



Spotlights

Monta Loma Elementary



Wednesday, September 6th, 2017.
Core value of the month: Respect

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Monta Families,

We know every child learns differently and at his or her own pace. Monta Loma continues to build time into the instructional day so teachers can provide students with academic support or challenge. This block of time is a practice called Response to Instruction (RTI). RTI benefits students through data-driven instruction and regular progress-monitoring to tailor instruction to what students need. It is not an extension of core curriculum; rather it is exposure to different forms of learning to increase or enhance student understanding. At Monta Loma, we affectionately refer to it as WIN time for "What I Need".

Our focus for WIN time is literacy. Students are placed into groups based on literacy assessments, including decoding, fluency, and comprehension skills. Groups change every 3 to 6 weeks based on student growth and natural breaking points for units. WIN groups meet multiple times per week for 45 minutes. They are taught by grade-level teachers and our two RTI teachers. Students needing the most support have a smaller student to teacher ratio that allows for targeted support and practice. Students needing to be challenged have strategically-focused time to extend their literacy skills.

For more information, check out the links on our District website at www.mvwsd.org/RTI or ask your child's teacher.

Gentle Reminders and Notices.

Thank you for driving carefully and helping keep our students safe by following these guidelines.

- The loop closest to the office may be used for drop off and pick up. The loop closest to the street is only used if you are parking in designated spaces.
- Please honor handicap spaces and reserve them for those with placards.
- Please make sure your student knows how you would like them to get home, especially if it is different than usual. If your plans change unexpectedly, let the office know as soon as possible through email or a direct conversation.
- Student supervision begins at 7:50. Do not drop students off before then. Students on campus before 7:50 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Supervision between 7:50 and 8:15 is at the picnic tables in front of the kinder classrooms. After 8:15 supervision is on the blacktop.

In partnership,

Gloria

SCHOOL NEWS

ELAC Needs You! ELAC is our English Learner Advisory Committee. It plays a vital role in developing plans and monitoring the progress for our language learners. We are looking for parents of language learners to join. Meetings are once a month. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Gloria Higgins or Yanet Flores in the office.

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Mark your Calendar!

Staff Appreciation Breakfast is coming up Thursday, September 14! PTA hospitality is hosting this event and would love any volunteers to help and/or donate food. Please contact Chenoa Trout for more information if you're interested in assisting! chenoa.trout@gmail.com, [650.776.8052](tel:650.776.8052) Thank you!

Can't attend morning meetings but want to know what PTA is up to? Board meetings are open to all parents, teachers, staff, and community members. Our next board meeting is Tuesday Sep 19 @ 6:15 in the computer lab.

Next Principal's Coffee / PTA Association Meeting will be Sept 29 @ 8:35 in the library. We need your input as we plan the coming year's events and budget!

Ways to donate – this month's feature is Amazon – Using Monta Loma's link will earn dollars for our school with no registration or additional effort. This link is much more beneficial to Monta Loma than Amazon's Smile program. Please bookmark this link <https://tinyurl.com/y7kyn9zy> or select Amazon link from Monta Loma's fundraiser page every time you shop.

Check our [Fundraiser page](#) for more on Amazon and other merchant donation programs.

Box Tops Fundraising is underway! Your students should be bringing home collection sheets and there will be a contest to see which classroom can collect the most Box Tops by October 27th. The winning class will get a very special surprise so start clipping! Questions? Email Angie Frassel at afrassel@mvwsd.org

Attention Monta Loma Parents! Are you looking for a way to volunteer without being physically on campus? Your PTA is actively looking for a dynamic parent volunteer willing to be the point-person for all our PTA-sponsored after-school programs, communicate with vendors and work with administration to organize enrichment schedules. Please email Shanna Bengtson at shannamaybe@gmail.com or montalomapta@gmail.com if you'd like more information.

Donating Eclipse Glasses PTA is receiving donated eclipse glasses. If you are willing to donate your eclipse glasses, please bring them to the ML front office and place them in the blue top container. For more information click [HERE](#).

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

Test score reports coming home soon

Each spring, California students participate in the statewide testing program, the [California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress \(CAASPP\)](#). The tests in CAASPP provide information to teachers, parents/guardians, and students about grade-level progress and readiness for college and career. Your child's score report has been or will be sent home to you as it's received from the state. Look for your child's score report to come home in the mail to you in the next couple of weeks.

To see how to read the report, see this video here: [Understanding Student Score Reports - English](#)

Mentor Tutor Connection Volunteer Information Open House - September 13th

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, September 13th

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm (*lunch included*)

Location: El Camino YMCA 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View, CA

Register: [REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Questions: programs@mentortutorconnection.org

Workshops

Wed. September 20, 2017, 7–9 PM, Santa Rita Elementary

Challenges of Dyslexia Join Lindamood-Bell Center Director, Leila MacCurrach, for a conversation about how intensive instruction that builds the imagery-language foundation can enable students of all backgrounds and prior diagnoses to learn to read and comprehend to their potential. Lindamood-Bell's intensive, one-to-one, process-based instruction has been used to strengthen the sensory-cognitive functions needed for reading and comprehension. The method has been proven successful for individuals with learning challenges, including dyslexia, hyperlexia, ADHD, and ASD.

Mon. September 11, 2017, 10AM-12PM, Los Altos Library

Let's Talk A chance to ask questions and share ideas, resources, and support with other parents of students with IEPs, 504s, learning differences, mental health challenges, etc.

All are welcome, participants must respect confidentiality.

Tue. September 12, 2017, 7PM-8:30PM, Los Altos Library

Parent Chat Are you concerned about the emotional well-being of your child? Come to Parent Chat, peer to peer support for parents of teens. Hosted by the Mental Health Subcommittee of SELPA 1 CAC.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

ML Soccer After School Program Starts @ Soccer Field

Kindergarten from 2:30 to 3:30 pm
1st - 5th grade from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

ML CSMA Art Club (3rd - 5th Grade) Starts @ Room 2, 3:10 to 4:15pm

Thursday, September 14, 2017

ML CSMA Art Club (K-2nd Grade) Starts @ Room 2, 1:00 – 2:00pm

Friday, September 22, 2017

ML Fall Picture Day

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

ML School Site Council @ Library, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

ML ELAC @ Library, from 6:00 to 7:30pm

Friday, September 29, 2017

Mustache Day

ML Coffee with the Principal/PTA Meeting @ Library, 8:35 to 9:35 am

FLYERS

[Parent's Guide to Emergency School Evacuation](#)

[Interpreters Needed](#)

[ML After School Chorus](#)

[September Menu](#)

[Workshop for Parents](#)

[MVLA Parent Education Speaker Series](#)

[Annual Firefighters Pancake Breakfast](#)

[Box Tops for Education](#)

[ML Classroom with the Most Box Tops](#)