



# TIGER PRIDE POST

Monthly news from  
Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

**April 2024**

## **Principal's Note**

Vista Families,

I cannot believe it is April! This means it's time for the Arizona Academic Standards Assessment (AASA). We are so excited for our amazing students to show what they know. We try to motivate and get our student's excited by creating a theme for everyone to enjoy and participate in. This year our theme is "We are in our testing era!". Please pump your child up by sharing your excitement and energy for their success. Staff and students have been preparing all year for this assessment; we can't wait to see how well they perform. Attendance during this time is very important. Make sure students eat a good breakfast, are well rested, and arrive on time every day. Our goal is to have 100% of our students tested!

Sincerely,

Jessica Epacs

Principal



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## Upcoming Events

- Monday, April 1st,  
Art Club, 3:30  
Fine Arts Club, 3:30  
MESA Engineering, 3:30  
Basketball & Flag Football Game @ Laveen
- Tuesday, April 2nd  
AASA Writing 3rd - 8th  
Girls on the run, 3:30  
Art Club, 3:30
- Wednesday, April 3rd  
AZSCI Part 1 - 5th & 8th
- Thursday, April 4th  
AZSCI Part 2 -5th & 8th Grade  
MESA Engineering, 3:30  
Chess Club, 3:30  
Mesa Engineering, 3:30  
E-Sports, 3:30  
Girls on the run, 3:30
- Friday, April 5th  
Student Council \$1 dress down  
Honor Roll and Principal's Assembly  
(see invitation)
- Monday, April 8th  
Fine Arts Club, 3:30  
MESA Engineering 3:30  
Art Club, 3:30
- Tuesday, April 9th  
AASA Reading Part 1, 3rd - 8th  
Girls on the Run, 3:30  
Art Club, 3:30



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- Wednesday, April 10th  
Half Day Release @ 12:00  
Vista Gifted Parent Night, 5:00
- Thursday, April 11th  
AASA Reading Part 2 - 3rd - 8th  
MESA Engineering, 3:30  
Chess Club, 3:30  
Mesa Engineering, 3:30  
Girls on the run, 3:30  
E-Sports, 3:30
- Friday, April 12th  
AASA Oral Reading Fluency, 3rd Grade only
- Monday, April 15th  
Art Club, 3:30  
Fine Arts Club, 3:30  
Mesa Engineering, 3:30
- Tuesday, April 16th  
AASA Math Part 1, 3rd - 8th  
Girls on the run, 3:30  
Art Club, 3:30
- Wednesday, April 17th  
Site Council Meeting, 5:30  
PTO Meeting, 6:00
- Thursday, April 18th  
AASA Math Part 2, 3rd - 8th  
MESA Engineering, 3:30  
E-Sports, 3:30  
Chess Club, 3:30
- Monday, April 22nd  
Fine Arts Club, 3:30  
Art Club, 3:30  
Girls on the run celebration, 3:00
- Tuesday, April 23rd  
Family Art Night, 4:00
- Wednesday, April 24th  
Half Day Release, 12:00
- Thursday, April 25th  
MESA Engineering  
E-Sports, 3:30  
School Science Fair, 4:30
- Monday, April 29th  
Art Club, 3:30  
Mesa Engineering, 3:30  
Spring Band Concert, 5:00
- Tuesday, April 30th  
Art Club, 3:30



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## What's Happening in Specials?

### PE

Happy start of the 4th quarter from Vista PE! We would like to start off by thanking everyone for the donations and volunteer time to make our Field Days happen. While we dealt with some weather and delays it ended up being a great experience for our students and that can't happen without the support of our parents and staff. We look forward to finishing the school year strong in PE!

### ART

Art to Remember Order forms are almost here! Order forms will be sent home with the kids by March 27th, make sure to keep an eye out so you can order your child's artwork on over 60 products under \$15, orders must be submitted to the Art to Remember website by April 8th. Please reach out with any questions, [esalger@laveeneld.org](mailto:esalger@laveeneld.org). Art club has been working hard to add art to our school! 2nd-4th grade Art Club recently completed an *Avatar* inspired mural for the art classroom window! 5th-8th grade Art Club has been busy working on the wall mural after school during our Monday meetings and we are almost finished. Interested in seeing these artworks? Plan on coming to Family Art Night taking place in the gym on Tuesday, April 23rd from 5-6:30pm! Not only will you be able to see the mural art done by our kids, but we will have crafts for all ages, I hope to see you there!



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This month in music 5th-8th grade will be learning all about music production and ukuleles. Kinder and 1st grade will be learning about tempo and dynamics. 2nd grade is learning about how to make music interesting with key music concepts and the science of sound. 3rd grade is learning how to play notes B, A, and G on the recorder. 4th grade is learning about the romantic time period.

### Band

Band- Our Spring band concert is coming up on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 5:00 pm. This counts as the student's band final. Please make sure your student is in attendance. Band uniforms are required (white top, black bottoms). Please email Mrs Wolfe ([lwolfe@laveeneld.org](mailto:lwolfe@laveeneld.org)) as soon as possible if you need help with finding transportation, band concert clothes, etc...



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### **Spanish**

Kindergarten will learn vocabulary about animals by listening to a story, analyzing a short story video, and describing multiple images. They will also review colors and numbers. First grade will work on acquiring new family vocabulary. At the same time, they will review grammatical gender and number. Second grade will work on essential weather words and expressions. They will finish this unit becoming meteorologists and talking about the forecast in front of the classroom. Third grade will review the verb "gustar" and they will work on writing descriptions of themselves using the verb "ser" and the vocabulary they have learned so far. Fourth grade will review vocabulary about free time activities and they will continue working on present progressive. 5th grade will be working on Unit 2, Corre. 6th grade will finish Unit 7 and will start working on Unit 8, La comida Latina. Finally, 7/8 grade will finish Unit 22, and they will start Unit 23, El Camino de Santiago.



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## Volunteer Hours

Total Families: 604

Number of Families that have completed their hours: 306  
(51%)

Number of families that have completed some hours: 112  
(19%)

Families with no hours: 186 (30%)

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.