



# Spotlights

Monta Loma Elementary



**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**  
Core value of the month: Responsibility

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Monta Families,

Please join us in celebrating our Leopard Leaders for Respect. These students are role models in dealing peacefully with conflicts, being considerate of others and including others.

Thanks you Jack W., Eve S., Emmy A. C., Jax B, Jacqueline C., Isaiah J., Adam P., Henry L., Kaitlyn C., Michelle G., Juselmax F., Ava H., Jay L., Kayla B., Mathias O., Karina B., Brayden C., Sam F., April C., Sanvi M., Jordan L., Alana H., Judah M., Kaila R., Gavin D., Marqus N., and Ruby A.

You might have heard us talking about SIOP or Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol. Monta Loma teachers have been learning about and working with one of its features since January. The first SIOP feature we implemented is using language objectives alongside academic content objectives, especially in Math.

Over the course of this year, we will implement these three additional features school wide.

- Using supplementary material to make lessons clear and meaningful
- Making explicit links between past and new learning
- Emphasizing key vocabulary.

SIOP allows educators to design and deliver lessons that address the academic and linguistic needs of English learners while enhancing the overall learning environment for all students. SIOP-based teaching benefits all students, not just those who are learning English as an additional language. This means your student will get more focus, support and expectations from teachers on how he/she communicates learning using English structures and academic vocabulary.

In Partnership,

Gloria

## SCHOOL NEWS

**ELAC Needs You!** ELAC is our English Learner Advisory Committee. It plays a vital role in developing plans and monitoring the progress for our language learners. We are looking for parents of language learners to join. Meetings are once a month. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Gloria Higgins or Yanet Flores in the office.

## NEWS FROM THE PTA

### Mark your Calendar!

Can't attend morning meetings but want to know what PTA is up to? Board meetings are open to all parents, teachers, staff, and community members. **Our next board meeting is Tuesday Sep 19 @ 6:15 in the computer lab.**

**Next Principal's Coffee / PTA Association Meeting will be Sept 29 @ 8:35 in the library.** We need your input as we plan the coming year's events and budget!

**Ways to donate** – this month's feature is Amazon – Using Monta Loma's link will earn dollars for our school with no registration or additional effort. This link is much more beneficial to Monta Loma than Amazon's Smile program. Please bookmark this link <https://tinyurl.com/y7kyn9zy> or select Amazon link from Monta Loma's fundraiser page every time you shop.

Check our [Fundraiser page](#) for more on Amazon and other merchant donation programs.

**Box Tops Fundraising** is underway! Your students should be bringing home collection sheets and there will be a contest to see which classroom can collect the most Box Tops by October 27th. The winning class will get a very special surprise so start clipping! Questions? Email Angie Frassel at [afrassel@mvwsd.org](mailto:afrassel@mvwsd.org)

**Attention Monta Loma Parents! Are you looking for a way to volunteer without being physically on campus?** Your PTA is actively looking for a dynamic parent volunteer willing to be the point-person for all our PTA-sponsored after-school programs, communicate with vendors and work with administration to organize enrichment schedules. Please email Shanna Bengtson at [shannamaybe@gmail.com](mailto:shannamaybe@gmail.com) or [montalomapta@gmail.com](mailto:montalomapta@gmail.com) if you'd like more information.

**Membership – please join PTA.** To join, download a [membership form](#) and return it with your membership fee to the PTA box in the main office. PTA membership is annual. Thank you for keeping your membership current!

## NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

**Double your Donation to MVEF! Only a few weeks left to take advantage of corporate matches!** Mountain View Educational Foundation is working with community partners, including Google, The Hoven Foundation, and LinkedIn to put together more than \$75,000 in challenge grant funds to make your annual donation double! Donate now through September 30th to increase your impact! <http://www.mvef.org/donations>

## Workshops

**Mon. September 11, 2017, 10AM-12PM, 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.

**Tue. September 12, 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.

### **Mentor Tutor Connection Volunteer Information Open House - September 13th**

Thinking about how you can make a difference in the life of a student in our community?

Mentor Tutor Connection needs Mentors for High School students and Tutors for K- 8 **students** in Los Altos and Mountain View schools. All volunteers must be high school graduates.

There is no obligation to sign up as a volunteer. You're welcome to just come and learn more about what we do.

Date: Wednesday, September 13th

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm (*lunch included*)

Location: El Camino YMCA 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View, CA

Register: [REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Questions: [programs@mentortutorconnection.org](mailto:programs@mentortutorconnection.org)

**Wed. September 20, 2017, 7–9 PM, Santa Rita Elementary**

**Challenges of Dyslexia** Join Lindamood-Bell Center Director, Leila MacCurrach, for a conversation about how intensive instruction that builds the imagery-language foundation can enable students of all backgrounds and prior diagnoses to learn to read and comprehend to their potential. Lindamood-Bell's intensive, one-to-one, process-based instruction has been used to strengthen the sensory-cognitive functions needed for reading and comprehension. The method has been proven successful for individuals with learning challenges, including dyslexia, hyperlexia, ADHD, and ASD.

**SIOP Parent Night: Learn more on Thursday, Sept 28 6:30 p.m. at Theuerkauf Elementary**

**MUR.** For more info, see [https://www.mvwsd.org/academics/supporting\\_learning/sheltered\\_instruction\\_observation\\_protocol\\_siop](https://www.mvwsd.org/academics/supporting_learning/sheltered_instruction_observation_protocol_siop)

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## CALENDAR

### Wednesday, September 13, 2017

ML CSMA Art Club (3rd - 5th Grade) Starts @ Room 2, 3:10 to 4:15pm

### Thursday, September 14, 2017

ML CSMA Art Club (K-2nd Grade) Starts @ Room 2, 1:00 – 2:00pm

### Friday, September 22, 2017

ML Fall Picture Day

### Tuesday, September 26, 2017

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

### Wednesday, September 27, 2017

ML ELAC @ Library, from 6:00 to 7:30pm

### Friday, September 29, 2017

Mustache Day

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

### Monday, October 9 to Friday, October 13, 2017

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Minimum Day every day during this week = School Dismissal @ 12:30 pm every day

### Tuesday, October 17, 2017

ML PTA Board Meeting @ Library, 6:00 – 8:15 pm

### Friday, October 20, 2017

ML Picture Day Make Up

### Friday, October 27, 2017

ML Sports Team Day

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

## FLYERS

[ML After School Chorus](#)

[ML PTA Membership Form](#)

[Sports Camp](#)

[September Menu](#)

[Workshop for Parents](#)

[MVLA Parent Education Speaker Series](#)