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Welcome Back!

Dear Mill Valley School Community!

I hope you enjoyed your winter break and are looking forward to a fantastic 2019!

As we enter the month of January and look forward to the remainder of the school year, I thought it best to highlight some of the work ahead of us:

- This month, our Administrative Team will engage in an interactive leadership retreat to reflect on our work around Equity and the Strategic Plan;
- Site security measures will be evaluated to determine security updates and additional education where necessary;
- Our Mill Valley Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will continue to convene to provide advice and feedback on the development of our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP);
- A sub-committee of Mill Valley stakeholders will come together to determine next steps related to the comprehensive Facility Needs Assessment;
- Our Community Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) will continue to provide expertise to ensure the district maintains its strong fiscal status;
- Staff will engage in ongoing professional development in social emotional learning, global competency, equity, and more;
- This spring, we will celebrate the many years of service of our talented staff;
- Students in grades 3rd – 8th will engage in the annual statewide standardized testing;
- We will evaluate the progress we have made on our strategic plan and determine next steps for the upcoming year.



The above are just a few of the areas we will be working on, all while the staff continues to provide our students with a high-quality, comprehensive education at each of our school sites.

There is much work ahead of us, but with that comes celebration and success – as well as learning and growth. Here's to 2019 being a positive and productive year...we have a lot to look forward to!

-Raquel Rose
Interim Superintendent

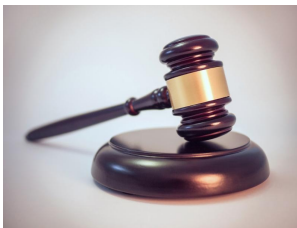
Crossing Guards



Photo Credit: [Marin Independent Journal](#)

Thanks to the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) and the recent passing of Measure AA, the Mill Valley School District will [benefit from 4 additional crossing guards](#) serving our community! We look forward to the added safety benefits for our students.

New Board Meeting Highlights!



Starting in January, the Mill Valley School District and the Board of Trustees will be providing a monthly **Board Meeting Highlights** email following each

regular Board Meeting. The highlights will provide a summary of the discussions and presentations provided at each meeting. The first **Board Meeting Highlights** email will be sent following the January 10, 2019 meeting. We hope this new communication will provide those who are unable to attend board meetings an additional opportunity to remain informed and engaged in district activities.

Superintendent Search Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the intake meetings and/or took the online survey. Your input was vital in formulating the [Position Description](#) which is now posted on our website.



The active recruitment for the next Superintendent for our district has ensued and the Board of Trustees will be enthusiastically involved in the selection process of viable candidates to interview. If you have any questions regarding the Superintendent search, please contact Leslie Wachtel, Board President at mvleslieann@yahoo.com.

An illustration of two children, a boy and a girl, walking and smiling. The boy is wearing a blue shirt and a yellow cap, and the girl is wearing a pink dress. They are walking on a green path with white dashed lines.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Appointment sign-up begins January 8th
Registration dates:
January 24, January 25, February 4, February 5, February 6

2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration will be held on January 24th, 25th, and February 4th, 5th, and 6th. The appointment sign-up link will be available [on our website](#) on January 8th after 2pm.

Note: sign-up date and time does not impact student placement or school preference.


Upcoming Parent Education Event

Parent Education Event

ANXIETY AND HOW IT AFFECTS TEENS

with Dr. Tracy Foose
Mill Valley Middle School
February 6, 2019
7-8pm

Why do traits like intelligence and drive seem to increase vulnerability to anxiety? How might our modern, connected world be exacerbating our anxiety? How can we teach our children not to fear their fear, but to harness anxiety as a motivating and protective force?



Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

The next LCAP PAC meeting will occur on Friday, January 11, 2019, from 10:30am-12:30pm in the Mill Valley Middle School Conference Room.

The purpose of the group is to engage in the LCAP development process through consultation, review, and comment. The meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions, please contact [Wendy Holmes](#), Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

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