



## YOUR EDUCATION NEWS SOURCE

### Superintendent Search Survey



The Superintendent Search survey is available on [our website](#) until Thursday, December 13, 2018.

We appreciate your input on the desired qualities the Mill Valley School District needs in our next Superintendent.

### Honoring Robin Moses



THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH



Please join us this Thursday, **December 13th**, at our regular Board Meeting as we honor and thank Robin Moses for her nine years of service as a Trustee for the Mill Valley School District.

The meeting starts at 5:30pm and we anticipate honoring Mrs. Moses around 6:30pm. Thank you!

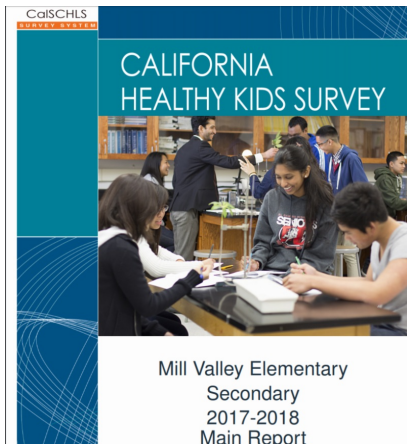
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### Kindergarten Spanish Pilot Program - Overview Video!



## Student & District Data from Two New Resources

Two new resources have been recently published featuring data about California schools and students, the California Healthy Kids Survey and the [California School Dashboard](#).



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### California Healthy Kids Survey

Last Spring, 7th grade students at Mill Valley Middle School (MVMS) completed the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and the statewide data has been released. This survey provides rankings on a scale of 100 to 500, with the statewide average being 300. The survey measures school supports, engagement, safety, violence, victimization, and substance use. You can take a look at the full report for MVMS.

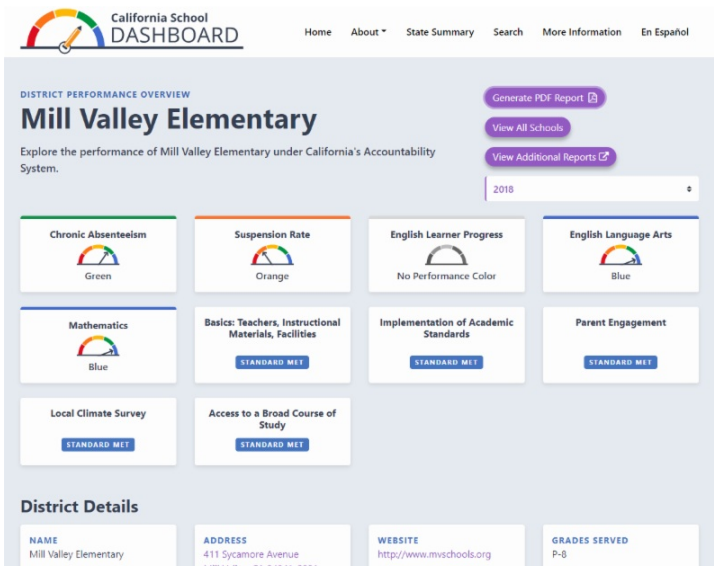
We recognize that there are areas to focus on collectively with our administrative team, counselors, and teaching staff in an effort to meet the needs of all students.

If you have questions regarding Mill Valley Middle School's results on the CHKS, you may contact Mark Nelson, Mill Valley Middle School Assistant Principal at (415) 389-7725.

### California School Dashboard

On December 6th, the California Department of Education (CDE) released the 2018 California School Dashboard, which reports performance measures of how schools are meeting the needs of students. The dashboard includes a new, more user-friendly interface and some additional metrics and reports.

In the Mill Valley School District (MVSD), we are proud to focus on developing balanced learners. Data is incorporated into our work, so tools like the California Dashboard are important to us and



our stakeholder groups in calling out both strengths and areas of improvement across all student groups.

State Superintendent Tom Torlakson urges "educators, parents, and communities to turn this data into positive action by using it to target resources where improvement is needed and to share practices where success is demonstrated."

We encourage you to take a look at our district's data and see how we rank compared to the rest of the state. We are proud of how our students performed in English Language Arts and Mathematics and recognize there are areas such as suspension rates and English Learner progress that we will need to re-examine. MVSD continues to work toward developing globally minded, compassionate, resilient, and courageous students to learn and lead change in their world, and we are thankful for your support and partnership toward these goals.

If you have questions regarding Mill Valley School District's dashboard, please contact [Wendy Holmes](#), Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

## Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

### Symptoms and Precautions

Across our County, we are expecting to have a large number of cases of Pertussis this year. Vaccination is the best tool we have for preventing pertussis. Although most children have been vaccinated, protection from the vaccine wanes over time, so check with your doctor to make sure your child(ren) is up to date.

#### Information from Marin Health & Human Services

**Whooping Cough is an illness caused by bacteria. At first, symptoms are:**

- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Low grade fever (less than 100.4 F)
- Cough

After 1-2 weeks, the symptoms get worse. Thick mucus builds in the throat and can cause:

- Long coughing attacks
- The face may turn red or blue when a child is not getting enough oxygen
- In young children you might hear a "whoop" sound when they breathe in air after coughing
- Vomiting after a coughing attack
- Extreme tiredness

Symptoms usually start 7 to 10 days after a person is exposed, but it can take as long as 20 days.

#### How is Whooping Cough spread?

- Coughing and sneezing
  - Touching items that have been touched with fluid from the nose of a sick person.
- The bacteria spreads the most during the first 2 weeks a person is sick, and can be spread as long as 3 weeks.

## Vaping

### An Informative Event

**LET'S TALK VAPING**

**WHEN: JANUARY 16TH AT 6:30 PM**  
**WHERE: MILL VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER**  
180 Camino Alto, Mill Valley - (415)383-1370

- WHAT ARE E-CIGARETTES
- HOW ARE THEY USED
- TOBACCO VS CANNABIS VAPING
- THE INDUSTRY
- HOW THEY ARE MARKETED
- HEALTH IMPACTS
- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS
- LAWS AND REGULATIONS
- WHAT WE CAN DO

This informative event is open to anyone interested in learning more.



