

Happy Holidays!



Welcome to Mar Vista Home of the Sea Lions

December 2017

School News:

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Dec. 12 Site Council 4:30-5:30 Room 15
- ◆ Dec. 12 MVP, 6:00-7:30 Library
- ◆ Dec 5-8 Sixth graders will be at Outdoor School.
- ◆ Dec. 13 Spirit Day. Holiday colors, red, green, blue white.
- ◆ Dec. 23-Jan. 16 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 22, 2017 until Wednesday January 18, 2018 in recognition of the winter holiday recess. School will resume normal hours of operation on **Wednesday, January, 17, 2018**. 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) has begun implementing its Open Enrollment Intra-District Transfer process for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications will be accepted November 2 through December 18, 2017. Open Enrollment Intra-District Transfers will be processed based on space-available. Remember that the application deadline for Open Enrollment is **December 18, 2017**. 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 Drives. Mar Vista is asking each family to bring in bag filled with canned on Wednesday December 13th 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. Last year students brought in over \$800.00 and over one thousand pounds of canned food items. Mr. D will donate (4) 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. 15th. The first four people to email Rich @ Richard_Determan@pvusd.net and delivers the money 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, Mark Brewer and our Social Emotional counselor Ricky Maldonado. A grand time was had by all.



November students of the month



School Evacuation Drill



November 2017 Birthdays



Happy November 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 2017-2018

Lions International Peace Poster is an international contest that encourages children, ages 11-13, to creatively express what peace means to them. The 2017-18 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: Sully Orgell, Jonathyn Stallings, Sabrina Timko, Oscar Drew and Lola Chiaramonte



A Celebration of Peace contestants



Last Year's winner: Sydney Zepho



Lost and Found Clothing Items

All clothing items in the Lost and Found will be donated on Friday, December 22. Next time when you are on campus please stop to look at the clothing items. The last Friday of each month ALL lost and found items will be donated to the local clothing co-op.

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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. With the heavy traffic please leave your home earlier. Any child who arrives after 8:05 is marked absent.



Rainbow over Mar Vista - November 3, 2017