



Spotlights

Monta Loma Elementary



Wednesday, January 31th, 2018.
Core value of the month: Responsibility

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Monta Loma Families,

LCAP

On February 6. I will be sharing a presentation with our Site Council and ELAC regarding our Local Control Accountability Plan, or LCAP. Districts are required to collaborate with parents and community members to create their LCAP. The plan details the district's goals for improving student outcomes in the State of California's eight priorities.

I invite you to attend on the 6th to hear details about the plans and the process. You will also be invited to share your input for the plan through a survey that will be open from February 2nd to March 2nd. Your participation is vital to our success. I hope to see you there!

Leopard Leaders

It was a pleasure to recognize so many leaders at our Leopard Launch this week. Congratulations to the following students for modeling respect.

Zuzu V., Nicholas W., Bladen P., Daisy P., Caden S., Lily W., Kevin K., Scarlett A., Luna S., Keila P., Aaron L., Elyse C., Tommy S., Matthew C., Leah W., Khloe G., Tyson C., Leryn C., Carla M., Kevin C., Anais O., Dayne M., Maya M., Payton J., Leo W., Rosa C., Kevin W., Daniel E., Kaylie T., Deven M., Lizbeth O., Sanaa R., Xavier G., Alexandra G., and James K.,

Dogs on Campus

A gentle reminder that dogs may not be on campus during school hours (7:30-3:30). This includes the field and blacktop. Outside of those hours, dogs must be on a leash. Many of our students have allergies. Please help us keep our students safe and healthy by following these rules.

In partnership,

Gloria

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Word of the Week

Assess. Assess is a verb that means to test or check. Students may be asked to assess the accuracy of their math work by using the opposite operation. They might also relate the word to the noun assessment. As a bonus word learning strategy, the word part -ment changes verbs to nouns.

NEWS FROM THE ML PTA

GAME NIGHT THIS FRIDAY Feb 2 @ 6-7:30pm (Concessions start at 5:15pm)! Challenge your teachers and fellow students to a host of fun board games and activities! Join us and witness the unveiling of our **new school logo**. Concessions hosted by 1st and 4th grade families. Hope to see you there!

Last week for **MVEF Raffle tickets** on sale now on campus before and after school. Look for Debbie Chin in a silly top hat. Great prizes and a great cause! Prizes: Shoreline tickets, Dinner for 4 at Four Seasons, \$250 gift certificate to cycle shop. MVEF funds our in-class art, music, science programs and much more! Visit <https://www.mvef.org/> for more info on how vital MVEF is to Monta Loma.

How will District map changes affect your family? Ask Bill on Feb 9 @ 8:45! Bring your questions and concerns as Bill Lambert joins us in the multi to discuss Enrollment Priorities. Bill is a former school board member and long time Monta Loma supporter. There will also be a short PTA meeting to pass mid-year budget changes. We need your vote to fund the rest of the year's activities!

The **MVEF Winter Gala and Auction** is less than one month away! Come join parents and community members **on Feb 10** as we gather to raise funds to support every child, at every school with a night of **dinner, dancing and dessert**. You can dance, bid on amazing auction items, buy some wine, grab a gift card or two to your favorite restaurants, all the while ensuring that MVEF meets their goal of raising over \$750,000 to bring art, music, hands-on science, environmental field trips, middle school athletics and more to all MVWSD students!

Learn more here: www.mvef.org Dinner tickets are going fast. Purchase by February 1st to guarantee a seat!

Volunteer spotlight – looking for a small way to help the school? Help is needed posting weekly reminder messages on the big black sign hanging off the fence outside the front office. This task takes about **15 mins a week** and can be a great way to get kids involved too by sorting letters and checking spelling. Can be a great way to fill the gap between Kinder dismissal and regular dismissal. Please email us at montalomapta@gmail.com to find out more.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

Please confirm your child's school registration for the 18-19 school year by February 2.

We have a new, convenient online registration system called SchoolMint. Look for an e-mail from Schoolmint dated Jan. 5 with the registration website address and your username. If you didn't receive a login email, please call [650-526-3252 extension 3](tel:650-526-3252) for help. To learn more go to www.mvwsd.org/register. You can also contact the school office. We are happy to help you complete your child's registration.

Please note: Current transitional kindergarten and fifth-grade families need to complete two steps in Schoolmint. First select actions "Returning" or "Not Returning". Then click the green button "Add/Edit New Student Application" to start registration and/or request a school transfer.

Feb. 8: State of the Schools Event Please join MVWSD Superintendent Dr. Ayindé Rudolph for the State of the Schools event.

WHEN: Thursday, Feb 8 at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Auditorium, Crittenden Middle School, [1701 Rock Street, Mountain View](#)

Dr. Rudolph will speak about this year's successes and challenges in our schools, and what can be expected in the future. All are welcome to this free event. Spanish interpretation will be provided.

Performances: Graham Middle School and Crittenden Middle School vocal ensembles

Please reserve your free seat [here](#)

Now, more Mountain View families are eligible for MVWSD's preschool program, due to recent changes at the state and county level. Through the Santa Clara Child Care Subsidy Pilot, the income eligibility ceiling for those applying for our free preschool program is now \$71,065/year (a family of 4). Additionally, children who have their third birthday on or before December 1st (as opposed to September 1st) can now enroll in preschool, though priority enrollment for 4 year olds has not changed.

To make it even easier, families no longer have to re-certify or re-apply to the preschool program and prove income eligibility requirements in their child's second year of preschool. Their initial application will remain valid for 24 months, without worry that income changes could affect their child's pre-schooling.

The highly-rated MVWSD Preschool is currently enrolling for a few remaining spaces for 2017-18 and accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year. Enrollment for 2018-19 will begin in March. See www.mvwsd.org/preschool for applications and details.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

The MVLA High School District presents "Math Night", Feb. 6 from 6:30-8:00 in MVHS Theater, 3535 Truman Ave. It's for families who will attend high school at MVLA. The night will include information about the high school math pathways available to students. In addition, the Computer Science and Engineering courses and pathways will be presented.

Parenting in the Age of Technology: Protecting our Children In An Age of Access

Wednesday, Feb. 7th, 6:30-8pm, Graham Middle School MUR. Presenters: my digital TAT2

This workshop will explore:

- *Rapid change in technology and how our children are using social media
- *Strategies for supporting and staying connected to our children
- *Interactive discussion, videos, and real life scenarios to help parents show children how to navigate, self-regulate, slow down and think before they act.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Come early to connect with resources!

Provided: Interpretation (Spanish support), Child care, Transportation (Bus departs from Castro Elementary and Crittenden Middle at 6 p.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m.)

[Register here](#)

Local Resource Guide for Learning Challenges Do you need help finding summer camps to fit your child's needs? Recreational opportunities that are accepting and inclusive? Therapists, advocates, tutors? Please check out SELPA1CAC's Local Resource Guide! at www.selpa1cac.org or tinyurl.com/localresourceguide. We are always interested in updates and additions, let us know how we can make the Guide for useful!

Wed. Feb. 7, 2018, 7PM-9PM Santa Rita Elementary School, Better Communication with Your Teen, DBT w/Michael Fitzgerald, SELPA 1 CAC Parent Education Event Michael Fitzgerald, Executive Director of Behavioral Health Services at El Camino Hospital will discuss the benefits of DBT (Dialectical Behavior Therapy). Learn why DBT is so effective and how parents can use the concept to have better communication with their teens. "Sometimes parents are unaware of how their teens are reacting to their verbal and nonverbal cues...at times teens don't feel validated by their families...teens crave acceptance...parents can learn to avoid phrases that reinforce negative self images...both parents and teens can learn how to communicate more positively." DBT combines cognitive behavioral techniques for emotion regulation with concepts of mindful awareness, distress tolerance and acceptance.

MVEF Winter Gala and Auction is February 10th!

The Winter Gala and Auction is less than two weeks away. MVEF hopes you will join for some fun and fundraising as we "let the music play!" Our auction team has been hard at work finding experiences, items, and events that will inspire you to bid. Here is a sneak peek:

Dinner for four at the Mountain View Firehouse.
Two behind-the-scenes VIP Tesla factory tours.
A private shopping event at Anthropologie.
Tickets to museums, sporting events, summer camps and more.
We hope you will attend! Learn more at mvef.org

Tue. Feb. 13, 2018, 7PM-8:30PM, Los Altos Library, Parent Chat

Are you concerned about the emotional well being of your child? Come to Parent Chat, peer to peer support for parents of teens. Hosted by the Mental Health Subcommittee of SELPA 1 CAC.

Mon. Feb. 12, 2018, 7-9PM, Los Altos Library, Let's Talk

A chance to ask questions and share ideas, resources, and support with other parents of students with IEPs, 504s, learning differences, mental health challenges, etc. All are welcome, participants must respect confidentiality.

CALENDAR

Friday, February 2, 2018

Game Night and MUR Grand Opening @ MUR, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Ribbon Cutting and Concessions start at 5:15pm)

Friday, February 9, 2018

Coffee with the Principal and PTA Meeting @ MUR, 8:45 – 9:10 am

Saturday, February 10, 2018

MVEF Gala @ MV Senior Center, 5:30 – 1:00 pm

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

ML Science Fair Info Night @ ML Library, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Friday, February 16, 2018

Bike/Walk to School Day, 8:00 – 8:30 am

End of the Trimester = Minimum Day

Monday, February 19 to Friday, February 23, 2018

Winter Break = No School Days

Monday, February 26, 2018

ML CSMA Music in Action @ MUR, 1:10 – 2:10pm

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

2nd Grade Field Trip to the Levi Stadium, 8:30am – 2:15pm

Wednesday, February 28 to Saturday, March 3, 2018

ML Used Book Sale @ MUR

Friday, March 2, 2018

ML VIP Reading Day

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[Game Night](#)

[ML Book Sale/Gently Used Book Collection](#)

[Quinteto Latino at ML](#)

[College and Career Workshop at Graham Middle School](#)

[Swim Lessons](#)

[Winter Break Basketball Camp](#)

[We are Fighting the Flu](#)

[CSMA Spring Art Camps](#)

[Free Workshop for Parents](#)