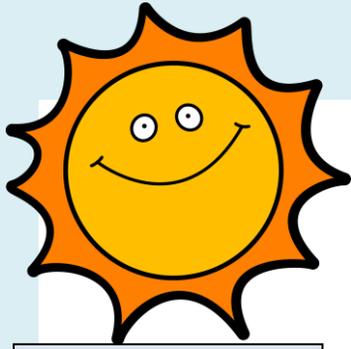




Welcome to Mar Vista Home of the Sea Lions

May 2016

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



School News:

Dear Mar Vista Families,

As my second 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 2016-2017 school year begins on Wednesday August 17; class list will be posted at **4:00pm on Friday, August 12.**

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

Upcoming Events

- ◆ May 18th International Games Soquel High.
- ◆ May 23rd Student Council Elections
- ◆ May 25th Talent Show.
- ◆ May 27 Field Day.
- ◆ May 30th Memorial Day, No School
- ◆ May 31st School Site Council. Priority list for Measure L projects are on the agenda. Public is invited to attend.
- ◆ June 1 Boardwalk trip 6th grade.
- ◆ Wednesday June 1 is a FULL DAY. Dismissal at 2:20
- ◆ June 2 Student/Staff softball game.
- ◆ June 3 Promotion Ceremony 9:00 lower field.
- ◆ Dismissal at 11:10

Superstar Student

A Big Thanks to a very special new BirchBark friend, Natalie Allen and all of her friends. Natalie is 7 years old and, for her recent birthday party she requested that instead of presents, she wanted her friends to give a donation to BirchBark Foundation. Natalie raised \$226.83. She loves animals and wants to be a vet. Thanks again Natalie!



ROAD DELAYS AT MAR VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EXPECT DELAYS

The Director of Public Works, County of Santa Cruz, has announced that work on Mar Vista Elementary School at Soquel Drive between Borregas Drive and Heather Terrace will be subject to traffic delays with potential lane closures, between the hours 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 16 through Friday, May 27, 2016, weather permitting. These delays and lane closures are necessary to install Radar Speed Feedback Signs and Flashing Beacon systems. The Department of Public Works would like the public to avoid these areas if possible or be prepared for delays of up to 15 minutes. For up-to-date information on County maintained roads in Santa Cruz County, please visit:

<http://www.sccroadclosure.org/>

Not Returning to Mar Vista next year?

If you have a child in grades Kinder through 5th grade 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.



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Mar Vista's 51st Promotion Ceremony will take place on Friday June 3rd at 9:00 a.m. on the Lower Field. This will be a school-wide event, all the students and staff are invited. There will 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 on the Lower Field. All students will be dismissed at 11:10.

Office Hours during the Summer.

Office is open until June 10th from 8 o'clock to 2 o'clock.

Office reopens Monday, August 8th.

The first day of school is Wednesday August 17th.



These students achieved consistent success in our Million Word Challenge for the 2015-2016:

Lily Richards, Noah Skrovan, Lily Kiely, Hannah Osborn, Julia Marin, Avalon Yarema, Samuel Allen, Kokoro Banks, Nathan Rueppel, Will Byers, Amber Fotheringham, Isabelle Graff, Hannia Reyes-Alcaraz, Harlyn Cavanagh, Aiden Aminifard, Nami Banks, Ashton Turner, Kayla Liu, Kendrick Gettel, Nol Ortiz, Thadeus Ferreira, Tyler Thomas, Nathaniel Dow, Itzel Fahey Vivo, Emma Yeaman, Audrie Flores, Marin Collins, Sullivan Orgell, Isabella Scalzo, Teagan Kannely, Piper Roberts-Kane, Gabriella Dow, Malakai Weber, Jenna Heller, Maya Rosa, Sofia Rosa, Blake Byers, Leah Moos, Rylan Sampson.

IMPORTANT DATES TO CALENDAR:

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| August 12, Friday: | Class lists posted outside of the school office at 4:00 |
| August 17, Wednesday: | First Day of School-Welcome Back Social and Coffee 8:05 |
| August 30, Tuesday: | Back to School Night (Primary) 5:45-7:00 |
| September 1, Thursday: | Back to School Night (Intermediate) 5:45-7:00 |



May Students of the Month



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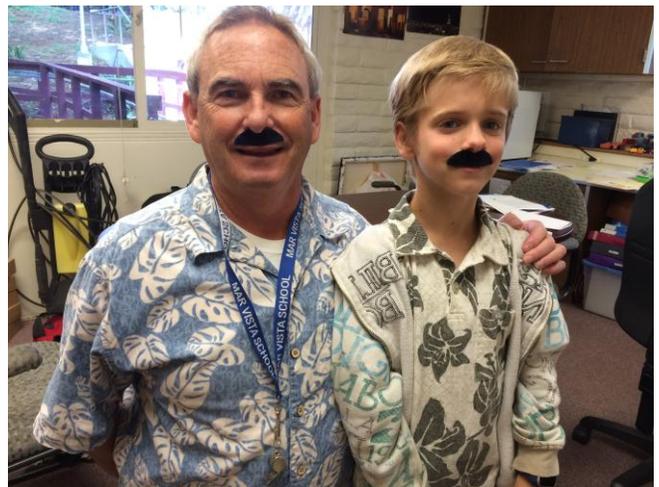
Mr. Jacobsmeyer's 6th Grade Class



Mrs. Ashworth's 6th Grade Class



Mar Vista International Team Representing Ireland



Principal Noah and his Assistant



Travis Melton finished 3rd at the County Math Contest



Boardwalk Winners