



# MIRA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## February Newsletter

Dear Parents,

February is a short, but busy month for us. We celebrate Black History this month, both with classroom discussions and an assembly. We'll take time to recognize the contributions of African Americans to our country and their part in our history. We will also continue with Kindergarten Open House, and registration as well.

We are proceeding with our school expansion to grade 8, and I'm working with the district to plan on how this will unfold. I will keep you posted as more information is available. We'll start registration for new students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> on March 7. Students who are already here in grade 7 are assumed to be continuing here in grade 8.

We'd like to congratulate all the participants in our school Spelling Bee which was held last month in the Multi Purpose Room. The top three finishers in the lower grades bee were: Judah Iwawaki (1st) Emily Ortiz (2nd) and Marley Kang (3rd). The top three finishers in the upper grades bee were: Sophia Lewis (1st) Manvi Pal (2nd) and Jack Bailey (3rd). Sophia will go on to represent Mira Vista at the County Spelling Bee. Thanks to Derek Reimer and the PTA for setting this up, and Victoria Rome for judging the competition.

I wanted to share some websites which might help our students with homework and classroom support, and also help parents to see what some of the Standards are for different grades, and how to support students in learning them:

- [www.acoa.org/math](http://www.acoa.org/math) This is the Alameda County Office website. Go to Mathematics Resources for Teachers and students; go to Lessons-they have PDF files of lessons for each grade from Pre-K to grade 12, including the steps to help complete assignments in Mathematics
- [www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov); Go to Testing and Accountability (tab); Go to Standardized testing and reporting; Go to Program resources; Go to Test released Questions-this site has examples of State test questions in English, Math, and for those grades tested, Science and Social Studies by grade level (grades 2 to 12)
- [www.chem4kids.com](http://www.chem4kids.com) This site has many great resources to support Chemistry, Physics, Geography, and Biology etc. all suitable for grades 3 to 8, (depending on the topic covered in that grade) and is a great site for ideas for Science Fair projects.

I'll include more sites in future newsletters.

Reminder...Don't forget your Valentine..(Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>) and that we're closed for President's Week Feb.21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>.

As always, please call or drop by if you have concerns.

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