



Spotlights

Monta Loma Elementary



Wednesday, November 29th, 2017.

Core value of the month: Hard Work

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Monta Loma Families,

At the construction update meeting on Tuesday morning, Brenda Parella and Jason Cave from Greystone West and Kevin Sanders, our new Capital Projects Director, answered questions and shared timelines. We are grateful for all who could attend and understand if you couldn't make it. During the meeting three broad topics were discussed: safety, communication, and next steps.

Safety: Attendees asked many questions about safety including the use of heavy equipment and work that produces fumes during school hours. To the extent possible, the remaining such work will be scheduled outside of school hours. When that's not possible, crews will proactively take additional precautions such as moving pumps further away and increasing ventilation.

Communication: Everyone is committed to communicating work with as much notice as possible. As anyone who has ever experienced a remodel knows, weather and other factors impact schedules, so thank you in advance for understanding when last minute changes occur.

When you have questions or concerns, you can let the office know and we will relay them to Mr. Sanders.

Next Steps: The work on the MUR is expected to be completed during the December break. Inspections will follow and need to be completed before the opening of the MUR. Next summer, the roofs of all campus buildings will be improved and the staff room and office interiors will be remodeled.

Thank you all for your continued engagement during construction. We truly appreciate your involvement and partnership.

In partnership,

Gloria Higgins

SCHOOL NEWS

Word of the Week: Interpret. *Interpret* is a verb. To *interpret* means to explain the meaning of. In math, students are asked to *interpret* when they answer questions about data shown in graphs or when they explain the answers of calculation. They might see the word in the forms *interpretation*. And for our Spanish speaking students, it is very similar to the Spanish word *interpretar*.

Leopard Leaders for Courage:

Join us in celebrating these student leaders on campus. We are proud of them for standing up for others, trying out new skills, and doing what's right even when it's not easy. Congratulations to:

Samantha O., Omar A., Boston T., Joni A., Tingyue L., Jayden G. S., Nagi M., Mia V., Felipe O., Exander V., Ollie N., Theodore P., Nate G., Zofia C., Abigail B., Ella D., Alex M., Nataly R., Declan B., Andrew C., Samuel C., Jinhyang L., Maleh W., Sebastian D., Lily L., Michael C., Sabine C., Carlos M., Gean E., Lilly A., Victor M., and Zoe A., Will O., and Sydney R., Mayani W., and Scott E.

Monta Loma Technology Parent Education

When: December 8th, 5:30pm

Alice Lee and volunteers from Los Altos High School's Computer Engineering club will share info on how to log on to educational technology at home and other information. Snacks and childcare will be provided. Please email Yanet Flores at yflores@mvwsd.org to sign up for childcare.

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Winter Food and New Coat Drive Nov 27 - Dec 13. Our annual Food Drive is underway! Your generous donations are sent to CSA and distributed to many grateful local families.

Please send non-expired, non-perishable food items with your student. **Suggested donation list:** <https://www.csacares.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/CSA-Food-Drive-Wish-List.pdf>

Last year MLE donated over 2600 lbs of food to CSA. To continue the spirit of giving, the classroom with the most donations will be able to pick an animal that the PTA will donate in their name through Heifer International www.heifer.org

If you can help deliver food donations from MLE to CSA, please email montalomapta@gmail.com Deliveries can only be made Mon.-Fri. 9:30-12noon & 1:30-4pm.

Thank you Student Council for assisting with this event!

Additionally, PTA is collecting **NEW COATS, jackets and other cold-weather clothing** to distribute to those families within our school community. We are accepting all children's sizes as well as adult sizes. Please bring these items to the office. **New items only please.**

Amazon shoppers – don't forget to bookmark and use Monta Loma's Amazon link to earn our school up to 5% <https://tinyurl.com/y7kyn9zy> (earns us much more than Smile)

"Operation Gratitude" was a huge success with 5 large boxes of treats, letters, cards and student artwork collected for our U.S. Troops. Thank you everyone who participated!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Living Classroom is holding volunteer training in December. Living Classroom provides Kindergarten through 5th grade classrooms in all 8 MVWSD elementary schools with hour-long lessons that correlate with current science, math, and social studies standards. Volunteering with Living Classroom is rewarding, enjoyable, and no prior teaching or gardening experience is required. Interested in sharing your love of nature with students? See attached flyer for volunteer training information.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

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.

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.

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

MV Parent U: English Language Learner 101

When: Monday, December 4, 6:30-8pm at the Graham Middle School MUR

Please join us for a free workshop that introduces parents to information, resources, and tips for English Learner families to navigate the journey to English proficiency. The workshop will cover everything a parent of an English learner needs to know about the process from initial EL testing to reclassification, including strategies for improving English fluency. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from former MVWSD EL students and their parents. For more info, click on www.mvwsd.org/parentu

MVEF is thankful for donors like you!

Mountain View Educational Foundation is so thankful for the generosity of donors this fall. Parents, together with corporate sponsors, have donated over \$400,000 this school year. These donations allow MVEFF to honor its commitment to the District to fund CSMA art and music, hands-on science, environmental education, after-school sports, extended day electives, and more. MVEF is thrilled with the progress but still have a long way to go to hit their \$750,000 goal. Support MVEF by attending the gala, asking your company about corporate matches, or donate at mvef.org/donate.

Art and Music Learning Supports ALL Learning! You might have noticed that your kids have a natural love for art and music. But did you know that research shows that music and theater studies strongly correlate with better performance in both math and reading? And that many studies show that art studies and activities help keep high-risk students from dropping out? MVEF is proud to fund CSMA art and music at our schools! Ask your child what he or she learned today in their music or art class!

CALENDAR

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

ML Technology Parent Education @ Library, 5:30 pm

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](#)

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

[Happy New Year! Welcome back to school!](#)

FLYERS

[Kindergarten 18-19 Information Night](#)

[ML Food Drive is Happening Now](#)

[Food Donation Policies](#)

[ML Winter Soccer Club](#)

[Creative Writing After School Class at ML](#)

[After School Scratch for 4th and 5th Graders](#)

[Living Classroom Winter Volunteer Training](#)

[Design and Programming Camp for Students](#)

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[Letter to Santa](#)

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