



Spotlights

Monta Loma Elementary



Wednesday, December 6th, 2017.
Core value of the month: Hard Work

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Monta Loma Families,

PTA Food and Coat Drive.

In this season of giving, the Monta Loma community can be very proud of its generosity. Our families have a tradition of collecting clothing and food for those among us who may be in need. So far, we have collected 20 of the 40 coats we are hoping to donate. Thanks so much for your support!

Call the office to let us know if you want to claim a particular recipient or just bring a new coat to the office and we'll find the best match. Currently our greatest need is for youth sizes 12 through 14. We'll also accept scarves and hats. You can continue to bring donations of food or coats through this week. Contact Shanna Bengtson at shannamaybe@gmail.com for more information.

Construction Work

In the next couple of weeks, we anticipate some impact from the following construction work.

- Concrete truck and pump for pouring in the courtyard
- Saw cutting of asphalt to tie in new courtyard
- Trenching for irrigation
- Stucco installation
- Cement fiber board siding cutting

Work will be scheduled as much as possible outside the school day. When not possible, construction crews will take additional proactive measures to reduce impact. We will continue to keep you updated about scheduled dates and times. Thank you again for your flexibility and partnership.

As we near the end of work on the Multi Use Room, our thoughts are turning to opening the space for student use. Stay tuned for information about a grand opening!

In partnership,

Gloria Higgins

SCHOOL NEWS

Word of the Week: Justify Justify means to prove or show to be correct or reasonable. Students might be asked to justify their calculations or answers by explaining their thinking or using models to show the answer two ways. They might see the word in the forms *justification*. And for our Spanish speaking students, it is very similar to the Spanish word *justificar*.

Monta Loma Technology Parent Education, December 8th, 5:30pm

Come to learn about 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 and Clothing Drive is going strong! Our deep thanks to everyone who has already contributed!

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> 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.

We also have a need for 40 new coats this year. You can see what's needed at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AVVR2QZVSNbRjL72a7zuwoeTZdwJnWpezEKlqntw7P4/edit-gid=0> Call the office to let us know if you want to claim a particular recipient or just bring a new coat to the office and we'll find the best match. Contact Shanna Bengtson at shannamaybe@gmail.com for more info. Thank you for your generosity in support of our students!

4th & 5th graders - Free After School Scratch Class in January and February. Registration deadline: Dec 8 – this Friday! Free 7-week after-school Scratch class on Wednesdays, January 3 - February 7 and February 28 from 3:15 - 4:45 pm in Room 22. 4th and 5th grade students will learn some basic programming skills and explore computer science concepts through fun projects. Class limited to 20 students, priority is given to students who are taking this class for the first time. Please return attached form completed to Ms. Dafne by Friday, Dec. 8, 17. Questions? Email Alice Lee at joy268@hotmail.com or call her at [650-996-4821](tel:650-996-4821).

Registration is open for Lego Robotics Beginners Course for grades 3-5. Meets Mondays Jan 22 thru Mar 12. Please return attached application to the front office.

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

Been meaning to start a college savings account? Scholarshare opportunity on December 7 - 8, 2017 only. Open a ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan and get a **\$50 Target gift card!** On December 7 – 8, 2017, open your ScholarShare529 account with \$50 and set up an Automatic Contribution Plan of \$25 or more for 6 months to get your \$50 gift card. ScholarShare 529 is the official college savings plan of California. 100% tax-free growth gives families up to 25% more money for higher education from Ivy League universities to vocational programs. Learn more about planning for college at <http://www.capta.org/preparing-for-college> .

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

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.

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

No Chess Club today. Chess Club will resume on Jan 4.

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

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[December Menu](#)

[ML Food Drive is Happening Now](#)

[Food Donation Policies](#)

[ML After School Art Club \(K-2nd Grade\)](#)

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