



Spotlights

Monta Loma Elementary



Wednesday, August 16th, 2017.

Core value of the month: Respect

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ML Parents,

Welcome back. It's been an amazing start to the school year. No doubt you've noticed a lot of changes.

Monta Loma Elementary School's construction began this summer. After a few finishing touches, the summer work will be complete on classroom modernization and remodeling of student restrooms to improve accessibility. The parking lots and student drop off zone were also improved. This summer, we also demolished two pods, added two portable buildings, and installed a new fire loop.

While a great amount of work was done this summer, there is still more to do. The Multi-Use Room expansion will continue through December 2017. This work will expand Multi Use Room to allow for 225 students to eat or 450 students to attend assemblies at one time. Plans also include improvements to food service and increased storage capacity. Students' meals will be served from the former staff room, and students will eat at the picnic tables or in their classrooms on rainy days until we are back in the MUR.

It's intentional that construction work throughout campus was done over the summer and that current work is concentrated on the MUR area. The District will follow procedures and best practices to reduce as much as possible any potential disruptions. The District will use the standard construction practice of watering down soil as it becomes dry to reduce dust. The fences surrounding the zone will have screens on them to help contain dust. The equipment used on the site and dust control measures we employ comply with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District standards.

During the Summer of 2018, roofing and renovation of the staff and office areas will be completed. Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility. We are grateful for your partnership. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email.

In partnership,

Gloria

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Welcome Back Leopards! Don't miss **Principal's Coffee this Friday** as Principal Higgins walks us through how Responsive Classroom technique is incorporated into a typical school day. Stop by the PTA table at **Back to School Night**, Wed 8/23, for info on after school enrichment, PTA, MVEF, and more.

Huge thank you to the many parents, grandparents, guardians and families who pitched in Sunday on our last-minute plea to help teachers prepare their classrooms! Your help was invaluable!

Looking to get make a difference? Principal Higgins has been working closely with PTA on ways to enrich our school community. We have opportunities big and small to show our children how rewarding being a part of Monta Loma is. Please reach out to us anytime at montalomapta@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

MVWSD seeks parents, staff and community members for new Task Force groups

Task Force members lend perspective and expertise to important district work that benefits our students. Please consider serving on one of these groups, and let us know by Aug. 30 by completing an application here: <https://www.mvwsd.org/about/committees>.

Specifically, MVWSD is seeking parents from all schools, as well as MVWSD staff members. Spanish interpretation will be provided, if needed.

These committees will begin meeting in the coming weeks.

Wellness Advisory Committee

Enrollment Priorities Task Force

Budget Advisory Committee

Click here for tasks, details and requirements for each of these groups <https://www.mvwsd.org/about/committees>

CALENDAR

Friday, August 18, 2017

ML Coffee with the Principal/PTA Meeting @ Library, 8:35 – 9:35 am

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

ML: New Parent Orientation @ Library, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

ML: Back to School Night @ Blacktop, 6:00 – 7:55 pm
Event for parents only.

General meeting starting at 6:00 pm at the blacktop.

1st classroom visit at 6:30 - 7:10 pm.

2nd classroom visit at 7:15 - 7:55 pm.

Monday, August 28, 2017

ML Lego Robotics (Advanced) Starts @ Computer Lab, 3:15 – 5:00 pm
(Enrollment was done by invitation only)

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

ML School Site Council @ Library, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Scratch After School Program Starts for 4th and 5th Grade, @ Room TBD, 3:15 - 4:45pm

ML ELAC @ Library, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Monday, September 4, 2017

Labor Day/No School Day

FLYERS

[ML Scratch After School Program Enrollment Form](#)

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[MVWSD 2017-2018 School Calendar](#)

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[Annual Firefighters Pancake Breakfast](#)