

AUGUST SILVA STAR



Manlio Silva Elementary School
2018

Start of 2018-2019 School Year!

On behalf of the teachers and staff of Manlio Silva Elementary School, I would like to welcome you back to school and I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I am honored and excited to be back to serve in a dynamic, collegial community which supports social and academic excellence of all students. I am looking forward to building a positive relationship with all of you through clear communication and a caring attitude. I believe in collective vision and goals where each and every student will succeed with happiness which is established by creating a learning environment where the whole school community feels safe, supported, and respected.

Silva's professional learning community had an outstanding 2017-2018 school year and we are looking forward to an even better, successful year. We have added a team of outstanding educators to join the Silva staff to service 860+ students. I am pleased to welcome Mrs. Gayliene Winterhalder back as the Vice Principal! Also, we have added Ms. Amanda Moberly who will teach kindergarten in room 110, Mrs. Michelle Ramos La Grone who will teach kindergarten in room 111, Mrs. Wendy Chevrier who will teach third grade in room C5, Mrs. Jennifer Faucett who will teach 3/4 combo in C1, Mrs. Gina Bacigalupi who will be our speech pathologist, and Ms. Angeline Parakevas who will be at Silva part time as a registered nurse.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

I am excited and pleased to share that Manlio Silva will be implementing PBIS this school year. PBIS is defined as "A framework for maximizing the selection and use of evidence-based prevention and interventions practices along a multi-tiered continuum that supports the academic, social, emotional, and behavioral supports of all students." Silva's PBIS committee has worked with staff all of last year to develop our school's PBIS plan. We started by developing Silva's Behavioral Statement of Purpose which states, "**The Silva community (staff, students, and families) value high achievement for ALL. We believe it can be obtained in a positive, safe, and effective learning environment that meets the academic and social emotional needs of everyone.**" To go along with the statement, a Behavioral Expectation acronym was created where we will chant, "**Who Are We? We are... SHARKS! Safe Honest Accountable Responsible Kind Students!**" We expect Silva students to memorize this chant which will be done every morning announcement. In addition, we created a Schoolwide Expectations Matrix which can be found in our school handbook.

Back to School Night is Thursday, August 2nd

A gentle reminder: We hope all parents and guardians come to Silva School for our annual Back-to-School night for 1st through 6th graders. All parents or guardians are asked to report to their child's room to listen to a 45 minute presentation from the classroom teacher, and to better understand how they can become partners in their child's learning. This important evening is designed for ***parents and teachers only*** to discuss how shark students can be successful in their classrooms, and how our teaming together will help make 2018-2019 their best school year ever! We do ask that ***students do not attend class*** that evening. Students can prepare for the following day of school, and so we can talk as adults without any interruptions. If you are unable to find child care, Mrs. Winterhalder, representatives from the YMCA and I will be here to monitor kids on the playground. Please don't miss this very important evening for parents and teachers to start children on the road to success! ☺ Times: **(AM K and 1st-3rd is 6:00-6:45/PM K and 4th-6th is 6:45-7:30)** ***See you at Silva's Back to School Night!!***

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School Expectations and Safety

Our school opens at 7:45 a.m. to serve breakfast in the cafeteria and the playground opens at 8:00 a.m. We ask all students to arrive no earlier than 8 o'clock due to supervision, unless they are having breakfast (free for all students). The bell rings at **8:15 a.m.** for students in grades **1 through 6 to line up on the blacktop (look for the room numbers painted on the lines), and we'll all meet our teachers together! Kindergarten students, please go straight to your classrooms.** We ask for students to **be on time** and ready every day for a wonderful day at Silva School!

Entering and Exiting School – Please read carefully for the children's sake!

Silva families, please help us keep our school safe by slowing down around campus, and being patient during drop off and pick up each day. Our school is the largest elementary school in the district, which means there are several hundreds of vehicles in the parking lot and around the campus. That will require everyone to use patience, manners, and lots of smiles. We hope you are not in a hurry when picking up or dropping off your children. Here are a few safety rules that we all must enforce for the safety of your children:

1. Please follow the directions of our **crossing guards and always use the crosswalks** on the streets both around the school neighborhood, and while on campus. All wheeled vehicles (bikes, scooters, and skateboards for **only 3-6th graders**) must be walked on campus and helmets are required per California DMV Code 21212.(a)
2. When driving on campus, please pick up and drop off students in the **White Drop Off Zone** only. (note: We do allow for double rows of cars around the green zone during afternoon pickup, as long as other cars can get by on the left. Please make sure others can pass your car if you are waiting for pickup.)
3. If parents are coming into the school, we ask that you park in the parking lot or the adjacent streets. **Do not park in the White Zone.** It is part of the **fire code** and a huge fine!
4. Please **do not ask students to walk across the campus streets without parent supervision.** This is extremely dangerous, and students will be asked to reverse their steps and use the crosswalk if they try to cross in other areas.
5. Please sign in at the front office and pick up a visitor sticker if you are visiting, observing, or volunteering at school during school hours. If you are observing or volunteering in a classroom, we ask you to arrange it with a teacher first. This procedure allows us to create a safe campus where everyone is accounted for.
6. Do not use the **Bus Zone** for private vehicles. If you are dropping off on the south side of school, you must use the street parking and sidewalks for student safety.

Parents + teachers working together = Success for all Silva Sharks!

PTA General Assembly – The PTA will hold their quarterly General Assembly Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria on August 2nd to meet our PTA President Mrs. Cheryl Jamias and the rest of the PTA Board members. This short meeting (5:30-6:00 p.m.) is a great place to start networking with some key parent leaders and to find out how you can help your award winning school! Hope you can make it.

“Come Sea What the PTA Is Up To” at Back to School Night!!

Make sure you stop by the PTA table at Back to School Night from 5:45 – 7:30 to join the Silva PTA and ask any questions you might have about our award winning PTA. Our PTA membership last year was over 330 families and we hope you will be a part of our Silva team this year. Our goal this year is 340 families!! Congratulations **Ava Toll**, winner of the **Shark drawing contest** sponsored by the PTA. Ava is a 6th grader here at Silva, and her winning drawing will be featured on a pennant which will be displayed in the cafeteria.

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BACK TO SCHOOL Picnic!

The annual Back to School picnic will be held on Friday, August 17th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This is a great school-wide event where staff, Silva Sharks and their families can gather to enjoy a social gathering with food. If you join Silva's PTA by contributing \$10, you will receive 4 tickets towards ice cream. Feel free to bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs for your family. If you wish to buy food for your family at the picnic, we'll have food tucks on the playground.

Did you know that two classes that have the highest percentage of families that sign-up for a PTA membership by August 16th receive a pizza party?



Band and Strings Are Back!



We are excited to offer band and strings programs at Silva this year!

Mrs. Evans will teach 5th and 6th grade band classes during the school day at Silva. Classes will be taught twice a week for 40 minutes. Mrs. Evans will give registration forms to all interested students in 5th grade the first week of school. The 6th grade program is starting their second year of instruction and will be offered to continuing band students who have played in band in 5th grade. Registration for band closes Aug. 3rd.

Ms. Erin Wells, who also teaches strings at McAuliffe Middle and Bear Creek High School, is returning to Silva staff to teach strings to Silva's 5th and 6th grade students during the school day. She will visit and speak to every 5th and 6th grade class this week to share information about the requirements to join the strings program. Both strings classes will be taught twice a week for 40 minutes. Thank you all for your support!

YMCA located in room C-8 - The YMCA child care program is located on the south side of the school in Room C-8 near the bus loop. The program does have openings for various times before, during, and after school, and parents are encouraged to call them directly if they have questions about their services. Their number is (209) 472-9622.

1st Quarter Important Dates and Information

Monday, July 30th - **Kindergarten Orientation 3:00-4:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, July 31st - **First Day of School/ Triple A Period 1 & AR Shark Tank Q1 Begin/**Sharkwear Orders Begin

Wednesday, August 1st - Spirit Assemblies/ 1st-2nd 8:35-9:15, 3rd-4th 9:30-10:15, 5th-6th 1:25-2:15

Wednesday, August 1st - **College Wear Day!**

Thursday, August 2nd - PTA General Assembly Meeting (5:30-6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria)

Thurs., August 2nd - **Back to School Night: AM K and 1st-3rd is 6:00-6:45/PM K and 4th-6th is 6:45-7:30**

Wednesday, August 8th - PTA Board Meeting (7:15-8:00 a.m. in the Library)

Wednesday, August 8th - **College Wear Day!**

Monday, August 13th - **Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kick-off Assemblies in the Cafeteria (Intermed.1:30-1:50, Primary 1:55-2:15) AM K 10-10:20 and PM K in the classrooms @ 11:45**

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- Wednesday, August 15th** - Common Planning Day 12:22/25 Early Dismissal/ **College Wear Day!**
Thursday, August 16th - **PTA Membership Drive Contest Ends**
Friday, August 17th - **Back to School Picnic 5-7 p.m.**
Tuesday, August 21st - **Harvest Festival Committee Meeting/Library (3:30 p.m.)**
Wednesday, August 22nd - **College Wear Day!**
Thursday, August 23rd - **Fall Picture Day (8:30-12:30 in the Library)**
Friday, August 24th - **Shark Wear T-shirt Orders Due**
Friday, August 24th - **End Triple A Period 1**
Monday, August 27th - **Triple A Period 2 Begins**
Tuesday, August 28th - MAD Science Fire and Ice Assembly (8:40 for K-3 and 9:35 for 4-6th)
Wednesday, August 29th - **College Wear Day!**
Thursday, August 30th - **Cookie Dough Fundraiser Sale Ends**
Friday, August 31st - **PTA Membership Winners Pizza Party**
Friday, August 31st - **Purple Passion Day!**
Monday, September 3rd - **Labor Day - No School**
Thursday, September 6th - PTA Board Meeting/Library (7:15-8:00 a.m.)
Tuesday, September 11th - **Preschool Story Time/Library (8:15-9:00 a.m.)**
Wednesday, September 12th - Common Planning Day 12:22/25 Early Dismissal/ **College Wear Day!**
Wednesday, September 12th - **Triple A Period 1 Handout (No Books)**
Friday, September 14th - PTA Paint Night (Sorelle Winery from 6-9 p.m.)
Friday, September 14th - **End of Shark Tank Q1 Accelerated Reader Deadline**
Monday, September 17th - Constitution Day!
Monday, September 17th - **Start of Q2 Shark Tank**
Tuesday, September 18th - School Site Council Meeting (7:20-8:15 in the Library)
Wednesday, September 19th - **AC Day 12:22/25 Early Dismissal/ College Wear Day!**
Friday, September 21st - Cookie Dough 15 Items or more Ice Cream Party (1:15-1:45 p.m.)
Tuesday Sept. 25th - **Friday, Sept. 28th** - **Parent-Teacher Conferences (Minimum Days)**
Wednesday, September 26th - **Cookie Dough Distribution Day!/Cafeteria (10-4:00) / College Wear Day!**
Thursday, September 27th - **Life Skills Awards Ceremony Q1 (8:45 - 1st, 9:20 - 2nd, 9:55 - 3rd)**
Friday, September 28th - **RED RIBBON Week Celebration!/Cookie Dough Prizes (Flag Salute)**
Friday, September 28th - **Triple A Period 2 Ends**
Monday, October 1st thru Friday, October 12th - **Fall Break**