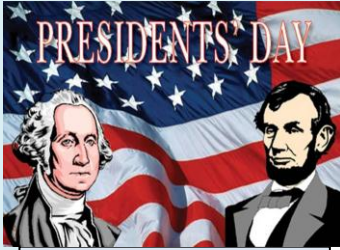




Welcome to Mar Vista Home of the Sea Lions



February 2016

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School News:

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 3 Science Faire
School Night 6:00-7:00 MPR
- ◆ Feb. 7 Super Bowl Sunday.
- ◆ Feb. 8 No School. President Day
- ◆ Feb. 9 Site Council 4:30-5:30. Library
- ◆ Feb. 9 MVP, 6:00-7:30 Library
- ◆ Feb. 10 Spirit Day
Wear something RED, WHITE, or PINK
- ◆ Feb. 14 Valentine Day.
- ◆ Feb. 15 No School President Day.
- ◆ Feb. 23 - 26 Scholastic Book Fair
- ◆ Feb. 24 Intermediate Grades Awards Assembly
- ◆ Feb. 24 Spirit Day
Dress as a tourist!

Early Release Days
Feb.3, Feb.10,
Feb.17, Feb.24

A Note from the Principal

The staff at Mar Vista recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience.
- Completes all homework assignments given by teachers.
- Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills.
- Knows that you expect him/her to succeed at school.

Characteristics of a Good Sea Lion

Beginning with the New Year, we will focus on a specific character trait(s) each month.

February's character traits are **Responsibility** and **Respect**.

Responsibility is doing what you are supposed to do. Responsible students think ahead, set reasonable goals, control their tempers, and always to their best. They don't give up easily especially when others are counting on them. Responsible students are accountable for the consequences of the choices; they don't blame others for their mistakes.

Respect is showing others that they are valued for who they are, for their character, not what they look like or what they have. It means treating others the way you want to be treated, never insulting or making fun of others who are different in looks, ability, race or religion. A respectful person is polite, does not use bad language, and never hits or uses violence.

Please talk to your children about the importance of Responsibility and Respect.

Mark your calendars

Mar Vista's On-line Auction

Mar Vista's On-line Auction is coming March 2-8 on www.biddingforgood.com!!

This event helps provide funding for technology programs, class room supplies and art as well. We are seeking donations for the auction! PLEASE consider making a TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation (Tax ID#46-3398144). A few suggestions include:

- Gift Cards
- Classes/Lessons
- Bottle of nice wine
- 1 of a kind experiences

If you have a business or know of a business owner who would like to make a donation, your help is appreciated. Have unused gift cards you'd like to donate? Bring them in!

Questions? Contact Vicki Swertfager at: marvistaauction@yahoo.com.

Annual Pages and PJ's

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 14, 5:30 PM-8:00 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. Don't forget to wear your pajamas! Stay for hot chocolate and cookies at the end of the evening. This event is free of charge, but the evening is priceless.

Mar Vista School Newsletter

Comcast Cares

Comcast Cares Day is coming to Mar Vista School on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Comcast California will be partnering with us for a campus clean-up and beautification day. The Mar Vista community is invited to join and pitch in! It's all part of Comcast Cares Day, the company's annual day of service, when Comcast employees, families and friends partner with local schools and local organizations nationwide on projects that benefit the communities where they live.

We hope that the Mar Vista community will join us for this special day of volunteer work with Comcast on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Stay-tuned for more information!!

Student Stuff

Starting the New Year off with a Bang!!

SPECTRA Movement Demonstration Class will happen January 27 in our T-K class and on January 28 in Kindergarten. This experience was funded by our Mar Vista Parents (MVP's) and a matching grant from the Spectra Arts Council. A very big thank you to our wonderful Spectra teacher, C. Dawn Imbrie.

Spelling Bee

Please join me in congratulating **Travis Melton** and **Mia To'omata** as our top spellers, as well as **Rowan Bowyer** and **Sofia Rosa** as our alternate super Sea Lion spellers. These students represented Mar Vista at the recent Santa Cruz County Bee held at UCSC on Saturday, January 23, 2016.



Julia Martin-Gonzales is spreading peace. Julia is a Mar Vista Elementary School sixth grader who recently won the top spot in the local leg of the international Lions International Peace Poster Contest sponsored by Lions Club International. Cabrillo Host Lions Club President Barbara Chamberlain stated "It is obvious that these young people from Mar Vista have strong ideas about what peace means to them". Besides Julia's poster the following students received a certificate for participation and received a check for \$25.00: **Sofia Rosa, Ava Andre, Ella Brigati, Ashton Turner, Samora Brantley, Noi Ortiz and Tatina Branley.**

Pennies for Patients

Mar Vista will participate in the annual Pennies for Patients. Last year our students raised over \$650.00 for children who need medical support. Our goal is to raise over \$700.00

After School Programs

- ◆ Guitar Class
Grades 1-6
Contact Mar Vista office
- ◆ Singing Class
Grades 1-6
Contact Mar Vista office
- ◆ Piano Class
Grades 1-6
Contact Mar Vista office
- ◆ Drama Class: Charlie & the Chocolate Factory
Grades 3-6
Begins Feb. 1 - Apr. 11
Practice on Mondays 2:30 to 4:00 pm
For more information contact:
Terri Steinmann
terri@westperformingarts.com
- ◆ Crazy 8s Math Club
Grades 1-2
Class taught by Mr. Jacobsmeyer
Sponsored by MVP Club
Enrollment currently full



February 2016 Birthdays

