



Spotlights

Monta Loma Elementary



Wednesday, October 18th, 2017.
Core value of the month: Compassion

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Monta Loma Families,

Thank you for your participation and engagement during student conferences last week. Family involvement in education is vital to every student's success.

Attendance at school is equally important. One of our school goals this year is to increase our attendance rate to 97%. We will track our progress toward meeting that goal and let families know when students are at risk of chronic absence or truancy.

A student is considered truant when they have 3 unexcused absences at any point in the year. Tardies or early dismissals of 30 minutes or more also count. Truancies prompt formal documentation and required meetings with the School Attendance Review Team.

A student is considered chronically absent students when they have been absent for 10% of the time that school has been in session. For example, if your student has been absent 5 days before Oct. 20, he or she is chronically absent. It only takes an average of 2 absences a month to be considered chronically absent. It's important to know both excused or unexcused absences count toward chronic absenteeism.

You can help us meet our goal by getting your student to school on time every day unless they are sick. Here are a few tips that may help you.

- Let your child know that you think attending school daily is important.
- Give yourself and children enough time to get ready. No TV on school mornings
- Plan ahead the night before by having kids choose clothes and shoes and pack their backpacks.
- Set a regular bedtime schedule. Age should be a factor.
- Have a back-up plan for traffic or car trouble.
- Plan your family vacations and appointments during school breaks.

Together we can ensure your student gets the full benefit of education by being at school every day.

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!

Don't have a game yet? Let your teacher know if you can be a Game Coordinator to recruit other parents in your classroom. PTA has many games to choose from or you can design your own.

Members - Pick up your Baskin-Robbins BOGO cards and PTA membership/perks cards at Fall Festival.

Reach out to us anytime at montalomapta@gmail.com.

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!

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.

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. They will be selling handmade duct tape wallets that cost between \$3 to \$5 in the Fall Festival, before school on Monday 10/30 and Thursday 11/2 and after school on Friday 11/3. Please help them reach their goal of raising \$380. Bring your money and support them by buying a duct tape wallet. Donations are welcome. Questions? Please email Alice Lee at joy268@hotmail.com

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.

Volunteers are asked to 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

Mentor Tutor Connection Volunteer Information Open House - October 18

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, October 18

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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

Register: [REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Questions: programs@mentortutorconnection.org

Parent Education Panels

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

Special Education Director/Administration Panel

Staff from the Special Education Departments from Los Altos SD (Jennifer Keicher, Director), Mountain View Whisman SD (Gary Johnson, Director), Mountain View Los Altos High SD (Kara Oettinger, Program Specialist) and Palo Alto Unified SD (Jennifer Baker, School Psychologist) will participate in a moderated panel discussion about issues in special education and respond to questions. A great way for new families to learn more! If you have questions now to start the evening, please submit them to selpa1cacinfo@gmail.com

Saturday with the Superintendent, Oct. 21

Do you have a question or comment about MVWSD or just want to connect? Join Dr. Ayindé Rudolph for informal conversation on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 2-3:30 p.m. at Panera, 1035 El Monte Ave.

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

CALENDAR

Monday, October 16 thru Friday, October 20, 2017

Emergency Preparedness Drill, MVWSD will conduct an emergency preparedness drill during this week.

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

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

Friday, October 20, 2017

College Day, wear your College gear, today

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Saturday with the Superintendent @ Panera (1035 El Monte Avenue), 2:00 – 3:30 pm

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](#)

[Health Fair](#)

[Art Worlds](#)