



Spotlights

Monta Loma Elementary



Wednesday, January 17th, 2018.
Core value of the month: Respect

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Monta Loma Families,

This week I'd like to take a moment to thank our Parent Teacher Association. PTA enriches our students' experiences in countless ways. After school programs, field trips, assemblies, charitable drives for clothing and food, classroom technology, and so much more are all possible because of people just like you. Your membership and participation as volunteers enriches the educational experience of all Leopards.

I am especially grateful for the commitment and enthusiasm demonstrated by the parents and partners who stepped up to serve on the PTA Board. Please give these leaders extra thanks when you see them around school:

Thank you, thank you! to Shanna Bengtson, Kerri Neschleba, Jen Coogan, Marta Orban, Kara Chambers, Tiffany Dale, Ruby Solarzano, Nicole Warren, Brad Dux, Katie Purcell, Chenoa Trout, Debbie Chin, Jen Manson, Katie Kirsch, Michelle Bessler, and Elizabeth Jones

Believe it or not, the time to elect a new PTA board is fast approaching. I highly encourage you to join the fun and leadership. You won't find more fun-loving group anywhere in Mountain View.

To sign up or ask questions, contact Shanna Bengtson at shannamaybe@gmail.com

In partnership,

Gloria

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Word of the Week: We are repeating last weeks because rain prevented us from discussing it at Leopard Launch.

Dimension: A dimension is how far the sides of an object or shape extend.

Students might be asked to measure the dimensions of solid figures or they might have to distinguish between two dimensional and three-dimensional shapes.

Student Recognition: Congratulations to our Leopard Leaders who demonstrated Hard Work. We are so proud of you! Jane K., David Mc., Braylon L., Bryn C., Arsene B. Victoria C., Josephine B., Jayden C. , Mia R., Angie I., Allisson Z., Frankie S., Danil C. Allyson D., Conlyn G. Jocelyn B., David M., Ella D., Eli C., Paayal A., Jasmine C., Alvin R., Juritzi R. Jazzlynn D., and Layelle M.

Crittenden 5th Grade Parent Night

Hello 5th grade families! Please join us on January 25 at 6:00 PM in the Crittenden auditorium to learn more about our school and what to expect in 6th grade. This event is for parents, though students are welcome. We will host events for students in the spring.

Graham's Incoming 6th Grade Information Night, January 24th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

We invite you all to come and join us at this fun and informative event. It is an opportunity for you and your student to learn about middle school life here at Graham.

If your last name begins with A-K, please start in our Multi-Purpose room (at the back of the school). You will have the opportunities to hear from our principals some basic Information about courses, tips on how to be successful at middle school and ask questions from our 6th grade student panel.

If your last name begins with L-Z, please start in our Auditorium (at the front of the school). You will have the opportunity to hear students from all our amazing musical groups perform. You will also hear from our Athletic Director about our after-school sports program. We will have teachers that teachers some of the other elective talk about their courses, like STEM, Robotics, GMS TV and more.

At 6:45 we will rotate the groups so everyone can see both presentations. We are looking forward to showcasing our wonderful school and meeting all of you.

NEWS FROM THE ML PTA

Principal's Coffee at Moffett has been rescheduled from Jan 19 to Mar 16. Please join Principal Higgins in the Clubhouse on **Mar 16**.

MVEF Raffle tickets on sale now on campus from Garima Mehta or Debbie Chin or buy online at <https://www.mvef.org/>. Great prizes and a great cause! MVEF funds our in-class art, music, science programs and much more.

Is volunteering one of your New Year's resolutions? Volunteers are the lifeblood of our school - experienced and new alike, we appreciate you!! Parent involvement doesn't just mean time spent at school. There are many opportunities that can be done at home on your own schedule. **We value you and your time!** Please email us at montalomapta@gmail.com to find out more.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

CELDT/ELPAC Testers JOB DESCRIPTION: The MVWSD is looking for qualified individuals interested in administering the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California Test (ELPAC) to the District's K-8 English language learners. Flexible hours. \$20 an hour. All examiners will be certified by successfully completing the district-sponsored screening and training. For more information contact Arline Siam at asiam@mvwsd.org.

Bond Oversight, Parcel Tax Oversight committees seek community representatives

The District is seeking qualified persons to serve on two committees of community leaders.

- Bond Oversight Committee for the District's Measure G Bond Program (a member of a bona fide tax organization for a two-year commitment)
- Parcel Tax Oversight Committee for Measure B

Representatives monitor, provide oversight and ensure accountability to the funds received by the District, including an annual report to the Board regarding the actual uses of such funds.

Applications are found [here \(www.mvwsd.org/committees\)](http://www.mvwsd.org/committees). Applications can be mailed to: Dr. Robert Clark, Associate Superintendent/Chief Business Officer, 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, CA 94043 or faxed to [650-964-8907](tel:650-964-8907).

Questions? Please call Dr. Robert Clark at [650-526-3500](tel:650-526-3500) or rclark@mvwsd.org.

Feb. 8: State of the Schools Event Please join MVWSD Superintendent Dr. Ayindé Rudolph for the State of the Schools event.

WHEN: Thursday, Feb 8 at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Auditorium, Crittenden Middle School, 1701 Rock Street, Mountain View

Dr. Rudolph will speak about this year's successes and challenges in our schools, and what can be expected in the future. All are welcome to this free event. Spanish interpretation will be provided.

Performances: Graham Middle School and Crittenden Middle School vocal ensembles

Please reserve your free seat [here](#)

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

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, January 17

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Location: MVLA District Office - Board Room, 1299 Bryant Ave, Mountain View, CA

Register: [REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Questions: programs@mentortutorconnection.org

MVEF NEWS!

Eat right and give back January 18th! Join us at Sweetgreen, located at 440 Castro Street
Starting off 2018 with a vow to eat healthier? Kick off the new year doing good for your body and good for the community! On January 18th sweetgreen will be donating 20% of your bill to the Mountain View Educational Foundation! There are some amazing choices, check out the menu at sweetgreen.com!

MVLA Parent Education Speaker Series presents: “Raising Digital Natives” with Dr. Devorah Heitner Parents today worry that kids are addicted, detached or distracted because of digital devices. Often, adults are less conscious about what they are modelling with their own relationship with technology. Drawing from the latest research, Dr. Heitner provides gems of guidance to help parents become confident digital media mentors to texters, gamers and social media users from childhood to young adulthood. You’ll learn what it is like for kids to grow up in a world where school experiences, family life and friendships are all shaped by digital connection—and how you can share your own lifetime of social wisdom to mentor your children in their digital world.

Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 pm at Los Altos High School Eagle Theater

Audience: K-12 parents, teachers and other caretakers

To register, [please click here.](#)

Grab your Valentine and join MVEF at its largest fundraiser of the year on February 10th!

Come dine, dance and bid on amazing auction items, all the while helping the Mountain View Educational Foundation reach their fundraising goal of \$750,000. In our elementary schools, MVEF pays for all of the Community School of Music and Arts teachers, Living Classroom, hands-on science lessons, environmental field trips and leadership classes. MVEF funds all the afterschool athletics at Graham and Crittenden, as well extended-day electives. Every child at every school benefits from your support! How to help?

- Join us at the Gala - learn more at mvef.org
- Buy raffle tickets, contact Hafsa at hafsa@mvef.org if you are not sure where to purchase.
- Donate an item or experience to the Gala, contact Adrienne@mvef.org
- Or come help at the event, contact Melissa@mvef.org.

We hope to see you at this amazing event.

CALENDAR

Friday, January 5, 2018 – February 2, 2018.

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Enrollment window for new students

and

**confirmation of registration for current students
both online**

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Wednesday, January 17, 2018

CSMA ML Art After School Club starts (Grades 3-5) @ Room 2, 3:10-4:15pm

ML ELAC Meeting @ Library, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 18, 2018

5th Grade Field Trip to Cinemark Theater, 8:30am – 12:10 pm

CSMA ML Art After School Club starts (Grades K-2) @ Room 2, 1:00-2:00pm

Friday, January 19, 2018

ML Spelling Bee @ ML Library, 10:45 am – 12:15 pm

4th Grade Field Trip to Hidden Villa (Mr. Dechter), 8:30am – 2:00pm

Monday, January 22, 2018

Lego Robotics (Beginner starts) @ ML Computer Lab, 3:20 – 4:45 pm

Thursday, January 25, 2018

6th Grade Information Night @ Crittenden and/or Graham, 6:00 – 7:20 pm

Friday, January 26, 2018

ML Sports Day

4th Grade Field Trip to Hidden Villa (Ms. Frost and Ms. Perfect), 8:30am – 2:00pm

Friday, February 2, 2018

Game Night @ Place to be determined, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

FLYERS

[We are Fighting the Flu](#)

[January Menu](#)

[MVL Parent Education, Raising Digital Natives](#)

[CSMA Spring Art Camps](#)