

# MARINE SCIENCE

VILLAGE VIEW ELEMENTARY

November 7, 2022

Dear Friends of Marine Science,

Despite the years of pandemic pivoting and declining funds for field trips and transportation, the Village View Dolphins—including families, faculty, administration, and staff—launched an exciting, innovative, and immersive program for students in grades TK (Transitional Kindergarten) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to explore a global subject with local roots: **Marine Science!**

Our school's mission is to explore the National Marine Educators Association's **Ocean Literacy** curricula, which is a comprehensive interdisciplinary study of marine life, oceanography, and stewardship. Though we are very lucky to live in Surf City, USA alongside some amazing coastal ecosystems, our aim is to send our oldest students to the Catalina Island Marine Institute as a culmination of their yearlong studies and lead the way for all Dolphins to joyfully anticipate their own trip to this wondrous outdoor classroom experience.

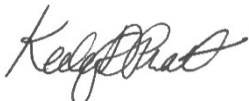
"That's great!" you may say, "but why am I getting this letter?"

We're reaching out to our community because this ambitious program needs support in many forms: start-up funding, in-kind donations, spreading the news of our school and its goals, and sponsoring disadvantaged students so they can attend CIMI. Have you ever considered expressing your love of the ocean and supporting education through a donation?

If you have, we need your help! We are sending our first class of fifth grade students to the **Catalina Island Marine Institute in Toyon Bay** from February 27 to March 1, 2023, and we have 10 days to collect \$18,000! At CIMI, students will experience three days of snorkeling, hiking, and hands-on labs in a historic setting staffed by college-educated instructors with all meals, lodging, and transportation included. **Can you sponsor one Fifth Grader to attend CIMI for \$400?** (All donations are tax deductible!)

By working together, our grassroots program will exceed California's new Next Generation Science Standards and become a shining example of what a community can do when we have shared interests (Marine Science!) and a common purpose (excellence in education!). Today, **YOU** can have an astounding effect by helping Village View's Fifth Grade Class attend CIMI in 2023; please consider donating during this limited time to ensure all our students can experience this lifechanging trip!

Sincerely,



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PTO Marine Science Chair

Please make checks payable to *Village View Elementary School* along with the memo "CIMI" and send to:  
Village View Elementary School, 5361 Sisson Dr, Huntington Beach, CA 92649.

Thank you!