



# MAR VISTA SEA LION MONTHLY PARENT NEWSLETTER

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*Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are endless.*

*-Mother Teresa*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we end the first trimester, I'm encouraged by the acts of kindness and inclusiveness among our students from TK through 6th grade. As our school is rolling out Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, (PBIS) we are focusing on empathetic thinking and safe actions. Teachers and students have begun working in the various areas of the school to determine the expectations that keep everyone safe and feeling secure and respected on campus. We look forward to completing our work on this behavior expectation matrix which will eventually be posted around the school, in each classroom, and hopefully in the home of each student. This united effort to bring our learning community closer together will no doubt have long-lasting effects on student confidence both in and outside of the classroom. It is my great joy to be a part of this process and I appreciate the feedback from parents as we move forward.

Sincerely,

Ms. Stephanie Monroe



## CAMPUS SAFETY

Visitors to our campus are required to sign in at the office and wear a visitor or volunteer sticker at all times. Individuals not wearing a badge will be asked to return to the office to sign in.

Please remember to pull your car forward during drop off and pick up time to make room for other families. Please do not get out or park in the drop off/pick up lane. This slows things down and jams traffic. If you need to park, please use the tandem spaces or row of parking spaces in front of the school. You may also find spaces along the left side of the lane exiting the school grounds. We appreciate your help !

## ACADEMIC UPDATE

Our next testing window for our tri-annual NWEA MAP testing is Dec. 3-14 in grades 2-6. MAP



testing is a standardized, computer adaptive test that tracks student growth throughout the year. This Fall we have been preparing the students by inputting their Fall MAP data into khanacademy/mappers to differentiate their instruction to meet their specific needs and goals.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**November 5-9** - Conference Week

**November 12** - Veterans Day Observed

**November 13** - Earthquake Drill, SSC @ 4:30, MVP Meeting @ 5:30

**November 15** - Ecology Action Walking Audit, The Ned Show Mindset Assembly

**November 16** - Student Council Spirit Day: Twins/Multiples Day

**November 19** - Lockdown Drill

**November 20** - Report cards go home

**November 21-23** - Thanksgiving Recess

**November 27** - ELAC Meeting

**November 27-30** - 6th Graders to Outdoor Science Camp.





## HOME CONNECTIONS



### Modeling Good Citizenship

- ▶ Be a good role model at all times. Children learn from what they witness
- ▶ Model a clear sense of right and wrong by obeying laws and making thoughtful decisions.
- ▶ Show children you care about people by modeling friendship with others, lending a hand to neighbors, or working with charity organizations
- ▶ Practice recycling at home. It demonstrates wise use of Earth's resources.

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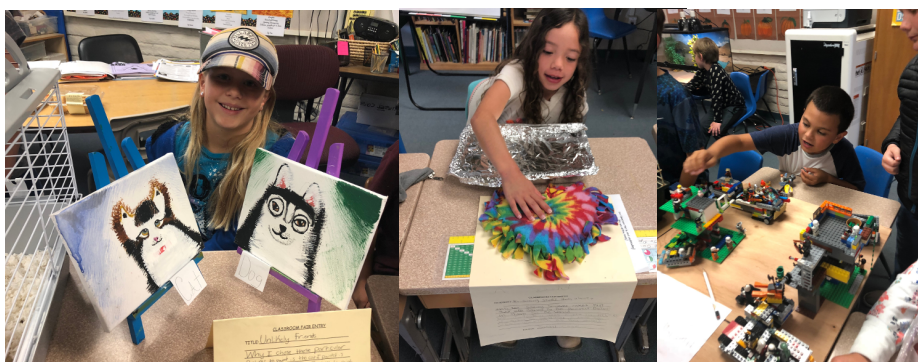
### DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

After school, students will walk to ACE, after school classes or to the bus lines and pick up lane. Please make sure your child knows how they should go home each day.

Make sure to call the office in advance if there are any changes to the routine. Students are not allowed to wait on playground or field. There is no supervision available after 2:20 pm.



## A CLOSER LOOK...



This section of the newsletter will showcase some of the many newsworthy events that occur on campus. Over the past month we've seen the 3rd grade classes present their amazing talents and pets at the 3rd Grade Classroom Fair. It was a great delight to see families visit the classes while students used their Writing and Speaking skills to tell about their areas of expertise.

We also had a great College Week when students learned about the value of a college education and what that might mean for them and their families. It was a lot of fun to see the college t-shirts and colors that Friday last month!

I also want to give a big shout out to the parents who coordinated the Fall Harvest Festival. So many students, families and community members came out for a beautiful day filled with

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### School Site Council

SSC Meetings are monthly and are open to the public. Please join us and learn more about the oversight of school funds and initiatives promoting school improvement.

**Next Meeting is Tuesday 11/27 4:40-5:30**

### 2018-2019 School Year

Parent members: Steven Graff, Alicia Mendoza, Carrie Mulcaire, Nora Mustaffa, Yanelly Montejano

Staff members: Mallory Bremner, Marie Minvielle, Brenda Ashworth, Kim Young, Stephanie Monroe