



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Friday Aug. 26
Annual Back to
School BBQ,
sponsored by
MVP's
Begins at 5:00
- ◆ Aug. 30 Back to
School. Primary
Grades 6 to 8.
- ◆ Sept. 1 Back to
School
Intermediate
Grades. 6 to 8
- ◆ Sept. 5 Labor Day
NO SCHOOL
- ◆ Sept. 8 MVP Mtg.
6:00-7:30 Lib.
- ◆ Sept. 14 Spirit
Day
Hawaiian/Tropical
Dress-up.
- ◆ Sept. 11 School
Pictures



Welcome to Mar Vista Home of the Sea Lions

Welcome Back

School News:

Rich Determan, Principal
Meghan Green, Academic Coordinator
Barbara Di Puma, School Office Manager

Dear Mar Vista Families,
Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year at Mar Vista. The intent of this letter is to welcome you to the Mar Vista family. We consider ourselves a family because we have a common interest...giving your child the best possible education and accomplishing that, by having home and school work together. Our faculty of dedicated and distinguished teachers and staff are looking forward to seeing our returning parents and students, as well as meeting new families who have moved to the neighborhood.

This is a reminder of some of our policies that parents often have questions about:

Parents, it is critical that you understand and acknowledge that students can **ONLY** be released to adults who are listed on the child's "Emergency Card." Please make sure to update your information on the "Emergency Card" expediently if changes occur.

- The first day of school classroom assignments are considered to be firm. Remember, placement was carefully selected for your child by the principal and the grade level team of teachers. Students' attitudes toward their teachers and school are highly influenced by the attitudes of their parents. We can all provide your children and our students with a successful beginning of the school year by responding to their classroom assignments with positive enthusiasm.
- Kinder through Third grade, class size limit is 24. Students might have to be transferred to another class if we exceed that number. We will do everything possible to make this transition for the student as smooth as possible.

MVP (Mar Vista Parents): We have a very dedicated and enthusiastic parent association that goes above and beyond to support our educational programs and enhance student education. This school year Vicki Swertfager is the MVP President; she will be encouraging your participation as an MVP member. There will be information available at "Back to School Night" on ways you can help serve the students at Mar Vista.

Welcome to our new staff members:

Meghan Green: Academic Coordinator
Sheryl Hill: Kinder teacher A.M.
Allison Dunham: 1/2 combo teacher
Marie Minielle: .40 Third grade teacher
Nichole Salles-Cunha: SDC teacher
Nini Ryan: 6th grade teacher
Jennifer Walker: 6th grade teacher

Brenda Ashworth moved from 6th grade to third grade.
Shelly Keasey moved from SDC teacher to RSP teacher.



Mar Vista

School Newsletter

New Roof at Mar Vista

By now you have noticed a beautiful new roof at Mar Vista. This is the first time the roof has been replaced since 1965, when Mar Vista was originally built. This project was paid for by Measure L funds. More projects are planned for next summer.

Parking and Traffic In and Out of School

We cannot stress it enough, plan to have your child(ren) to school by 7:50am every day. This will ensure that they will be in class on time and help prevent you from being stuck in the morning traffic. Also please remember never to leave your vehicle unattended in the drop off/pick up area at any time. Always pull your vehicle forward when in the drop off/pick up zone. If you wish to walk your child(ren) to class, please park your vehicle in one of the designated parking areas. It is ok to park in the short term parking and buses area- double parking is permitted in this area while you walk your child(ren) into the school. Do not double park behind handicap parking at the end as this will block the flow of traffic.

When picking up in the afternoon, stay left in the express pick-up lane when entering the school. The right hand side is for the buses and parking only. Also, when pulling into the school, it is imperative that we do not block access for the buses.

Unfortunately, our parking lot was not the best design. We need to be patient with each other and plan accordingly. Let's be good role models for our children. We are all in this together.



Tips for a Successful School Year

How you start the school year can determine how well the rest of the year will go. Here is how to make sure your child gets off to a great start this year:

- Review school safety. Talk to your child about the importance of following school rules. The Code of Conduct at Mar Vista School is **Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible**.
- Get to know your child's teacher. When parents and teachers are on the same team, kids do better in school. Once you've met face to face, you'll find it easier to ask questions or share a concern about your child.
- Set goals. Students who do best in school have both short and long term goals. In order to succeed, your child needs goals to keep them on the right track.
- Settle into a routine. Kids thrive on predictability. Have a regular time for homework. Set and stick to a regular bedtime. Plan a morning routine that gets everyone out the door on time.
- Don't over schedule your child. Give them time to unwind after school.
- Be interested in your child's schoolwork. Ask them about school every day.

Parents Staying Connected- Join Parent Email Group

Sign up to be emailed the MV Parent Newsletter. You just need to follow the link below to join.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/subscribe/MarVistaParents>

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