

Happy Holidays!



Welcome to Mar Vista Home of the Sea Lions

December 2016

School News:

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Dec. 13 Site Council 3:00-4:00. Library
- ◆ Dec. 13 MVP, 6:00-7:30 Library
- ◆ Dec. 7 Family Performance: Robin Hood 6:30. \$3.00 at the door.
- ◆ Dec. 8 School Play: Robin Hood.
- ◆ Dec 13-16 Sixth graders will be at Outdoor School.
- ◆ Dec. 21st Spirit Day. Holiday colors, red, green, blue white.
- ◆ Dec. 23-Jan. 17 School will be closed for Winter Break.

Holiday Greetings to our Mar Vista Community,

On behalf of the entire staff at Mar Vista, we wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season with family and loved ones. As educators, we are so proud of your children and all of their many special talents they bring to the campus each day, which make up the exceptional culture of our prestigious school. We are truly thankful to be working with such amazing children and supportive parents.

As the school principal I wish you a joyous, fun-filled holiday season and thank you for your continued dedication to and support of our Mar Vista community. Please be aware the school will be closed starting on Friday, December 23, 2016 until Wednesday January 18, 2017 in recognition of the winter holiday recess. School will resume normal hours of operation on Wednesday, January, 18, 2017. It will be an early release Wednesday. Again, from our Mar Vista family to yours, take care and we will see you in the New Year!!!

Open Enrollment Intra-District Transfer Process

The Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) will begin implementing its Open Enrollment Intra-District Transfer process for the 2016-2017 school year. Applications will be accepted November 2 through December 18, 2016. Open Enrollment Intra-District Transfers will be processed based on space-available. Remember that the application deadline for Open Enrollment is **December 18, 2016**. If you have any questions, please contact the Mar Vista Office.

Food Drive

Give Unto Others: Teaching the Importance of Giving Back.

In a commercialized society that is all about wanting and needing more, one of the core values that is becoming harder for children to relate with is the concept of giving back. Helping children to get involved now will help children understand early on, how much they can help their community. This is the time of year that the Mar Vista community gives back to our neighbors less fortunate, by participating in the Local Food Drive. Mar Vista is asking each family bring in bag filled with canned on Wednesday December 14th to the cafeteria before school. Also we asking each student to give money that they have saved, they can put the money in a baggie or envelope the money will be collected Wednesday morning. For every dollar raised three pounds of healthy food can be purchased. If each student brought in three pounds of canned food items that would be over 1,400 pounds. Mr. D will donate 1/3 for a cord of dry oak wood for \$100.00 the money will be donated to the local food bank. Mr. D will deliver the wood on Saturday, Dec. 17th. The first person to email Rich @ Richard.Determan@pvusd.net will get the wood.



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Pancake Breakfast

We celebrated the end of the first trimester with a school wide pancake breakfast. Our special cooks for this celebration were Superintendent Michelle Rodriguez, and Assistant Superintendents Susan Perez, Lisa Aguerria and Mark Brewer. A grand time was had by all.



Pancake Breakfast Cafeteria Helpers



Pancake Breakfast Kitchen Helpers



November students of the month – Sponsored by Quiznos



December 2016 Birthdays

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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A Celebration of Peace 2016-2017

Lions International Peace Poster is an international contest that encourages children, ages 11-13, to creatively express what peace means to them. The 2016-17 contest theme is "A Celebration of Peace." The contest allows students to share their unique image of peace with others, so that we may all have greater tolerance and international understanding. The following students submitted a poster Harrison Bechtold, Alivia Greer, Taylor Fischer, Tah Jiana Lundy, Sabrina Bowles, Kayla Liu, Austin Soraino, Anna Laurent and Sydney Zepho. Sydney poster won at the local level and will be recognize that the local Lion's club meeting on December 8th.



A Celebration of Peace contestants



Local poster winner: Sydney Zepho



Free Girls Volleyball Clinic

Main Beach Volleyball Club is offering 2 free volleyball clinics for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls interested in learning indoor volleyball skills. Dates/Times/Location: December 10th and 17th from 9:00-10:30am at Cabrillo College. Please visit the Main Beach Volleyball website for more information.

<http://www.mainbeachvolleyball.com/>



Lost and Found Clothing Items

All clothing items in the Lost and Found will be donated on Friday, December 23. Next time when you are on campus please stop to look at the clothing items.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND ARRIVING ON TIME

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success-both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits.

When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve-even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their school, develop important social skills and friendships. But when kids are absent for an average of just two days of school per month-even when absences are excused-it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect students as early as Kindergarten.

For example, young elementary school students who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading. But when students are able to read on grade level by the end of third grade, which is when students transition from *learning to read to reading to learn*, they are three to four times more likely to graduate high school and attend college, post-graduate, or professional development classes than their peers who struggle with reading.

Parents, please make every effort to get your child to school on time each and every day. Any child who arrives after 8:05 is marked absent.



Best Attendance for the Month of November: Mrs. Salles-Cunha class & Ms. Ryan's class