



Spotlights

Monta Loma Elementary



Wednesday, November 8th, 2017.
Core value of the month: Courage

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Monta Loma Families,

How fitting that our core value this month is Courage as we celebrate our veterans this Friday. On Veteran's Day, we honor the men and women who have served our country in war and in peace. We also thank our future veterans who are serving our country now. It's in that spirit of honor and appreciation that I share with you the faces and stories of some important veterans in my life.



My father served in the United States Air Force for 26 years, rising through the ranks from private to Chief Master Sergeant. He joined the Air Force before graduating from high school, but he proudly earned his diploma as he served. He and my mother even more proudly put all of their children through college. I was just an infant when he went to Thailand during the Vietnam War. When he came home two years later, I didn't recognize him because he had grown a moustache and the photo I knew him from featured a clean shave.

My brother followed my father's footsteps to military service. His chosen branch was the United States Army, which he joined as an officer having participated in ROTC through college. His service brought him overseas for both Gulf Wars. The eldest of my siblings, he sets the bar high for the rest of us, and models perseverance and pride.

My cousin served as an enlisted member of the Army for a couple of tours in Germany. I was in high school when she returned home and regaled us with stories of adventure and humorous misadventure. I thought she was the coolest thing in town and I owe my driving skills to her.

You most likely have stories about your own family and friends who served in uniform. Some of you made the commitment to do so yourselves. To all our veterans and future veterans, thank you most sincerely for your service.

In partnership,

Gloria Higgins

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Monta Loma's "**Operation Gratitude**" is here again! Bring your **leftover Halloween candy** or buy up some of your favorite store's clearance aisle and bring it to **MLE front office**. These candy donations along with any **letters, cards or artwork** that students would like to include will be shipped to U.S. Troops. We will accept donations through Nov 17th. PTA will collect and pay for shipment costs. With Veteran's Day on Friday, this is a sweet way for our community to show our appreciation to our veterans.

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

Thank you everyone who attended last week's Principal's Coffee and PTA meeting. We value your input! Reach out to us anytime at montalomapta@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Annie Jr. at Crittenden Middle School Nov 17 and 18th at 7pm or Nov 19th at 2pm. Perfect to get in the mood for the holidays. Playing in their new theater which has 382 seats. Every seat is a good one! See attached flyer.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

MV Parent U: "Being an 'Askable Adult'--Talking to your child about sexuality" Nov. 8

Mountain View Parent U presents "Being an 'Askable Adult'--Talking to your child about sexuality" on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 6:30- 8 p.m. at the Crittenden Middle School MUR.

Presented by Health Connected, a Bay Area health education leader, parents will learn the why, what, how and when of talking with your kids about sexual health. Join us for a fun and interactive workshop that will inspire and assist trusted adults to engage their children in open and honest conversation.

The session is appropriate for adults with children of any age, and definitely relevant for adults with children approaching puberty through their teen years. 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 Graham Middle at 6 p.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m.)

[Register here](#)

Wed. Nov 15 18, 2017, 7–9 PM, Santa Rita Elementary

Executive Functioning with John Brentar, Morrissey Compton Educational Center

Executive functioning is the ability to plan, organize and complete tasks. Success in school requires good executive functioning skills like working memory, cognitive flexibility and inhibitory control. Children with learning challenges often have problems with executive functioning skills, but there are techniques that can help train everyone to enhance these skills. Every student can benefit by improving memory, organizational skills, and learning how to make better choices. Join John Brentar, PhD from the Morrissey-Compton Educational Center for a great night learning about executive functioning.

Mon. Nov 13, 2017, 10 AM-12PM, In Front of Whole Foods, 4800 El Camino Real, Los Altos

Let's Talk

(Temporary location for Holiday!) 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.

Tue. Nov 14, 2017, 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.

Tue. Nov. 14, 2017, 7-9 pm, at Bubb School in the MUR. Have your elementary students showed you a beautiful piece of art they made in their art class taught by a CSMA teacher? Sung a song their CSMA music teacher taught them? Did your middle schooler run cross country this fall or join morning choir? These are just some of the programs made possible by your donations to the Mountain View Educational Foundation. MVEF will be holding their monthly board meeting on November 14th at Bubb School in the MUR from 7-9 pm. Join us to learn more about the work MVEF does to support every child at every school, in Mountain View. The board meetings are open to all, and board members will be available to answer any questions prior to the meeting between 6:30-7 pm.

Tue. Nov. 14, 2017 - 7:00 - 9:00pm | MVHS Spartan Theatre |3535 Truman Avenue, Mountain View, CA MVLA speakers series presents “Raise an Adult” author The MVLA Parent Education Speaker Series presents ... Please join us as Julie Lythcott-Haims, author of “How to Raise an Adult,” talks about what it means to be a real American, her experiences with racism and micro-aggressions, and what we can do to foster greater understanding and compassion for individual differences in our racially and culturally diverse community. Her new memoir, “Real American,” was just released on October 3rd.

Admission is FREE, but please register: <https://mvla2017-julielythcott-haims.eventbrite.com>

Nov. 17–19, Film opening weekend

We have a unique opportunity to raise funds for Graham Performing Arts' Tour—as Lionsgate and the movie *WONDER* are donating \$1.00 per movie ticket to our cause. Please help us by spreading the word to see the film opening weekend (Nov 17-19). Tickets are on sale now! For sales to count: Get tickets at Filmraiser.com/tickets. Select *Graham Middle School Performing Arts*—and you will checkout via Fandango. Thank you!

CALENDAR

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Student Council @ Room 3, 12:30 – 1:15pm

ML Picture Day Make Up @ BTB Portable Room, 8:40 am – 12:30 pm

Friday, November 10, 2017

Veteran's Day/No School Day

Friday, November 17, 2017

Report cards will be sent home via e-mail. If you would like a paper copy of your report card, please send an e-mail to dmineraacuna@mvwsd.org and let Dafne know.

Mismatch Day

Power of One Assembly for students @ Library, 9:00 – 3:15 pm

Wednesday, November 22 thru Friday, November 24, 2017

Thanksgiving Break/No School Days

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

3rd and 4th grade attend a concert with the San Francisco Symphony

5th grade students who are in the Student Council will have a workshop on leadership.

Wednesday, December 1, 2017

Thanksgiving Break/No School Days

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Monta Loma Kindergarten 18-19 Information Night, 6:00 – 7:20 pm, ML Library

Friday, December 8, 2017

4th Grade Field Trip to The Tech Museum – San José, 8:45am – 2:30pm

Thursday, December 14, 2017

ML PTA Board Meeting, 6:00 – 8:15 pm, Location TBA

Friday, December 15, 2017

Pajama Day

Monday, December 18 through Tuesday, January 2, 2018

December Break/No School Days

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