

Mar Vista School Newsletter



March 2015

School News:

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A letter from the Principal

As the Principal of Mar Vista Elementary, one of my responsibilities is facilitating the development of classes for the 2015-2016 school year. Several factors are considered when placing students that include balancing classes based on boy/girl ratio, student academic and behavior considerations and input from teachers. I work closely with the teachers in building classes to insure these considerations are taken into account. As a result, we **will not** take parent requests for teachers.

Mar Vista On-line Auction

Mar Vista On-line Auction is coming March 13-23 on www.biddingforgood.com !!!

Please bring in any last minute donations to the office! Any questions contact Vicki at marvistaauction@yahoo.com

Don't miss out on the "Last Bid" Auction Event! Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 2:00pm-5:30pm at Cantine Wine Pub 8050 Soquel Drive, Aptos. It's an event not to be missed. Buy your tickets now!

Parents & Friends of Mar Vista Elementary join us for this ADULTS ONLY Special Event. We will enjoy premium wine and beer with tasty bites.

PLUS, you have EXCLUSIVE access to bid on our ONE OF A KIND Class Projects & Baskets made by our very own Mar Vista Students! It's the ONLY place to bid on these items!!

Each ticket includes: 1 glass of premium wine or beer & light fare served throughout the event. \$20 each and \$5 goes back to Mar Vista!!

School Site Council

The Mar Vista Site Council meets at 4:30 the second Tuesday each month in our library. At our next meeting the council will discuss the results of this year's bullying survey. We recently met with a district representative regarding the work we can get done with Mar Vista's portion of the Measure L bond money. A special Site Council committee has been formed to proceed with our planning. If you would like to part of the committee the next meeting is Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00pm in the Library.

Mar Vista Parent & School Club (MVPs)

The MVPs promote the education and welfare of our students.

- Organizing fundraisers & events
- Providing technology equipment (computers & iPads).
- Art, music, assemblies, & basic school supplies.
- Supporting our library, classrooms, teachers & school improvements.

Help us support our students! Join us at our meetings every second Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:30. For more information, email regbowyer@gmail.com.

Mar Vista's Home Page

Important information can be found on our Mar Vista Home page. Listed are some examples

- Next year's school calendar.
- The monthly school breakfast/lunch menu.
- MVP information/School Site Council

If there are any interested parents who would like to assist in improving our home page on the web site please contact me, Richard_determan@pvusd.net. I would like very much to reduce the amount of printed paper that goes home from the office. I would like to design a more user friendly and interesting home page for parents to gather information.

Upcoming Events

- Measure L meeting
March 4th 6:00, Library.
- SSC (School Site Council) March 10th
4:30-5:30, Library
- Mar Vista Parents (MVP) March 12th,
Library.
- Early Release
Wednesdays- March
4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.
- School Picture Day,
Monday, March 9
- Trimester Ends March
4th, Report Cards sent
home on Thurs. March
12th.
- Daylight Saving
Sunday March 8th.
- March 17th, Dress up
Day. Wear GREEN
- Honor Roll Assembly,
9:00, MPR Perfect
Attendance TBA
- March 31st Annual
Talent Show
- Perfect Attendance
Assembly. April 2
Primary Grades 8:30.
- Spring Break April 3-
April 10th.
- Auction 2015,
March 13-23!!!!



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Annual Pages and PJ's

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 23, 6-8. Families are invited to come to Mar Vista for an evening of great stories read by local authors and community members. Everyone is invited to come, wear their pajamas, stay for hot chocolate and cookies at the end of the evening. What a great way to share the love of literacy and great stories with family and friends. This event is free of charge, but the evening is priceless.

Attention 5th and 6th grade students!

The county wide math contest will take place on May 2nd. Our Math team will begin weekly meetings on March 5th. Please come to Mr. J's room at lunch if you are interested. Last year was a great experience for all, looking forward to continuing the tradition this year.

News from the School Nurse

Parents of 6th graders: Your student will be required to have the Tdap booster (not to be confused with the DTap), or appropriate Tdap waiver signed in person at Mar Vista by the parent/guardian before entering 7th grade. **There is no grade period.** If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse at (831) 761-6177 x4976.

Talent Show

Get ready for the annual talent show coming March 31. Assist your child with lots of practice and be ready to show off your special talent for the big Mar Vista Talent Show!

SBAC Testing is coming!! Grades 3rd-6th

The SBAC testing program will begin Monday, April 13th and conclude on May 22. It is very important that student attend daily & on time so that we can complete the testing within the time allotted. Please do not schedule children's appointments during these weeks. For information will come in the April newsletter.

Special Student events during the month of February!

- Science Fair
- Mar Vista 50th birthday celebration
- Lions Club distributed U.S Flags
- Aptos Grange distributed dictionaries
- 3rd grade Play
- 5th grade Colonial project displays
- Courtney Crotwell was recognized at the school Board meeting as Mar Vista's student of the year.

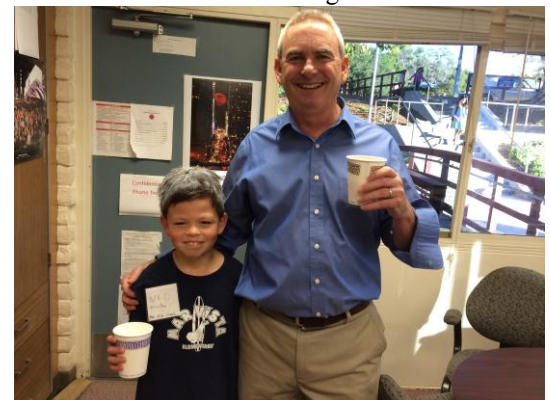
These events do not include the many field trips classes went on during the month. What a wonderful place to go to school!!



Annual Science Faire



Ms. Lola's class celebrating Mar Vista's 50th



William dressing up as Mr. D



Rumpus in the Rainforest