



Welcome to Mar Vista Home of the Sea Lions

October 2016

School News:

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct 4: ELAC Mtg.
4:00-5:00 Rm: 21
- ◆ Oct. 4: SSC Mtg. 4:00-5:00 Library
- ◆ October 5: Banana Slug Assembly.
- ◆ October 6: Bike/Walk to School.
- ◆ October 7: Teacher Work Day, **No school for Students.**
- ◆ October 18 MVP Mtg.
6:00 to 7:30 Library
- ◆ October 12: Spirit Day: Crazy Hair Day.
- ◆ October 14: Vision/Hearing Test
Grades: K-2-5.
- ◆ Oct. 20: Earth quake drill.
- ◆ Oct 26: Spirit Day Twin Day.
- ◆ Oct 27: School Picture Make-Up
- ◆ Oct 30: Fall Festival.
- ◆ Oct 31: Halloween Parade 1:30



The Drive has Begun !!

Drive for schools is one of our most effective and effortless fundraisers.

Sponsored by Toyota of Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz Boardwalk, this county wide school fundraiser has brought in more the 5 million dollars for our county schools since its inception 11 years ago.

Everything is taken care of, all we have to do is sell the Drive for Schools tickets that came home with you children last week, fill out the stubs and return them back to the school with your child's name—it's really that simple. You can also buy online at <https://squareup.com/store/mvps-club/item/drive-for-schools>. Prizes for the Drawing at the Boardwalk on October 23 range from a new Prius, Outback, or \$25,000 to gift cards for local establishments, Boardwalk packs, Chardonnay Sailing excursions and even \$1,000.00 cash prizes!

The Mar Vista Parents Club needs money to fund classroom needs as well as art, music and technology in the school that the district just can't provide. And 100% of all tickets sold comes straight to **our** school!!!

There are many incentives for our children as well. School wide prizes include weekly Popsicle parties, pizza parties, a Boardwalk fun pack, a coveted parking spot, as well as new this year Pokemon keychains or Beanie Boo's if your child sells \$100 or more. Earbuds, a Kendama or better Pokemon keychains for sales of \$250 or more and an awesome Mar Vista zipper sweatshirt or hoodie of sales of \$500 or more! Each classroom gets back 10% of their sales this year as well!!

So let's reach for the stars and surpass last year's goal and sell \$25,000 this year !!! The Drive goes until October 16th...All tickets and money must be returned to school by October 16th in order to be entered into the drawing!!! The Race is on let's win it for our children!!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

IMPORTANT DATES TO CALENDAR:

Sunday, November 6: Standard time begins - set your clocks back 1 hour

Thursday, November 10: End of the First Trimester

Monday, November 14 through Friday, November 18: Parent Conference Week

Wednesday, November 16: Annual pancake breakfast

Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25: Thanksgiving Recess



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Harvest Festival!

Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday Oct. 30th from 12-4pm at Mar Vista! We will have games, music, bounce houses, treats, crafts, a pumpkin carving contest, a costume parade and more!! Food trucks from Pono, Ate3one, Zameen, Carmonas & Lucy's will be there at this community wide celebration!! We are still seeking volunteers and there are lots of opportunities to help out. If you're interested, please contact Kiersten Testorff at Kiersten@baymoon.com



Tips For School Success

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.

RESPONSIBILITY & RESPECT

Traits of a good Sea Lion

Beginning with the new school month, we will focus on a specific character trait for the month of October it will be **Responsibility** and **Respect**.

Responsibility is doing what you are supposed to do. Responsible students think ahead, set reasonable goals, control their tempers, and always to their best. They don't give up easily especially when others are counting on them. Responsible students are accountable for the consequences of the choices; they don't blame others for their mistakes.

Respect: is showing others that they are valued for who they are, for their character, not what they look like or what they have. It means treating others the way you want to be treated, never insulting or making fun of others

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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.



June Students of the Month



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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