



Upcoming Events

Sept. 7 Labor Day
NO SCHOOL

Sept. 8 MVP Mtg.
6:00-7:30 Lib.

Sept. 9 Spirit Day
Hawaiian/Tropical
Dress-up.

Sept. 11 School
Pictures

Sept. 15 SSC
Mtg. 4:30-6:00.
Lib.

Sept. 23 Spirit
Day. Black and
White Day.

Sept. 23. Drive
for Drive begins.

Sept. 29 Picture
Retakes.

Oct. 2 Teacher
SBC Day.
No School for
students.

Oct. 8 Bike
Walk to School.



Welcome to Mar Vista Home of the Sea Lions

September 2015

School News:

Richard Determan, Principal
(To Be Hired) Academic Coordinator
Barbara Di Puma, School Office Manager

Dear Mar Vista Families,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year at Mar Vista. The intent of this letter is to welcome you to the Mar Vista family. We consider ourselves a family because we have a common interest...giving your child the best possible education and accomplishing that, by having home and school work together. Our faculty, of dedicated and distinguished teachers, are looking forward to seeing our returning parents and students, as well as meeting new families who have moved in the neighborhood.

This is a reminder of some of our policies that parents often have questions about:

Parents, it is critical that you understand and acknowledge that students can **ONLY** be released to adults who are listed on the child's "Emergency Card." Please make sure to update your information on the "Emergency Card" expediently if changes occur.

- The first day of school classroom assignments are considered to be firm. Remember, placement was carefully selected for your child by the principal and the grade level team of teachers. Students' attitudes toward their teachers and school are highly influenced by the attitudes of their parents. We can all provide your children and our students with a successful beginning of the school year experience by responding to their classroom assignments with positive enthusiasm.
- Kinder through grade Two class size limit is 24. Students might have to be transferred to another class if we exceed that number. We will do everything possible to make this transition for the student as smooth as possible.

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. Brittany Dixel is the MVP president for this school year and will be encouraging your participation as a MVP member. There will be information available at "Back to School Night" on ways you can help serve the students at Mar Vista.

Student Who Made a Difference:

I would like to acknowledge a special young girl who saw a need and did something about the situation. Harlyn Cavanagh's best friend, Giselle Perez, died unexpectedly this summer on July 10. Giselle was a fourth grade student at Mar Vista. Harlyn wanted to support the Perez family. She started a "Go fund me" account which raised over \$30,000.00, thanks to the generosity of the Mar Vista Community. We want to recognize Harlyn for her dedication and thoughtfulness.



Mar Vista

School Newsletter

These Mar Vista students participated in the Watsonville Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Good work, readers!

Anissa Ortega – Scarlett Salinas – Kai Ortiz – Nol Ortiz
Kaden Ortiz – Aiden Gonzalez Cisneros.

Aptos HS Parent Education Series

Aptos High School, in partnership with Pacific Collegiate, is hosting a screening of **The Mask You Live In**. This film explores boys' struggles to stay true to themselves while negotiating America's narrow definition of masculinity. The event will be held on Wednesday, September 30 from 6:30 PM to 8:30PM. For additional details please visit AHS parent Education Series webpage. **This event is for parents ONLY !!!!**



Parking and Traffic In and Out of School

We cannot stress it enough, plan to have your child(ren) 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(ren) to class, please park your vehicle in one of the designated parking areas. It is ok to park in the short term parking and buses area- double parking is permitted in this area and to walk with your child(ren) 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, stay 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 was 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.



Student Council

Some of the members of Mar Vista's student council served refreshments to our wonderful staff last Friday commemorating a successful back to school week. Thank you!



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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