



Spotlights

Monta Loma Elementary



Wednesday, October 25th, 2017.
Core value of the month: Compassion

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Monta Loma Families,

What is SIOP?

You might have heard about SIOP. It stands for Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol. SIOP is an instructional model that allows educators to design and deliver lessons to address the academic and linguistic needs of English learners while enhancing the overall learning environment for all students. It's a major component of Monta Loma's site plan this year.

Monta Loma is emphasizing four features of SIOP this year, language objectives, vocabulary, supplementary materials, and connecting past and new learning.

Language Objectives

Clearly defined language objectives connected to content objectives support students with the language structures and skills they need to be successful. Students are taught the necessary language to demonstrate their understanding alongside the mathematical concepts and skills

Vocabulary

A student may know a *relative* is a family member, but not understand *relative* as a comparative term. Teaching Tier 2 words like *relative* explicitly increases student comprehension. Stay tuned for more information about these words, which will we feature as Words of the Week at Leopard Launch, in Spotlights, and in classrooms.

Supplementary Materials.

Monta Loma teachers use state approved, high quality curriculum as core instructional material. We also use supplements such as educational software, videos, manipulatives and real objects to enhance the core curriculum. Teachers use these supplementary materials to differentiate and clarify concepts for students.

Linking Past and New Learning.

Making connections between what students have already learned and what they are learning helps them put concepts in context and retain information more readily.

SIOP-based teaching benefits all students, not just those who are learning English as an additional language. I invite you to come to the next PTA meeting on November 3rd to learn more about SIOP.

In partnership,
Gloria Higgins

SCHOOL NEWS

Halloween

Monta Loma will have its annual costume parade during our Leopard Launch on Monday, October 30th this year. We are hosting the parade on Monday to ensure our 5th graders can participate before they leave for science camp on Tuesday. Classroom activities for Halloween will vary by teacher and grade level. See your child's teacher for details. Alternative activities are available for anyone not wishing to participate in the costume parade or classroom activities.

Please note these rules for costumes.

- Keep it friendly-No weapons, violence, gore, or vulgar messaging.
- Masks are allowed only if they don't obstruct vision.
- Students should be able to put on and take off their own costumes.

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Mark your Calendar!

Fall Festival is next Friday Oct 27 3-6pm! Join the fun at this carnival-style event. The classrooms have designed some great games and the kids are so excited!

Volunteers needed! Please sign up outside your classroom or email montalomapta@gmail.com to volunteer. There are many timeslots and ways to help throughout the day including teardown 6-7pm. Big THANK YOU to game coordinators and everyone who has already signed up to staff games and concessions!

Reminder: At the Fall Festival, there will be tickets to purchase for games, food and treats! So, don't forget to bring cash or checks.

Get your bake on! Do you and your kiddos love to bake? Help us and bake treats for the Fall Festival bake sale! We need cookies, cupcakes and other baked goods! Deliver them to PTA table near the library on Friday, Oct 27th after 8:30am *Please put in individual bags and mark each item if nut or gluten free. THANK YOU!! We can't wait for this fun event!

PTA Duct Tape Wallet Fundraiser to buy new Chromebooks for Teachers

The Computer Engineers of the Next Generation Club is holding a duct tape wallet fundraiser to help PTA raise funds to purchase two new Chromebooks for the school's resource teachers. **Handmade wallets cost between \$3 to \$5 and will be on sale on the Fall Festival, before school on Monday 10/30 and Thursday 11/2 and after school on Friday 11/3.** Questions? Please email Alice Lee at joy268@hotmail.com

Today, Wednesday 10/25/17 100 – 4:00 pm. Time to spruce up the Monta Loma School garden! Living Classroom has scheduled a volunteer garden clean-up day for Monta Loma on ***Wednesday, 10/25 from 1:00-4:00.** * We are in need of MANY hands to help us replace native plants, install garden signs, mulch, and build plant cages. This is the only campus cleanup events scheduled this fall.

Volunteers please bring their own gloves and tools (screwdrivers, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.) as well as hats, water and sun protection. We are looking forward to having a great time together as we spruce up these educational spaces on the school campus! Can you come garden with us?

We are looking for 10 volunteers to make these projects happen. If you're able to come out please e-mail Mallory Traughber (mtraughber@mvwsd.org). Hope to see you there!

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

Want text messages from the District? Opt in! MVWSD has the capability to send text messages, but we are required to ask you first to opt-in before receiving text messages from the District. MVWSD would send you texts infrequently, for the purpose of notifying you of emergencies or with important, time-sensitive information.

Here's how to opt in. You can subscribe or unsubscribe to receive text messages from the District at any time by texting one of the short codes listed below to 68453 using the cell phone number that the District has on record.

- Opt-in: "Y", "YES", "OPTIN", "OPT IN", and "SUBSCRIBE" are all acceptable keywords for subscribing to SMS text messaging.
- Opt-out: "END", "CANCEL", "OPT OUT", "OPTOUT", "STOP", "QUIT", and "UNSUBSCRIBE" will cancel SMS messages to the recipient.

You may have received a text message and opted in when this service was first added in 2015 or when your cell phone number was added to our system.

In order to receive messages from the District you need to opt-in from the number that is listed as the cell contact number in our student information system. If you need to update this number, please contact your school.

Chipotle fundraiser to support MVEF on Oct. 25

To support MVEF, come in to the Chipotle at 1039 A El Monte Avenue in Mountain View on Wednesday, October 25th between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Bring in the attached flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to MVEF.

Donated to MVEF yet? Avoid the call and make your tax-deductible donation now!

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 teacher taught them? Did your middle schooler run cross country this fall or join AM choir? These are just some of the programs made possible by your donations to the Mountain View Educational Foundation. MVEF will be holding its annual phone-a-thon on October 25th, so donate today to avoid the call! mvef.org/donations

Mountain View Educational Foundation needs to raise \$750,000 this year to fund all of the programs it supports. MVEF raises and distributes critical funds to ensure that all our students get a competitive, well-rounded education through core programs in art, music, STEM exploration, leadership, and middle school extended-day electives and sports

Cafecito with the Superintendent

For Spanish-speaking parents of MVWSD students - Join Superintendent Dr. Ayindé Rudolph for casual conversation on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Castro. Bring your questions and comments. Interpretation will be available.

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](#)

CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Kindergarten Field Trip to Deer Hollow Farm, 8:30 – 11:30 am

Friday, October 27, 2017

Walk to School Day

ML Leopard Spirit Day

ML Fall Festival Day @ Soccer field, 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Monday, October 30, 2017

ML Halloween Parade, ML will have its annual costume parade during our Leopard Launch.

Tuesday, October 31 to Friday, November 3, 2017

5th Grade Science Camp

Thursday, November 2, 2017

K (Walking) Trip to Fire Station #3 on Rengstorff

Friday, November 3, 2017

ML Coffee with the Principal/PTA Meeting @ Staff Lounge/Computer Lab, 8:35 – 9:35 am

End of 1st Trimester/Minimum Day for Students = School Dismissal 12:30pm this day

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

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

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

ML ELAC @ Library, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Thursday, November 9, 2017

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

ML Picture Day Make Up @ BTB Portable Room

Friday, November 10, 2017

Veteran's Day/No School Day

Friday, November 17, 2017

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

FLYERS

[Walk to School Day](#)

[ML Living Classroom](#)

[Lego Robotics for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades](#)

[Box Tops](#)

[ML PTA Membership Form](#)

[MVLA Parent Education](#)

[Art Worlds](#)

[Chipotle Fundraiser](#)