



# Spotlights

Monta Loma Elementary



**Wednesday, December 13th, 2017.**

Core value of the month: Hard Work

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Monta Loma Families,

The Monta Loma Staff wish you a very peaceful December break. We hope it is filled with good company and much love.

As thoughts turn to the new year, it's a good time to reflect on the goals in our site plan. One of our goals is to increase our attendance to rate to 97%. Currently our rate is 96.92%. We are so close!

You can help us meet our goal by making sure your student is at school on time every day unless they are sick. Here are a few tips that may help you.

- Let your child know that you think attending school daily is important.
- Give yourself and children enough time to get ready. No TV on school mornings
- Plan ahead the night before by having kids choose clothes and shoes and pack their backpacks.
- Set a regular bedtime schedule.
- Have a back-up plan for traffic or car trouble.
- Plan your family vacations and appointments during school breaks.

Together we can ensure your student gets the full benefit of education by being at school every day.

We look forward to seeing all of you again in the new year.

In partnership,

Gloria Higgins



## NEWS FROM THE PTA

**Winter Food and Coat Drive ends today!** Our annual Food and Clothing Drive is going strong with many classrooms well on their way to 100 items! Please send non-expired, non-perishable food items with your student. **Suggested donation list:** <https://www.csacares.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/CSA-Food-Drive-Wish-List.pdf>

We are also still in need of **a few more coats** especially youth size 12-14 for our families who very much need them now that frosty mornings have arrived. Call the office or just bring a new coat to the office and we'll find the best match. Contact Shanna Bengtson at [shannamaybe@gmail.com](mailto:shannamaybe@gmail.com) for more info.

Our deep thanks to everyone who has already contributed! We greatly appreciate your generosity in support of our students and local families!

Registration is open for **Lego Robotics** Beginners Course for **grades 3-5**. Meets Mondays Jan 22 thru Mar 12. Please return attached application to the front office.

**Amazon shoppers** – don't forget to use Monta Loma's Amazon link to earn our school up to 5% <https://tinyurl.com/y7kyn9zy>

**Happy Holidays!** PTA Board wishes all families a joyous holiday season and hopes everyone enjoys the time off from school as quality time with your children. We are grateful for the vibrant community here at Monta Loma and look forward to seeing you all in 2018.

## NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

### **Open Enrollment for new MVWSD students starts Jan. 5: What parents need to know**

For NEW students: Open Enrollment is from January 5-February 2 online. You can register your child for the 2018-19 school year when online registration opens on January 5 here: [www.mvwsd.org/register](http://www.mvwsd.org/register)

New student information nights at Mistral Elementary (Spanish-English dual immersion program) and Stevenson Elementary (parent participation program) are on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. These nights are a good opportunity to learn about a specific elementary school or program.

For CURRENT students in transitional kindergarten-7th grade: Parents will be asked by email to confirm enrollment in January. Parents may complete a school transfer request application online January 5 - February 2. For more information, call [650-526-3500](tel:650-526-3500) or go to [www.mvwsd.org/register](http://www.mvwsd.org/register).

## CALENDAR

### **Thursday, December 14, 2017**

5th Grade Field Trip to The Marine Science Institute (Room 13), 7:10am – 12:00pm

### **Friday, December 15, 2017**

Pajama Day

**Monday, December 18 through Tuesday, January 2, 2018**

**December Break/No School Days**

**Wednesday, January 3, 2018**

**Happy New Year! Welcome back to school!**

## **FLYERS**

[December Menu](#)

[ML After School Art Club \(K-2nd Grade\)](#)

[After School Art Club \(3rd-5th Grade\)](#)

[Creative Writing After School Class at ML](#)

[Lego Robotics](#)

[Winter Sports Club](#)

[Living Classroom Winter Volunteer Training](#)

[Design and Programming Camp for Students](#)