



# TIGER PRIDE POST

Monthly news from  
Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

**December 2021**

## Upcoming Events

- December 3rd  
\$1 Dress down  
District Winter Festival
- December 8th Early Release at  
12:00 p.m.
- December 9th Governing Board  
Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- December 13th Soccer Tryouts
- December 13th Fine Arts club  
concert 5:30 - 6:30 p.m
- December 14th Skyzone night  
3:00 - 7:00 p.m
- December 14th Winter Band  
Concert 6:00 - 7:00pm
- December 15th 5th - 8th grade  
fine arts concert 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- December 17th - 31st  
No School - Winter Break

## Principal's Note

I cannot believe we are almost halfway through the 2021-2022 school year! We have had a wonderful first half of the year and are looking forward to many exciting events this month. Please see the "What's Happening in Specials" section in our newsletter. If you know any families looking to enroll their children in Vista, our open enrollment process begins January 10th. Returning students will receive their recommitment letters during parent teacher conferences held in January.

Thank you for all that you do for our students and community. Have a safe and restful holiday break!



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## Open Enrollment 2022-2023

We will begin accepting 2022- 2023 school year open enrollment forms for prospective students on January 10, 2022. Forms will be accepted between the hours of 7:30am and 3:45pm. The date/time that the completed form is received is a priority; therefore this form is not available online and must be submitted in person. The form must be signed by a parent, but can be picked up/turned in by a friend or family member. All applicants will first be placed on a prospective student list and assigned an assessment screening time upon submitting their open enrollment form. Your testing information card will provide you a list of documents you need to bring to testing and the date that testing result emails will be sent. We do not provide assessment scores to the parents, as they are used for school use only. A student will not be considered for acceptance if required documents have not been received.

### **Acceptance at Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy is based on the following:**

- **Assessment test scores**
- **Laveen School District residents**
- **Prospective students with siblings currently attending Vista del Sur**
- **Out of district residents**
- **Date/Time open enrollment form was submitted**
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All openings are on a first come first serve basis and we fill enrollment openings from our waiting list. This means that if you are placed on the waiting list we will contact you immediately if space becomes available. Unfortunately, we are not able to tell you what number your child is on the waiting list because lists are constantly changing based on the criteria above. Openings are based on available space within each grade level, your child may not be testing to fill an available seat but rather to be placed on the waiting list.

### Soccer:

Vista's soccer season is starting soon and Mr. Dolecki is looking for one parent from grades 5 to 8 to help him with coaching the team. This is a great opportunity to earn some volunteer hours as well as show your school spirit! If you are interested please directly email Mr. Dolecki at [rdolecki@laveeneld.org](mailto:rdolecki@laveeneld.org). Since there is only a need for one parent, it will be a first come first serve basis. Thanks to the Vista community for always lending a helping hand when needed.



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## What's Happening in Specials?

### **Spanish**

Libre Soy - that is the song that the 4th grade students were singing to practice their pronunciation and fluency for Spanish. Have them sing it to you.

Did you know that all the 5th -8th grade students have learned how to conjugate?

What's that you ask? Ask them about it. They are ready to conjugate more verbs. What better way to do that than with a Quiz, Quiz, Trade game that gets them talking.

How about the little ones? K-3 learned the names of the planets in Spanish. They are fast learners and were excited that they knew most of them in English and Spanish.

Keep having your child use their Spanish learning. It helps them to remember.

### **Art**

K. Abstract Art

1. Patterned Winter Hats
2. Monet Bridge
3. St. Basil's Cathedral
4. Egyptian Sarcophagus
5. Pop Art
6. Ze tangles
7. Icebergs
8. Manga



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### **P.E**

This month in PE our K-3 students will be partaking in different exercises and modified team games. Our 4th-8th grade students will be starting a basketball unit and mixed games.

### **Music**

This month in music Kinder is working on ear training by identifying melodic contour of songs. 1st and 2nd grade are learning about the staff and how to identify solfege on the treble clef staff. 3rd grade has started to learn recorders, and will be learning notes B and A and how to play them in songs. 4th grade has been reviewing the note letters, note names, and their durations to prepare for recorders. 5th grade is diving deep into music theory by learning all about half steps, whole steps, and accidentals. 6th grade will be finishing their busking routine performances as a cumulative assessment from their hard work this quarter. 7th and 8th grade will be composing an impressionist piece using our curriculum's QComposer. They have to compose using the whole tone scale which they learned was created by impressionist composers back in the 1800's!

### **Band**

The band will present our holiday concert on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. The concert will begin at 6:00 pm. Please have students report at 5:30 pm to check in for attendance, warm up, and tune. Students will wear their band uniform (white top, black pants).



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## Dress Code

It's getting cold, especially in the mornings. Please remember acceptable attire is as follows:

Solid white, navy, or light blue shirt with collar, such as a polo or dress shirt/blouse.

Solid navy blue or tan khaki slacks, shorts, skirts, or jumpers. No jeans (of any color).

All shorts, skirts, and jumpers must be an acceptable length.

Any undershirts/undergarments must be white.

When coats are necessary, only navy, white, or gray sweatshirts are allowed in class and must be worn over a uniform shirt. When outside, students may wear any type of coat.

Please refer to the student handbook for more details.



### Bus Passes

All bus riders must present their bus pass/student identification badge when they board and exit the bus.



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## **Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications**

For the 2021-2022 school year, all students will receive healthy school meals at no cost, regardless of income. Families are still encouraged to submit a school meal application for free or reduced-price meal benefits because this information may be used for other programs, such as Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT), Federal and State funding for your school, reduced registration fees for academic tests, free or discounted fees for athletic programs, discounted rates for internet service, and many more.

## **How to Apply**

Your child may qualify for free or reduced-price meal benefits. We strongly encourage parents & guardians to apply online through [EZMealApp.com](https://EZMealApp.com) to ensure a quick, safe, and contact-less application process. Applications must be submitted annually and may take up to 10 business days to process.

### Online Menu

Our school menus have gone digital! Introducing Nutrislice, an interactive way to view your child's school menu.





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## A Note from the District Nurse...



**Please make sure that your child's emergency and health form is up-to-date. This provides the school with important information in case an emergency should arise. I encourage parents to speak with the Health Associate if your child has any medical needs or concerns.**

### TAXPAYERS CAN LOWER THEIR TAXES AND SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

You can send all your state taxes to the State of Arizona or make a contribution to a public school and receive a State Income Tax Credit for up to \$200 for tax payers who file a tax return as single or head of household and a maximum of \$400 for married couples filing jointly on your State Income Tax Return.

A.R.S. §43-1089.01 gives you this opportunity to help your local school. A tax credit, which is the dollar-for-dollar reduction of your tax liability, is better than a tax deduction, which only reduces your taxable income before taxes are computed. The tax credit is available to all Arizona taxpayers, regardless of whether they have children in school.

For more information, go to our website at <http://www.laveeneld.org/about-laveen/tax-credit> or call the school office.