came in with ideas, support, enthusiasm, and as consultants: **Cat Bechtold, Neera Bhatnagar, Rocio Llontop, Ana Marta, and Kelly Palandrani, Karen Swain, Vicki Swertfager, and Mr. D (aka The Auctioneer), Thank You!**

We **thank our sponsors of this event:** [Cantine](#) and [Freedom Bakery](#) for the 3 years of support. Please don't forget to thank them **with your business!**

Our online auction led by **Heather Willis** who not only supported the event but also spent many waking hours running our **online auction that raised over \$8,000!**

We want to thank our Mar Vista Teachers for donating their time to the Teacher Experiences; these are memorable and truly priceless experiences for the children.

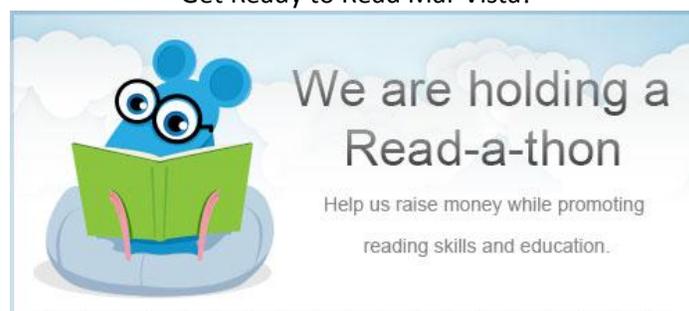
Thank to our amazing office staff for taking in donations, selling tickets, answering questions on the committees' behalf.

It's been a rewarding Last Bid LIVE event and online auction, Thank you! And GO SEALIONS!

Heather Willis and Rachel Williams

Read-a-thon

Get Ready to Read Mar Vista!



The Mar Vista Read-a-thon is coming! Between April 17 and 21st students will have the opportunity to help raise funds to support art and literacy programs at Mar Vista by collecting pledges and then reading as much as they can during that week!

More information on collecting pledges and logging reading to follow after spring break.

Thank you for your support of our amazing school!

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SBAC Parent Letter

Dear Parents,

Your child will be taking the **California Smarter Balanced Assessments** next month. The test is computer based and includes a Math and English Language Arts section along with a performance task for each subject. It will also include Science Test CAST for 5th grade only that will be a pilot this year. **Testing will begin Monday, May 1st**. Testing will continue for three weeks, ending on Friday, May 26th. The results of the test will be mailed to you directly. We naturally want all our students to do well on these tests and have been preparing them throughout the year.

You can do the following to help:

- Have your child **go to bed early** so s/he is well rested.
- Make sure he/she **attends school every day on time** during the testing period (unless, of course, they are sick!).
- **Don't schedule doctor and dentist appointments** when the students are taking the tests.
- Encourage your child to work hard, and **do their best!**

We would also like to **thank you** for all the other ways in which you support your children in their studies. We expect that all our students will have a positive experience taking the State tests. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to call us.

Sincerely,
Rich Determan
Principal



Mar Vista is launching the 21 Day Kindness Challenge March 21st. The challenge is to empower students to change their world through kindness. During the Kindness Challenge students, teachers, principals, and staff are asked to do five acts of kindness every day for 21 days. When promising to do five acts of kindness every day for 21 days the students, teachers and staff unite together and develop a stronger school community. Our school's goal is 67,000 acts of Kindness!

The 21 Day Kindness Challenge is a school-wide culture change for students, teachers and staff members as they work together to achieve the common goal of spreading kindness. It is a proactive approach to bullying as it focuses on the positive interactions that take place around campus. As a result, attention is taken away from bullying behaviors and negative interactions.

The Kindness Challenge emphasizes respect for others, promotes responsible decisions, creates a positive atmosphere, develops empathy, strengthens the school community and increases positive behaviors.

The 21 Day Kindness Challenge led by students on campus with support by teachers and parents. This year, the Student Council- Sydney, Sequoia, Harlan, Ben, Katie and Brissa helped to organize the Kindness Challenge at the school. The student leaders are publicizing the Kindness Challenge on campus by making posters and holding a kick-off assembly. During the assembly, the students explained how the Kindness Challenge works and modeled different acts of kindness. They encouraged everyone on campus to get involved and be kind.

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2017 Santa Cruz County Science and Engineering Fair Award Winners: Marin Collins, Noah Skrovan, Nathan Smith, and Nathaniel Dow



2017 Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau/Agri-Culture National Agriculture Day Poster Winners: Cienna Salles-Cunha, and Aria Jade Bartee

Move For Mar Vista

Move For Mar Vista is back on Sunday, April 23, 2017!

Don't miss this chance to run/walk with your family/friends and even some teachers in the beautiful Nisene Marks. Everyone is welcome and all proceeds support Mar Vista Elementary and the athletic department/track project. So don't wait sign up today at goo.gl/NPCAzc

\$20 - 5k (ages 13 and under)

\$30 - 5k

\$40 - 10k

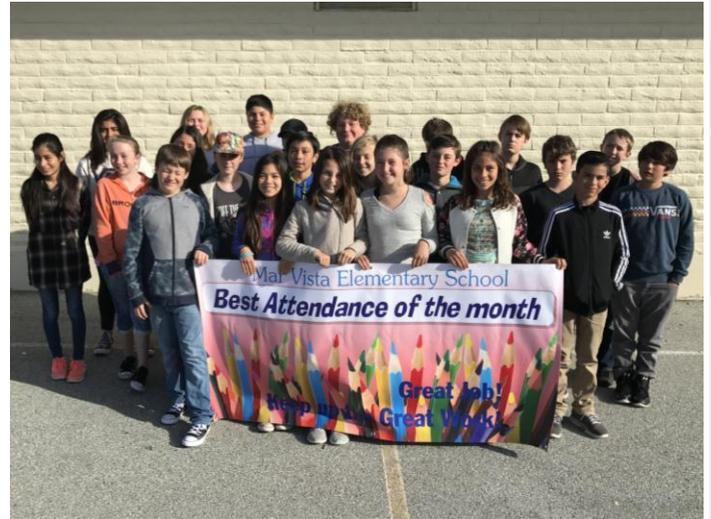
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Best Attendance for March: Mrs. Clark, A.M.
Kindergarten Class (Primary)



Best Attendance for March: Ms. Ryan, 6th Grade Class
(Intermediate)



April Students of the Month



Mar Vista Annual Talent Show

