



Welcome to Mar Vista Home of the Sea Lions



April 2018

School News:

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 21 Days of Kindness Challenge begins Monday, April 9th
- ◆ Mar Vista Parents (MVP) April 10th 6-7:30 in the library, regular meeting
- ◆ Sacramento Trip Friday, April 13th 4th graders ALL DAY
- ◆ TK & Kinder Registration Thursday, April 17th
- ◆ School Site Council (SSC) Tuesday, April 17th 4:30-5:30 in Room 16
- ◆ 6th grade Parent Night Thursday April 19th. Aptos Junior High 6-8
- ◆ Pages & PJ's. Thursday April 19th 6:00-7:30
- ◆ Open House, May 3rd Dinner: 5:30-6:30 Class Visits: 6:30-7:30
- ◆ School Holiday, May 4th No School
- ◆ 6th Grade Promotion June 8th Lower Field 9:00 am

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 19th 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 Tuesday, 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: Thursday, 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!

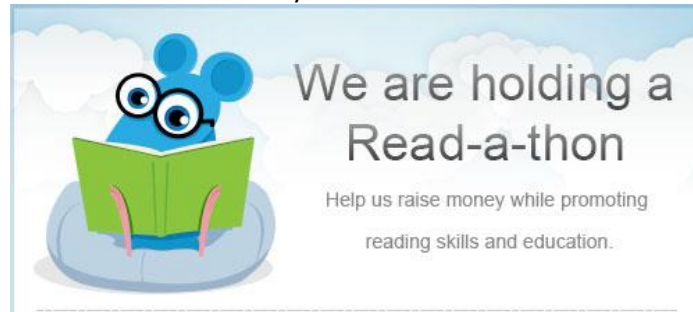
What is the School Site Council (SSC)? It is a group representative of the various parts of the school community making decisions that affect the school. It is made up of school employees (the principal and another staff member), teachers, and parents. The SSC plans, monitors, and evaluates the activities 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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Read-a-thon

Get Ready to Read Mar Vista!



The Mar Vista Read-a-thon is coming! 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!

First Mar Vista Kindergarten Class - 1965



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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 Tuesday, May 1st.** Testing will continue for three weeks, ending on Friday, May 25th. 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 Monday, April 9th. 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- Iman, Audrie, Ava, Sophia, Trevor, and Malakai 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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Project of Merit (Grades 6-8)

1. Cody Taylor – Animal Sciences

3rd Place (Grades 4-5)

1. Teddy Ward – Earth & Planetary Science

2nd 1st Place (Grades 4-5)

1. Kaden Ortiz – Physics & Astronomy

1st Place (Grades 4-5)

1. Milan Garley – Environmental Management & Sciences
2. Brett Swertfager - Microbiology

1st Place (Grades 6-8)

1. Sam Allen – Engineering: Materials & Bioengineering

Sam Allen will represent us at the State Science Fair!



Move For Mar Vista

Move For Mar Vista is back on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 9:00 am!

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

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Aptos/MoveforMarVista5k>

\$25 - 5k (ages 12 and under)

\$35 - 5k

We are on Facebook, username: moveformarvista

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Best Attendance for March: Ms. Riggen, 3rd Grade (Primary)



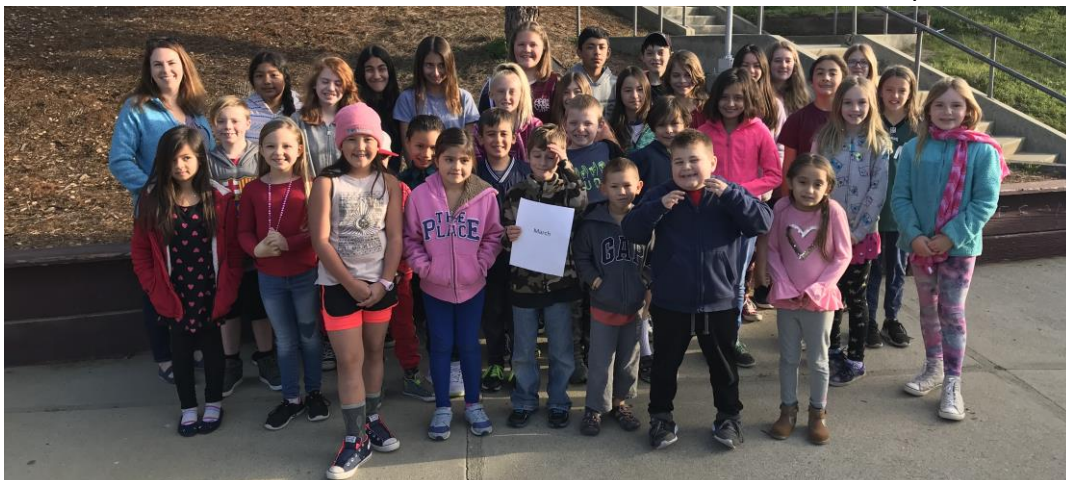
Best Attendance for March: Mr. Manier, 4th Grade (Intermediate)



March Students of the Month



Shoreline Middle School performs for Mar Vista



Happy March Birthdays!