

Mar Vista School Newsletter



May 2015

School News:

Richard Determan, Principal
Stephanie Monroe, Academic Coordinator
Barbara Di Puma, School Office Manager

Upcoming Events

Restructured Days
May 6, 13, 20, and 27.

School Site Council(SSC)
Tuesday, May 12th, 4:30 to 5:30 in the school library.

Mar Vista Parent Mtg. (MVP) May 12th, 6:00 to 7:30 in the school library.

SBAC testing continues through May 22.

Day of the Teacher
Wednesday May 13

Bike to School Day -May 7

4th Grade experience @
Cabrillo College. May 8th

Intermediate Recognition Assembly
May 11th 8:15

Volunteer Tea May 20
1:30-2:30

Memorial Day (no-school)
- May 25

Field Day May 29.

6th Grade Completion
@ 9:00 am lower field

Last Day of School
Minimum Day early release
@ 11:00 - June 5

Math Contest

Every year Santa Cruz County organizes a math contest for students in grades 5th-8th. This year Mar Vista will be sending 5 teams to compete in both the group and individual challenges. The students who will be competing are: Nol Ortiz, Tatiana Brantley, Amber Fotheringham, Kodiak Ortiz, Liam McPherson, Jasper Cormier, Maya Sampson, Sara Laurent, Sydney Lucia, Solomon Lubell, Aki Goontilleke, Ashton Turner, Nicholas Barrett, Sophia Green, Allison Dickey, Naia Skogerson, Shealyn Weber, Kaela Hemingway, Danielle Bennett, Peyton Dueck, Emelia Jaffe, Travis Melton, Rowan Bowyer, Sophia Holmes, Mia To'omata, and Emma Yeaman. We wish you the best of luck in your endeavors and applaud your commitment to education. Special thanks go out to Mr. Jacobsmeyer for organizing/tutoring these students.

Library News

The last day to take an AR quiz is May 22nd. The LAST DAY to check out library books is also May 22nd. All library books are DUE by **Friday May 29th**. Students owning library books or fines will not receive their report cards until their account is cleared.

Yearbook Volunteers

Thank you to the following volunteers for helping to create the class yearbook pages and making our yearbook FABULOUS! Kierstin Testorff, Rachel Smith, Jen Williams, Lea Graff. Yanelly Montejano, Cat Bechtold, Sherrie Hueter, Cari Browning, Kristin Lubell. Shannon Moseley and Christine Bayaca. We are looking for a new volunteer to help be a yearbook adviser, if anyone is interested in this creative endeavor please email Christine Bayaca at cbayaca@msn.com.

Volunteer Appreciation.

The staff would like to thank all the volunteers who help make Mar Vista such a special place. The event will be held on Wednesday May 20 at 1:30 in the front Quad. More details will be coming.

Sixth Grade Completion

The completion ceremony will be held on Friday June 5th beginning at 9:00am on the lower field. Parking is going to do an issue; parking on the lower field will be very limited due to the fact that the entire school will be attending this special celebration. Do not park in any of the local business lots there is a very high chance that your car might be ticketed. I recommend that you park at Cabrillo and walk to campus.

Trash Catastrophe

Operation: Go Green...A Bad Day for Plastic

Mrs. Sara's 5th grade class has been working on their "Go Green" project for the past year. Our goal was to help our school (and eventually district) reduce single use plastics and create less waste. We started off by doing a trash audit (a sort of which we separate the main waste items people used and then we collect the date). We decided to replace our plastic spork packs with compostable birchbark sporks. We also stopped just giving everyone the sport pack, instead students can just take a napkin or a spork it they need one. Thanks to your help we have made a huge impact so far. We have reduced our use of all single use plastics!!! We also raised \$800 during our Chico Bag Fundraiser (THANK YOU FAMILIES!!!); this will allow us to continue to be able to purchase the new sporks. This past weekend, six students: Julia Marin, Nicholas Barrett, Sam Chitwood, Tatiana Brantley, Kattie Cramblet and Ashton Turner represented Mar Vista at the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Ocean Plastic Pollution Summit! I am very proud of all the hard work that our students have done. We have been working very hard to make our school and world environmentally friendly place. Now the kids are learning how to refuse (say NO to single use plastic and other items you don't need to use) reuse and recycle our school is staying clean and using less. Thanks to your help and support we have made a huge impact so!

Bike/Walk to School Day Thursday, May 7

There will be treats for all who bike or walk to school next Thursday, May 7, join the celebration.



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Open House and Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser Thursday, May 14th, 2015

Spaghetti dinner begins at 5:30pm Classroom visits 7pm-8pm

Pre-order your dinner today! Dinner sells out every year! Come enjoy a fun evening with other Mar Vista Families.

Cost: \$10.00 for adults & \$8.00 for children. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, drink and dessert.

Support our students – ALL proceeds benefit 6th Grade Outdoor School.

Join our Mar Vista Parent Club (MVP)

This is a great way to support our students.

- Be involved in deciding what program the students receive
- Be involved in deciding fundraisers
- Understand more about the academics offered and taught, while having input too!
- Understand the overall workings that go into running our school

We are looking for fresh faces to bring new ideas to our school, if you are interested in supporting all the children here at Mar Vista please contact either Rich Determan (Principal) or Barbara DiPuma (Office Manager).

Office Hours during the Summer

Office is open until June 12th from 9 o'clock to 2 o'clock. Office reopens on Monday, August 3. First day of school is Thursday August 13th. Have a wonderful summer break.

Not Returning to Mar Vista next year?

If you have a child in grades Kinder through 5th grades and you know that you **WILL NOT** be returning to Mar Vista in August please inform Barbara DiPuma (Office Manager) This will assist us in planning of class placement for next year. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

State Testing

The testing continues with 4th graders until May 8th. Fifth graders will begin the test the week of May 11 and conclude on Friday, May 22. The results of this year's test will be made available in last August.



5th graders overnight at the Monterey Bay Aquarium



Mar Vista Students of the Month for April



Rowan PE teacher of the day



Boardwalk winners with Mr. D



Principal of the day Leland