



Welcome to Mar Vista Home of the Sea Lions

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November 2016

Happy
Thanksgiving

School News:

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov. 10 End of first trimester
- ◆ Nov. 11 Veteran's Day. No School!
- ◆ Nov. 15 Site Council 3:00-4:00. Library
- ◆ Nov. 18 Mar Vista Skate Night. 7:30
- ◆ Nov. 14-18 Parent Conference Week.
- ◆ Nov. 16 School Wide celebration, marking the end of the first trimester

Dear Mar Vista Families

As I reflect on the many things for which I am thankful, I want to take this opportunity to share just a few of them with you. I am thankful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn, they give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. I am thankful for the support of the parents in creating an outstanding partnership for our students. I am thankful for the teachers, assistants, health aides, bus drivers, secretaries, nurses, support staff and administrators who really care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. I am also thankful for our volunteers who enthusiastically contribute so much to our school.

Most importantly, I am thankful for the parents that always go above and beyond in assisting in making Mar Vista such a special place. They continue to share their most valuable possession with us and work hard and advocate to be a partner in their children's education, safety and well-being. For this, I am ever so thankful.

I would like to wish all of you and your families a Happy, Healthy and relaxing Thanksgiving Holiday?

Open Enrollment Intra-District Transfer Process

The Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) will begin implementing its Open Enrollment Intra-District Transfer process for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications will be accepted November 1 through December 22, 2016. Open Enrollment Intra-District Transfers will be processed based on space-available. Remember that the application deadline for Open Enrollment is **December 22, 2016**. If you have any questions, please contact the Mar Vista Office. Please refer to Mar Vista's home page for all of the information and forms pertaining to Open Enrollment Intra-District Transfer Process. **Parents should be aware that transportation is not provided for students on Intra-District Transfers and bus passes will not be issued to these students.**

Visitors to Mar Vista

All parents, parent volunteers, and other visitors on campus during the school day must check into the front office to sign-in and receive a visitor's badge. If you don't have a visitor's badge, a staff member will direct you to the office. We want to keep our campus safe for all of our children.

How to Report Bullying at School

Parents should notify the school each time their child reports that they have been bullied at school. While talking with the school regarding the bullying incident is effective, it is more important to put it in writing.

- To Report a Bullying situation at school please refer to our home page for the referral process. All situations are taken very seriously will be dealt with in a timely matter.
- It saddens me when I hear of bullying situations that have persisted for a long period of time before I was notified.



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Parent-teacher conference Week

The week of November 14 has been set aside for our conferences. This is a short meeting between parents and teachers to discuss children's progress at school. This meeting supplements the information conveyed by report cards by focusing on students' specific strengths and weaknesses in individual subjects and generalizing the level of inter-curricular skills and competences. It is imperative that parents show up on time for the pre-arranged conference, the teachers schedules are extremely tight.

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Mar Vista, during Parent-Teacher conference week November 14th through November 18th. Please consider purchasing some new reading material for your children or purchase some books to donate to your child's classroom library (all purchases donated to classroom libraries will receive a 20% discount). Books make of a wonderful holiday gift. Hope to see you there!

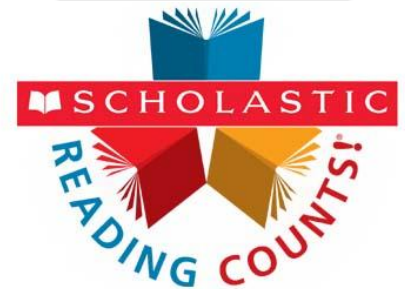
If you are interested in volunteering at the book fair please contact Keri at keri_carvill@pvusd.net or 831-761-6177 ext.7184.

Mar Vista Community Skate Night !!!

Where: The Roller Palladium
1606 Seabright Ave.

When: Friday, November 18th
7:30pm-10pm

A portion of entrance fee comes back to Mar Vista. Cost \$7.50 includes entrance and skate rental. They don't take cards bring cash!



October students of the month – Sponsored by Quiznos

Parents Staying Connected- Join Parent Email Group

Sign up to be emailed the MV Parent Newsletter. You just need to follow the link below to join.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/subscribe/MarVistaParents>

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PARENTS, YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL SESSION TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP)

November 21st, 2016

6:00 to 7:30 PM

Mar Vista Cafeteria

Parents from Bradley, Rio Del Mar, and Valencia elementary schools have also been invited.

Scoop Up A Good Book

Accelerated Reader is one component of our literacy program for 2nd-6th grader. As you may be familiar with, students first take the STAR test which helps determine their reading level. They then read books within their independent reading zone. AR quizzes are available for most books.

As a school, we have decided to celebrate goal setting and the reaching of reading goals. The visual representation of this is in the cafeteria: Each classroom teacher has an ice cream scoop and each student has a cone that they have decorated. After each goal period, students who reach their AR goal will receive a scoop of paper ice cream to decorate and hang on their cone. They will also be invited to an AR party, where they will receive an actual treat!

The AR windows are listed below. Please support your child by reading with them daily and checking in with them on their progress toward their reading goals.



AR Marking Periods:

Sept 26 – Nov 10

Nov 14 – Dec 22

Jan 18 – Feb 24

Feb 27 – Apr 13

Apr 17 – June 9



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Jump Rope for Heart

Mar Vista is excited to be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart, American Heart Association program. We are proud to partner with the American Heart Association in fighting heart disease and stroke. During this program your student(s) will learn the importance of developing heart-healthy habits, keeping them moving with practicing jump rope skills, and that raising funds to support cardiovascular research and education will help save lives in our community and across the country.

It is easy for your student(s) to ask for donations in person - practice sharing the heart health message using the script on the envelopes that came home with your student(s). Or by sending messages online - download the free mobile app by searching Jump/Hoops in the app store or log onto <http://heart.org/jump>.

Practicing for the event at home can be fun for the whole family. Spend time each week with some spare rope, or by purchasing a jump rope from a local retailer. Short ropes can be used for individual jumping whereas longer ropes can be turned by family members big and small. Start with the jumper in the middle then turn the rope, or see if they can enter a rope that is already turning!

Important dates to remember:

November 3rd: Kick-off assemblies

Information letter & collection envelopes sent home

November 22nd: EVENT DATE

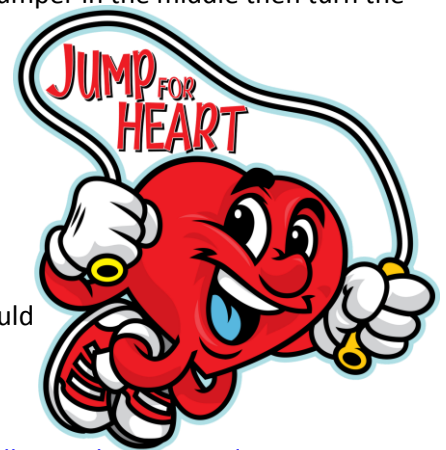
8:05-8:35 kindergarten and grades 1-3

1:00-1:30 TK, kindergarten and grades 4-6

All students will be participating in jump rope activities at the blacktop area.

Please feel free to come cheer them on, jump, or let Miss Murdock if you would like to volunteer for this event.

November 28th: Collection envelopes are due to the front office!



Thank you for your support. Please direct any question to Kelli Murdock at kelli_murdock@pvusd.net.



Halloween 2016