

Join MV GATE!

Support a Mill Valley Parent Organization That's Making a Difference

Plus

Make Sure Your Child Gets Invited to MV GATE Programs & Events

➔ Join More Than 800 Mill Valley Parents in MV GATE Membership! ⬅
Programs Open To All Kids

Last year was a wild and wonderful year for MV GATE and our community of Mill Valley schools, parents and kids. From the delighted faces of first-graders experiencing a breakthrough coding moment, to the front page of *The New York Times*, to middle-school marine biologists getting a free advanced program at the Marine Mammal Center, and everything in between. Below and on the other side are highlights of our past year, and an invitation to join MV GATE. You'll be supporting our work, plus ensuring your child is among those invited to MV GATE events and programs. Thanks to our scores of parent instructor volunteers and committee members, our wonderfully supportive principals and schools, and the more than 1,000 kids and adults who've joined us in MV GATE programs. And to you, our parent members.



"Hour of Code Night" for 900. Since December MV GATE has provided free "Hour of Code Night" programs for 900 Mill Valley adults and kids, at every elementary school in town, with scores of volunteer parent and kid Code Coaches.

We had great fun and learned something new, differently.



Marine Biology Lab for MVMS Marine Biologists.

Thanks to a generous grant from an MV GATE parent member, we were able to send 20 of the top science students at MVMS to an advanced lab workshop at the Marine Mammal Center. Kids studied marine mammal anatomy,

hematology, care & feeding, and got a behind-the-scenes tour.
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Join us!

Parent name & email: _____

Parent name & email: _____

Child name(s) & grade(s) K-8: _____

Please write your separate check to MV GATE. Attach the check to this form and return both with your first day packet to your school office or mail to:

MVGATE c/o MVSD, 411 Sycamore Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941

We're a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, tax ID #46-1269141. Your supporting contribution and any additional donations you'd like to make may be tax-deductible.

Suggested contribution \$20/family \$ _____

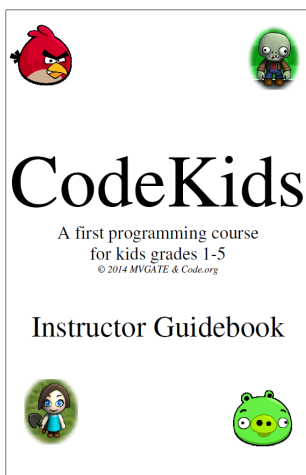
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Ongoing Events. MV GATE continues to offer its popular traditional programs: in the past six months hundreds of kids and adults have joined us for events including marine biology sails, Ropes courses in the Presidio, behind-the-scenes visits to Pixar Animation, and our much-loved Tarantula hike at Mt Diablo, with more to come.

CodeKids. Responding to intense family interest, within a month of its first Hour of Code Night, MV GATE created CodeKids, an after-school program to let kids continue the code.org computer science learning they began that night. We pilot-tested the curriculum and Instructors' Guide at Old Mill School, then extended the course from Old Mill to Park and Edna, all in a matter of weeks. In these three initial schools, 140 kids completed the CodeKids course.



"Community-Powered Learning" Works in Mill Valley. CodeKids succeeded because we asked the community to step forward, and they did: fourteen tech-minded parents volunteered as Parent Instructors, and our principals were fantastically supportive. At Park, just *three weeks* after Hour of Code Night, forty kids began a new CodeKids course.

A New Model, Widely Noted. MVGATE's work together with Mill Valley parents and schools has been featured on the front page of the Sunday *New York Times*, the front pages of the *Marin IJ* and *Mill Valley Herald*, and as cover feature of the *SF Chronicle's* Datebook. Schools and districts across Marin have asked about bringing our model to their communities.

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About MV GATE: MV GATE is a new kind of educational non-profit. In close collaboration with our schools, we are Mill Valley parents building a new model for community-powered education, rapidly bringing vital, best-of-breed learning to our kids, at no cost to the District. MV GATE is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public benefit corporation, tax ID #46-1269141.

ScratchLab. As kids completed CodeKids, MV GATE prepared and pilot-tested ScratchLab. In this popular new workshop kids eagerly take the next step: *to create*, rather than just play, games and apps.



The Memorial Day Parade. More than 40 kids and parents turned out to fill our first MV GATE CodeKids Memorial Day parade contingent, which included the world premier of "CodeKids Theater" as we all walked the route. Great fun!



Teacher Professional Development. For the second year MV GATE sponsored Mill Valley teachers to attend the Northern California Symposium from the California Association for the Gifted, to learn new ideas and practices to help our kids.

Parent Ed. In collaboration with the Gifted Support Center and the California Association for the Gifted, MVGATE brought Dr. James Webb, one of the seminal practitioners of gifted education, to town for an intimate discussion, "Parenting Gifted Children."

New Courses in Development. Our parent membership is generating a steady flow of new program ideas, expertise and development. We are building new courses on multiple high-demand topics, which we hope to add to MV GATE programs starting this fall.