



# TIGER PRIDE POST

Monthly news from  
Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

**January 2024**

## **Happy 2024! Welcome Back Tigers!**

Wow! I can't believe it's already January!

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 8th  
Art Club 5th - 8th, 3:30pm.  
Fine Arts Club, 3:30pm  
MESA Engineering, 3:30pm.
- January 9th  
Art Club 2nd - 4th, 3:30pm.  
Volleyball & Soccer Game, 4:30pm.
- January 11th  
MESA Engineering, 3:30pm.
- January 12th  
Student Council Dress Down Day  
Honor Roll & Principal's Assembly
- January 16th  
Art Club 2nd - 4th, 3:30pm.
- January 18th  
MESA Engineering, 3:30pm.
- January 18th - January 19th  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
Half day release @ 12:00pm.
- January 22nd  
Art Club 5th - 8th, 3:30pm.  
Fine Arts Club, 3:30pm.  
MESA Engineering, 3:30pm.
- January 23rd  
Art Club 2nd - 4th Grade, 3:30pm.  
Winter Concert KG & 1st, 5:00pm.
- January 24th  
Half Day Release @ 12:00pm
- January 25th  
MESA Engineering, 3:30pm.
- January 26th  
Student Council Dress Down Day  
Family Dance, 5:30pm
- January 29th  
Art Club 5th - 8th, 3:30pm.  
Fine Arts Club, 3:30pm.  
MESA Engineering, 3:30pm.
- January 30th  
Art Club 2nd - 4th, 3:30pm.



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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**

I hope we got to see you at the Winter Art Show, Art Club had over 75 submissions! Thank you for your support! Additionally in Art Club, we had a Winner and a Finalist in the Arizona School Board Association's first ever K-12 Art Contest! Congratulations to Leiya Thompson for winning in the K-2nd grade category and to Kirsten Smith for being a finalist in the 7th and 8th grade category!

Once school is back in session, we will be preparing for the Art to Remember Fundraiser! Students, Kindergarten through 8th grade will have time in class to create artwork that you will be able to order on a t-shirt, a mug and much more from Art to Remember! Order forms will be sent home at the end of March.



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### **PE**

The first half of the school year has flown by and we look forward to a great 2024. As we start the 3rd quarter we will welcome new groups of 5th-8th grade students to PE and will continue to build on the basic skills and movements we have been working on so far this school year in K-4th grade. Happy Holidays from the Vista del Sur PE Department.

### **Music**

This month 5th-8th grade are beginning their work on the spring show Aladdin which will debut on March 6th at 5:00 in the gym. 4th grade is continuing their work on recorders and focusing on reading musical notation for the c major scale. 3rd grade is learning about the classical time period this month. 2nd grade is learning about the treble clef staff and solfege singing. Kinder and 1st grade levels will be rehearsing for their winter concert that will be January 23rd at 5:00 in the gym.



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### **Spanish**

After learning the days of the week in Unit 4, Kindergartens will learn the months of the year. 1st graders will learn vocabulary related to different items of clothing. They will also review colors and shapes. 2nd graders will acquire basic vocabulary for talking about their houses and the things in them. 3rd graders will work on describing a person's physical appearance (verb ser + adjectives) and 4th graders will work on learning how to express actions or conditions that are happening right now. To do so, they will analyze different types of texts. Since we are starting a new quarter, 5-8 grades will change their Special classes. 5th graders will work on Unit 1. They will learn how they can introduce themselves or someone else in Spanish. 6th graders will start Unit 7, "Los Castells de Tarragona". They will learn specific aspects of Spanish culture and how to express needs and/or ask for help. Grades 7-8 will work on identifying the general topic and some basic information in a familiar childhood story. Also, they will be introduced to future tense.



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## Thank you!!

YOUR TAX CREDIT  
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FOLLOWING:

- After School Tutoring
- Before School Tutoring
- 8th Grade Washington DC
- Field Trip Transportation
- Girls on the Run
- Band
- Choir
- Football
- Volleyball
- Basketball

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