

Monthly news from
Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

January 2023

Happy 2023! Welcome Back Tigers!

It's January and time for open enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. If you know of any families that are interested, please tell them to contact our front office!

Congratulations to our Fine Arts Club, Music, and Band students that participated in our Winter concerts. We have so many talented Tigers on our campus! A special thank you to those that attended the events. We know it was a packed house and we appreciate your flexibility and dedication to our students.

Don't forget Parent Teacher Conferences are the week of January 17th.



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# **Upcoming Events**

- January 9th
   classes resume
   Art Club
   Fine Arts Club
   MESA Engineering
- January 10th Art Club
   Fine Arts Club
- January 11th
   Half Day Release @ 12:00 pm
   Site Council Meeting
   PTO Meeting
- January 16th MLK No School
- January 17th
   Art Club
   Robotics
   Soccer & Volleyball Game @
   Laveen
- January 19th
   KG & 1st Grade Winter Concert
- January 19th & 20th
   Half Day Release @ 12:00 pm
   Parent Teacher Conferences

- January 23rd
   Art Club
   Chess Club
   Fine Arts Club
   MESA Engineering
   Soccer & Volleyball Game @
   Paseo
- January 24th
   Art Club
   Soccer & Volleyball Game @ EFGA
- January 25th
   Half Day Release @ 12:00 pm
- January 26th
   MESA Engineering
- January 30th
   Art Club
   Chess Club
   Fine Arts Club
   Mesa Engineering
- January 31st
   Art Club
   Robotics
   Soccer & Volleyball Game @ Vista



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# What's Happening in Specials?

#### **Band**

Band students are heading into honor band festival season. Lana Alvarado represented Vista at the Greater Phoenix Honor Band festival on January 13-14. Congratulations Lana on a job well done!

#### **Art**

January and February 7-8th are researching Mythological Creatures to recreate, 5-6th are designing 2D Ancient Greek Vases, 2-4th are making Lunar New Year Dragons and k-1 are designing a 2D Winter Glove with patterns.

#### PE

4th-8th grade will begin January with fitness testing (pacer, vertical jump, broad jump, sit ups, and push ups) to see where we are at and where we finish. We will also be starting our volleyball unit and getting into volleyball rotations and games. In Kinder-3rd grade we will continue to learn new fun exciting games that help with personal space and locomotor skills. We will also be doing some soccer games and skills.



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#### **Spanish**

In Spanish, kinder, first and second graders are working with vocabulary related to animals. While first graders are working on recognizing new words, first graders are using the vocabulary in different sentences and contexts, and second graders are working on adding new words to their lexicon to compare animals according to their physical features and to identify those features that help them to live in unique environments. Third and fourth graders are working on adding new vocabulary and grammar to describe people's appearance. While third graders are learning and using adjectives to describe physical appearance (paying attention to gender and number agreement), fourth graders are now able to write a short paragraph (conjugating verb "ser") describing other people. In fifth grade, students are talking about their unique talents, abilities, and interests. They are going to start working on future tense conjugations in order to start writing about their future plans. Sixth graders are using Spanish language to learn more about how sports and sport fandom influence Hispanic culture. They are also being introduced to past tense. Seventh graders are using vocabulary and grammar to explore how access to books may impact a community. They are also working on improving their reading skills. Finally, eight graders are working on recognizing and using vocabulary related to money and shopping. They are talking about finances and types of currencies, they are interpreting infographics and ads, and they are analyzing commercials.



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# Volleyball & Soccer schedule Games start at 4:30 p.m.

December 5th at Vista
December 12th at Rogers
December 15th at Vista
January 12th at Desert Meadows
January 17th at Laveen
January 23rd at Paseo
January 24th at EFGA
January 31st at Vista



**Bus Passes** 

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



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# Thank you!!

YOUR TAX CREDIT
DOLLARS PROVIDED THE
FOLLOWING:

- After School Tutoring
- Before School Tutoring
- 8th Grade Washington DC
- Field Trip Transportation
- Girls on the Run

- Band
- Choir
- Football
- Volleyball
- Basketball

Please complete your 2022 tax donation so we can offer even more extra curricular opportunities.

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.



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

Families are 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 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.

