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Monthly news from
Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

May 2023

Principal's Note

Vista Families,

May wraps up our 2022-2023 school year. It's amazing to think of all we have accomplished. Our Fall Festival was a huge success, our book fairs and annual fun run is sure to be a hit again. What an amazing year!

Over the summer, make sure your Tigers continue their academic growth by reading, writing, and practicing their math skills. You may choose to use different online resources via the internet, visit your local library, or plan excursions to museums during the 'hot' summer months to ensure your child is maintaining their skills for the next school year.

But, before we say goodbye for the summer, we have some exciting events coming up. You will want to keep your eyes open for more information. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Jessica Epacs

Principal



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Upcoming Events

- Monday, May 1st
Teacher Appreciation Week
Principal's Day
4th - 8 Grade Fine Arts Club, 3:30
MESA Engineering, 3:30
NWEA MAP Growth MathK-8th
- Tuesday, May 2nd
NWEA MAP Growth Reading K-8th
- Wednesday, May 3rd
NWEA Map Growth Language
3rd - 8th
- Thursday, May 4th
NWEA MAP Growth Science 3rd-8th
MESA Engineering, 3:30
- Friday, May 5th
Student Council \$1 Dress Down Day
Student of the Month, 7:00 am
- May 8th - May 12th
Aims Web Plus K - 3rd
- Monday, May 8th
4th - 8th Grade Fine Arts Club, 3:30
MESA Engineering, 3:30
- Tuesday, May 9th
Spring Band Concert, 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 10th
Half Day Release @ 12:00 pm
School Nurse Day
- Thursday, May 11th
MESA Engineering
- Friday, May 12th
Student Council \$1 Dress Down Day
- Monday, May 15th
4th - 8th Grade Fine Arts Club, 3:30
- Tuesday, May 23rd
8th Grade Promotion, 9:00
- Wednesday, May 24th
Half Day Release @ 12:00 pm
Kinder Graduation, 8:30
Preschool Graduation, 10:00
Last Day of School



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Spanish

In May, K-4th grades will work on consolidating some of the concepts learned throughout the year and on activities that will reinforce two specific language skills: speaking and listening. On the other hand, 5th grade will be introduced to subject pronouns and to formality differences. To do so, they will continue working on Unit 6. If there is time, 5th graders will watch the movie Ferdinand (in Spanish). This will put closure on one of the main topics we have explored during this quarter, the culture of Spain, where students have also read the book Ferdinand (all in Spanish). 6th graders will be introduced to regular conjugations (Unit 14) and they will also learn vocabulary related to Global Challenges and Human Rights. 7th graders will discover “El Camino de Santiago”, they will talk about identities (beliefs and disbeliefs), and they will learn about reflexive verbs. Finally, 8th graders will explore the linguistic diversity of the Hispanic countries and they will also have the opportunity to reinforce some of the most difficult concepts they have learned this year.



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This Month 5th-8th grade is starting their third music production project and continuing to learn new chords on the ukulele. Kinder is preparing for their kinder celebration concert. 1st-2nd grade are learning about pitch, rhythm, and composition using solfège. 3rd and 4th grade will be learning their final recorder songs of the year and then working on a composition project which they will perform on the recorder for their classmates.

P.E.

To end the school year in May we will be reviewing all the things we learned this year in PE. We will also be bringing back the fun run, so be on the lookout for more information on that.



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Laveen District Honor band will take place for select students on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Betty Fairfax HS. Students selected to participate are: Patrick (8th grade flute), Rebecca (8th grade saxophone), Jimena (8th grade trombone), Krispin (7th grade clarinet), Gunner (7th grade saxophone), Ben (7th grade trumpet), Ezri (7th grade percussion), Bentley (6th grade saxophone), Violet (6th grade tenor saxophone), Evie (6th grade french horn), Gabby (6th grade trombone), Ryan (6th grade euphonium), Zane (6th grade tuba). Our final concert for all 5-8th grade band students will take place on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at Vista from 5-6 pm.



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Volunteer Hours

Total Families: 613

Number of Families that have completed their hours: 339
(55%)

Number of families that have completed some hours: 136
(22%)

Families with no hours: 138 (23%)

Our goal is to have 100% of our Vista Families complete their required 7 hours. Families, please remember our Vista student/parent handbook states: At least one adult from each family that enrolls their child at Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy is expected to volunteer a minimum of seven hours for the school year. As a reminder, volunteer hours may be earned at classroom and school functions, as well as things done at home. Here are just a few ideas to help you get involved at Vista.



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A note from the District Nurse...

The end of the school year is fast approaching. This is the perfect time to begin thinking about finishing this school year well and getting ready for the new school year. If you have a child who takes medication at school, please remember that you need to stop by the school health office and pick up your child's medication on or before the last day of school.

Any medication that is not picked up by May 24th will be discarded. Also remember that students are not allowed to transport medication. Thank you.

Immunizations

Notices were sent home with students that will require immunizations before the first day of school.

Any student not current on their immunizations will not be able to attend school on the first day.

If you have any questions about your child's immunization status, contact our health office at 602-237-3046 Ext. 3306