

Mar Vista School Newsletter

End of the Year

School News:

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Dear Mar Vista Families,

As my first year as principal comes to a close, our minds and hearts are filled to the brim. It's been a fantastic year!! Together we've learned much and shared experiences that will long remain with us in the years to come. The strength of our community and wholehearted passion to make our school a wonderful place of learning for children primarily, but for all of us makes Mar Vista a truly SPECIAL place.

Special thanks to all of you who have contributed in ways small, large and unimaginable! Driving on field trips, helping with school projects, providing food and/organizing lunched for staff, organizing events, working at these events, showing up to support your children. For all those parents who contributed to our fund raising projects, who volunteered to serve on site council and Mar Vista Parent Club. Thanks for getting your children to school on time each day, for kind notes of encouragement that mean so much, for making sure homework gets done and turned in. Thank you for providing rich and engaging well rounded experiences for your children and knowing that education is about joy, wonder and fostering curiosity, along with the development of social skills so needed to succeed. For these, and a million other things, I am truly grateful.

To those of you who are leaving us for new places and adventures, I wish you all the best. Congratulation to our capable sixth grader who are onto a new stage in their academic career!! You have been a gift to us this year and will undoubtedly be a great asset to your new schools. For those of you who like to plan ahead, the first day of the 2015-2016 school year begins on Thursday August 13; class list will be posted at 4:00 on Wednesday, August 12.

Until then, enjoy a restful and replenishing summer with your family.

Parent News

Yearbooks are here and will be distributed next week! Yearbooks are still available for purchase in the school office for \$25 each, CASH ONLY get yours before it is too late.

The MVP's would like to thank Papa John's pizza for donating the pizza for "Pizza on the **Playground**" on Tuesday May 26th, over 100 community members came to this informational event.



Thank you to the Mar Vista parents, student, and staff who assisted to make this year's Walk-a-Thon an active and fun day at our school! Due to the number of donations, we are able to put over \$4,000 towards a future running/walking track on our lower field!! We would also want to thank Safeway in Aptos (donated 4 cases of oranges) and Earthbound Farms (donated 2 cases of organic oranges)



4th graders finishing the walkathon



May Students of the Month

Upcoming Events

May 29 Field Day

June 3 6th Grade Boardwalk trip.

June 4 Student/Staff Softball game.

June 5 Promotion Ceremony.

June 5 Dismissal at 11:10

Summer Recess Begins



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ACCELERATED READER AWARD WINNERS

These students achieved consistent success in our Million Word Challenge for the year of 2014-2015. Riley Joseph, Camila Carrillo Garcia ,Connor Bailey, Carlo Giuffre, Samara Dannhauser, Avalon Yeaman, Sophia Holmes, Kendrick Gettel, Emma Yeaman, Makiah Dexel ,Jarrett Rueppel ,Abraham Perez, Hannah Chien, Kyla Parkin, Kaela Hemingway ,Liam McPherson, Kaylee Bartle Rowan Bowyer, Natalie Vongsana ,Sara Laurent, Tyler Thomas, Emila Jaffe, Aiden Aminifard, Emory Ingram, Harlyn Cavanagh Hannah Osborn, Kokoro Banks, Nathaniel Dow ,Sam Allen, Blake Byers, Kayla Lui, Caitlin Bayaca, Nami Banks, Ava Manier, Isabel Pfeiffer, Gabriella Dow, Julia Marin, Aki Goonetilleke, Itzel Vivo, Quin Hocum, Noah Skrovan, Lily Kiely, Amber Fotheringham, Ava Andre, Jenna Heller. **Abraham Perez has read over EIGHT MILLION WORDS**. Great job.

Sixth Grade Promotion Ceremony

Mar Vista's 50th promotion ceremony will take place on Friday June 5th at 9:00 on the Lower Field. This will be a school wide event, all the students and staff are invited. There will be some parking available on the lower field, when parking on campus please be aware **NOT** to park in the red zones. There will be a reception for the sixth graders and their families after the ceremony in the upper quad. All students will be dismissed at 11:10.

Mrs. Ashworth's 6th Grade Class



Mr. Jacobsmeyer's 6th Grade Class





Left: Fire Marshal for the day; Center: Fireman for the day; Top Right: Mar Vista International Games participants; Bottom Right: Ms. Sara's 5th grade class at the Monterey Bay Aquarium



