



Welcome to Mar Vista Home of the Sea Lions

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School News:

Dear Mar Vista Families

How you start the school year can determine how well the rest of the year will go. Here is how to make sure your child gets off to a great start this year:

- Review school safety. Talk to your child about the importance of following school rules. The Code of Conduct at Mar Vista School is **Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible**.
- Get to know your child's teacher. When parents and teachers are on the same team, kids do better in school. Once you've met face to face, you'll find it easier to ask questions or share a concern about your child. Set goals. Students who do best in school have both short and long term goals. Whether it's earning high marks in math, your child needs goals to keep them on the right track.
- Settle into a routine. Kids thrive on predictability. Have a regular time for homework. Set and stick to a regular bedtime. Plan a morning routine that gets everyone out the door on time.
- Don't over schedule your child. Give them time to unwind after school.
- Be interested in your child's schoolwork. Ask them about school every day.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct. 2 Teacher's SBC day. No sch. for students.
- ◆ Oct. 6 -9 6th grade Outdoor school.
- ◆ Oct. 8 Bike/Walk to School
- ◆ Oct 13 Site Council 4:30-5:30 Library.
- ◆ Oct. 13 MVP 6:00-7:30 Library.
- ◆ Oct. 14 Spirit Day Wear your favorite sports team attire.
- ◆ Oct. 21 Vision/Hearing testing.
- ◆ Oct. 25 Annual Harvest Festival.
- ◆ Oct. 29 School picture retakes.
- ◆ Oct. 30 Halloween Parade 1:30.
- ◆ Nov. 1 Standard time begins. Set your clocks back one hour.

Early Bird Computer Lab

Attention mar Vista Families, Early Bird in the computer lab is now open from 7:30-8:00 Monday through Friday. GREAT NEWS, Jennifer Manier a fully credentialed teacher and reading intervention specialist, is available in Early Bird to monitor your student on Lexia. This program is differentiated to your specific student's skill level. The program is designed for Kinder through 5th grade. In addition to Lexia, the students can take AR quizzes; work on math facts, Manga High (math), Starfall, Dance mat typing, and word processing. Take advantage of this excellent resource. This program is available for all grades. The additional 30 minutes of daily practice is well worth it and may be just what your student needs to push them forward academically.

MVP (Mar Vista Parents): We have a very dedicated and enthusiastic parent association that goes above and beyond to support our educational programs and enhance student education. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00pm to 7:30 pm in the school Library.

School Site Council (SSC) meets the second Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 5:30 in the school Library. Our School Site Council is working to set up a team of volunteers to help our teachers with some of their clerical workload (copying, laminating, cutting etc.) Each volunteer would pick their specific day of the week to help for about 1 or 2 hours. If you can help, please contact Sit Council parent Representative Kristin at jslubell@yahoo.com or 230-4397.

IMPORTANT DATES TO CALENDAR:

Friday, November 6: End of the First Trimester

Monday, November 16 through Friday November 20: Parent Conference Week

Wednesday, November 25 through Friday November 27: Thanksgiving Recess.



Mar Vista School Newsletter

Parking and Traffic In and Out of School

We can't stress it enough, plan to have your child to school by 7:50am every day. This will ensure that they will be in class on time and help prevent you from being stuck in the morning traffic. **Also Please remember never to leave your vehicle unattended in the drop off/pick up area at any time.** Always pull your vehicle forward when in the drop off pick up zone. If you wish to walk your child to class, please park your vehicle in one of the designated parking areas. It is ok to park in the short term parking and walk with your child into the school. **Do Not** double park behind handicap parking at the end this will block the flow of traffic.

When picking up in the afternoon, staff left in the express pick-up Lane when entering the school. The right hand side is for the buses and parking ONLY. Also when pulling into the school, it is imperative that we do not block access for the buses.

Unfortunately, our parking lot is not the best design. We need to be patient with each other and plan accordingly. Let's be good role models for our children. We are all in this together.



Harvest Festival!

It's time for our annual Harvest Festival! This amazing community event is a longstanding tradition at Mar Vista and in Aptos. And with good reason – it's a lot of fun!! This year it'll be held on Sunday October 25th from 12-4. Please come and enjoy!

Helpers are also needed, be it set up, helping for an hour working a booth or selling tickets. Whatever your preference, we have tons of options! Please visit the following sit to sign up:

<https://marvistaharvestfestival.shutterfly.com>.



September students of the month



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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