



Spotlights

Monta Loma Elementary



Wednesday, November 15th, 2017.
Core value of the month: Courage

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Monta Loma Families,

Monta Loma's greatest strength has always been and continues to be its diversity. We have students, staff, and families on campus from every continent (except Antarctica). Students at Monta Loma speak more than 15 different languages or dialects. Our families are not defined by a single type, rather we know that family is defined by love, acceptance, and compassion.

Because diversity is our strength, we strive to welcome and protect all who come to Monta Loma. When challenges arise, we rise to meet them. One such challenge has arisen recently in the form of hate speech. We consider the use of hate speech a form of bullying. It is not tolerated on campus, and we will respond to students using it per our behavior procedures. Based on the nature of the incident, consequences may range from reflection and apology to detention or Saturday school.

We are also supporting all of our students with specific and direct anti-bullying education. This week we have The Power of One assembly sponsored by our PTA. During this assembly, students will learn what bullying is, what can be done about it, and how every child has the power to report and deal with bullying when they see it. In addition to the assembly, each class has heard the story *Say Something*, which includes specific tips on how to react when someone is being bullied. Throughout the year, teachers are also using some of their morning meeting time to discuss this topic.

As parents and guardians, you can help our efforts.

- Understand what bullying is. It is intentionally aggressive behavior (verbal or physical) that is serious or repeated over time and involves an imbalance of power. Hate speech is an example of bullying.
- Report and encourage your child to report bullying behavior to a caring adult on campus.
- Understand that students engaged in bullying behavior need support too.
- Talk to your child about being an up stander.
- Point out and talk about unfair stereotypes that may be portrayed in media.

Thank you for your continued support of all of our students. With your support, we can strengthen our community.

In partnership,

Gloria Higgins

SCHOOL NEWS

Word of the Week: Estimate. *Estimate* is a verb. To *estimate* means to make a close calculation often done by rounding. Students use estimation to decide if an answer is reasonable. It could also be a noun, and students might also see it in the forms *estimated*, *estimating*, and *estimation*.

Leopard Leaders for Compassion

Join us in celebrating these student leaders on campus. They demonstrate compassion for all. Congratulations to:

Madeline M., Beau M. Alana, Jairus, Joshua S., Brisa R., Reshawn M., Karly O., Celeste S., Unkush J., Genesis R., Ivan L., Markus K., Kathya M., Mitchell A., Emmanuel S., Princess J., Monserrat G., Sammy R., Kaila R., Angel N., Brooke N., Maliyah K., Jayden M., Ruby B., Charlotte L., Annalie M., Dylan M., Theo S., Isabella R., Lucy W., Finn V., Christopher Z., Azle B., Abel L., Sean A., Sotero C., and Angeli M.

Construction Update for the ML Community @ Computer Lab

Kevin Sanders, MVWSD's Capital Projects Director will be at Monta Loma to provide an update on construction on Tuesday, November 28th at 8:45 right after drop-off. Please come out to say hello, hear next steps, and share your thoughts.

Lost and Found

If your student is missing any school item, please check the **Lost and Found** rack and trays (in front of the Staff Workroom, by the ML front office) **any day this week (Nov. 14 to Nov. 17)**.

Next Monday, November 20, we will collect all the items that are not claimed and we will donate them to Goodwill. Thank you for your collaboration!

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Got Candy? "Operation Gratitude" collection ends this **Friday Nov 17**. Please bring **candy** donations along with any **letters, cards or artwork** that students would like to send to U.S. Troops to **MLE front office**.

Chess Club still needs volunteers! Chess Club meets on 1st and 3rd Thursday each month from 1-2pm in Room 17. Please contact montalomapta@gmail.com if you can help with this great club.

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

Coming up

Winter Food and New Coat Drive Nov 27 - Dec 8. More details next week.

MVWSD 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

We want to hear from you! Just two days left to take the District climate survey

The MVWSD Climate Survey is open now through Friday for all staff, parents and students in grades 5 and 7. Your responses provide information beyond test scores that helps us improve our schools. If you haven't taken the survey already, look for an email invitation in your inbox on Wednesday morning from "MVWSD." The subject line is: "We need to hear from you!" (Check your spam folder, too).

This survey is administered online through Panorama Education. Your answers to the survey are confidential and compiled by Panorama, a third party. Your honest feedback is very important. Your personal results will not be identifiable.

In addition to completing LCAP requirements, the data will help inform work on the District's strategic plan goals and provide longitudinal data for year-to-year comparisons. The questions are drawn from an archive of research-based questions in broad theme areas of engagement, instruction, school safety and school environment. We will be asking students, parents and staff members about their impressions of our District sites. This is a great opportunity for us to get feedback and continue to work together to improve our schools.

We look forward to seeing the results and working with the leadership of our bargaining units and staff to look for ways we can continue to improve. Thank you in advance for your input.

Open Enrollment for new MVWSD students starts Jan. 5: What parents need to know

For NEW students: Open Enrollment is from January 5-February 2 online. You can register your child for the 2018-19 school year when online registration opens on January 5 here: www.mvwsd.org/register

District new student information night, covering the registration process, is on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 5:30 p.m. (Spanish) and 7 p.m. (English) at Castro Elementary School, 505 Escuela Ave.

School kindergarten information nights are at 6 p.m. on Dec. 6 for all elementary schools.

New student information nights at Mistral Elementary (Spanish-English dual immersion program) and Stevenson Elementary (parent participation program) are on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. These nights are a good opportunity to learn about a specific elementary school or program.

For CURRENT students in transitional kindergarten-7th grade: Parents will be asked by email to confirm enrollment in January. Parents may complete a school transfer request application online January 5 - February 2.

For more information, call [650-526-3500](tel:650-526-3500) or go to www.mvwsd.org/register.

WORKSHOPS / OTHER EVENTS

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.

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 16, 2017

Chorus will not meet on this 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

Construction Update for ML Community @ Computer Lab, 8:45 am

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 6, 2017

5th Grade Field Trip to The Marine Science Institute (Rooms 12 and 14), 7:10am – 12:00pm

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

Thursday, December 7, 2017

ML Chorus Winter Concert, @ Library, 1:00 pm

Friday, December 8, 2017

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

Thursday, December 14, 2017

5th Grade Field Trip to The Marine Science Institute (Room 13), 7:10am – 12:00pm

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

Friday, December 15, 2017

Pajama Day

Monday, December 18 through Tuesday, January 2, 2018

December Break/No School Days

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