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Monthly news from
Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

November 2024

Principal's Note

Vista parent(s) & guardian(s),

Our annual Fall Carnival is approaching and we are so excited! We will have food trucks, vendors, games, and obstacle courses for all ages to enjoy. A special thank you to our PTO and Dad's Club for all of your efforts to put on this event.

The Arizona Department of Education recently released the school letter grades and Vista received an A. I will share the breakdown of the formula for letter grades at our upcoming Site Council meeting on November 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in our school library. I hope you enjoy the beautiful beginning of our fall season and the cooler weather.

In partnership,

Jessica Epacs

Principal



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Upcoming Events

- November 1st
STUCO \$1 dress down
School Carnival Dance, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- November 4th
MESA Club, 3:30 p.m.
Visual Arts Club 5th - 8th, 3:30 p.m.
- November 5th
Dance Club KG - 2nd, 3:30 p.m.
Friendship Club, 3:30 p.m.
Robotics, 3:30 p.m.
Visual Arts Club 32nd - 4th, 3:30 p.m.
- November 6th
Early Release Day @ 1:30 p.m.
- November 7th
Chess Club, 3:30 p.m.
Dance Club 3rd - 5th, 3:30 p.m.
- November 8th
Honor Roll & Principal's Assembly *By Invitation*
- November 11th
Visual Arts Club 5th - 8th, 3:30 p.m.
- November 12th
Dance Club KG - 2nd, 3:30 p.m.
Robotics, 3:30 p.m.
Visual Arts Club 2nd - 4th, 3:30 p.m.
- November 13th
Early Release Day @ 1:30 p.m.





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Upcoming Events

- November 14th
Chess Club, 3:30 p.m.
Dance Club 3rd - 5th, 3:30 p.m.
Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- November 15th
Fall Carnival, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- November 18th,
Visual Arts Club 5th - 8th, 3:30 p.m.
- November 19th
Dance Club KG - 2nd, 3:30 p.m.
Friendship Club, 3:30 p.m.
Robotics, 3:30 p.m.
Visual Arts Club 2nd - 4th, 3:30 p.m.
- November 20th
Early Release Day @ 1:30 p.m.
- November 21st
Chess Club, 3:30 p.m.
Dance Club 3rd - 5th, 3:30 p.m.
- November 22nd
STUCO \$1 Dress Down
- November 25th
MESA, 3:30 p.m.
Visual Arts Club 5th - 8th, 3:30 p.m.
- November 26th
Free Dress Down Day/ASU vs U of A Colors Theme
- November 27th - November 29th
Thanksgiving Break No School





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What's Happening in Specials?

Band

We have our Winter Concert coming up on Tuesday, December 17. 5th grade students are busy preparing for their 4 songs. They have the chance to audition for one of 8 solos. 6th grade band will also begin working on Christmas and holiday solos this month. 7/8th grade band students have already put on a concert for our 2nd graders, and are working on their new songs for our Winter Concert. Keep encouraging them to practice at home. They're doing amazing in class, and I'm so proud of them!



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PE

Quarter number two is off to a great start in PE! We have welcomed new groups into 5th-8th grade and will continue to focus on various sports and fitness in those classes. Our 3rd and 4th graders started off the quarter with Long Jump Rope Skills, Beach Ball Volleyball, and the Rock Wall. Our K-2 classes also got on the rock wall and have worked on some basic soccer skills. All of K-4 will soon participate in Parachute activities so we are excited about that.

I would also like to congratulate our Fall Sports teams as they have both had very successful seasons so far. Winter sports (Co-Ed Volleyball and Co-Ed Soccer) for our 6th-8th graders starts up in the middle of November so if you have any questions about that please feel free to contact Coach Neill at jneill2@laveeneld.org.



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Music

This month in music all grades K-8th are in full concert preparation. Students are learning their choral repertoire to perform for the upcoming winter performances. Save the date! Friday December 6th will be the 5th-8th grade choir class concert at the District Winter Festival. This performance time is to be determined by the district and will be shared with parents once we have received our time slot; the location of the concert is at the Laveen Education Center. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade level winter concert will be Wednesday December 18th from 5:00-6:00 in the Vista gym. Kindergarten winter concert takes place on Tuesday January 7th from 5:00-5:30 and 1st grade winter concert takes place on Wednesday January 8th from 5:00-5:30 in the Vista gym. We look forward to showing off all of the amazing talent here at Vista del Sur in these annual performances!



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Art

The 5-8 grade Visual Arts Club is looking forward to the fall carnival this month on the 15th as we will be hosting the face painting stand for a club fundraiser! We will have large face designs available for \$10 and small face designs available for \$5. We hope to see you there!

Happy Art to Remember month! The order forms were sent home the week of October 21st. There are over 60 products and many are less than \$20. These make great gifts and a percentage of every purchase goes right back to our school. You can order at the link below and enter the online order code shown on your child's order form or to search for your child's artwork. The orders for our school are due on November 4th!

<https://arttoremember.com/school/SXZSQ6>

All classes this quarter are off to a great start! 7th and 8th graders are building cardboard homes inspired by the Caribbean. 5th and 6th graders have been learning color schemes and creating artwork with the different types. 3rd and 4th graders are working on perspective drawing from a worm's eye view. In 1st and 2nd grade we are experimenting with oil pastels, drawing a zoomed in pumpkin for fall. Kindergarten students have been working on cutting skills and creating art with a variety of shapes and lines



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Spanish

In November, Kindergarten will work on learning how to express likes and dislikes. 1st grade will work on learning the days of the week and the months of the year. 2nd grade will finish their unit about La Familia and they will work on acquiring new vocabulary related to food. After learning the subject pronouns in Spanish, 3rd grade will work on conjugating and using verb ser in order to describe people, and 4th grade will work on regular verb conjugations. 5th grade will be working on Unit 2, Corre. 6th grade will work on Unit 7, Los Castells de Tarragona. Finally, 7/8 grade will start Unit 11, Los deportes en los países de habla hispana.



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Vista's Carnival Dance

Come one come all to Vista's Fall Dance!

The dance is Friday, November 1st from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Pre sale tickets will be sold before school from 10/28-10/31.

They are \$5.00 and tickets at the door are \$7.00

There will be concessions, music, a photo booth and so much fun!



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Lifetouch.

Picture Day is Coming!

¡Ya llega el Día de la Foto!

Tuesday, November 05, 2024

Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy Retake Day!



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**SAVE
THE
DATE**



FALL CARNIVAL

Friday, November 15, 2024

5:30pm-8:30pm

Online Discount Presales begin on

Monday, Nov.4, 2024 at 8am

Online Discount Presales will close on

Nov. 14, 2024 at 4pm





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Student Council Fall Fundraiser

OCTOBER 28 2024 - NOVEMBER 8, 2024

HOLIDAY CHEER CATALOG



ITEMS WILL BE DELIVERED TO
VISTA THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 16, 2024



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Holiday Assistance

With the holidays just around the corner it is a good time to start planning ahead. The school is often approached by groups that would like to donate food and/or gifts to families in need. If you would like to be placed on this confidential list please email our school secretary, Erica Hernandez, at ehernandez2@laveeneld.org



Bus Passes

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



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New for 2024-2025!

**Meals will be provided free of charge to ALL
Laveen students.**



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.