

Monthly news from Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

October 2022

Principal's Note

Vista Parents & Guardians,

The 2022-2023 school year is upon us! Thank you to all the families who continue to partner with us to support our students.

We are thrilled to have all students back on campus for in-person learning! In addition, we are enjoying our fall sports intramural season and the return of some of our favorite clubs. To support all of our extracurricular clubs and activities, please consider contributing with a tax credit donation. These donations are always a great help to Vista after school activities and field trips. In field trip news, we just had our Washington, D.C. trip approved by our Governing Board. We look forward to a trip of a lifetime with endless educational opportunities. As you can see, the year is off to a great start!



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Upcoming Events

- Monday, October 3rd, Boys Basketball @ Cash, 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, October 4th, Softball Game @ Cash, 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 5th, Site Council meeting, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 5th PTO meeting, 6:00 pm
- October 6th 7th, Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 6th 7th, Early Release @ 12:00 pm
- October 10th 14th, Fall Break
- Monday, October 17th, Boys Basketball @ Vista 4:30 pm
- Monday, October 17th Softball Game @ Vista, 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 19th, Early Release @ 12:00 pm
- Thursday, October 20th, Boys Basketball @ Vista, 4:30 pm
- Thursday, October 20th, Softball Game @ Vista, 4:30 pm
- Friday, October 21st, Fall Carnival 5:00 pm 8:00 pm
- October 24th 31st, Red Ribbon Week
- Monday, October 24th, Boys Basketball @ Rogers, 4:30 pm
- Monday, October 24th, Softball Game @ Rogers, 4:30 pm



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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

Vista Spirit Shirts!



Vista's 2022-2023 Spirit Shirts are now available! Order online at https://vistaonlinestore.square.site/and pick-up in Vista's front office. Spirit Shirts can be worn every Friday with uniform bottoms. For questions, please contact our Vista PTO at tigers@vistadelsurpto.org. Thank you for your support!



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Specials Update

- Wolfe/Band- Band tutoring has begun. It is held on Monday's and Tuesday's from 3:30 pm 4:30 pm. In order for a student to attend a student must have assigned note from their parent/guardian or an email stating they are allowed to stay that day. All communication must be given to Mrs. Wolfe.
- Coach Carroll & Coach Ford/PE: KG 3rd students will be moving onto Basketball skills. 5th 8th grade students will be starting a baseball/softball unit in 2nd quarter, We will be continuing our workouts and fitness testing.
- Baxter/Art: This year our school will be participating in the Art To Remember Fundraiser allowing you to purchase your child's custom artwork on keepsake products. There are over 50 products featuring their art, such as ornaments, sketchbooks, magnets, and water bottles. Students are currently busy creating their artwork for this fundraiser. Order forms, with your child's personalized code to order, will be sent home November 9th and will be due November 18. If ordered in this timeframe your childs art will be sent to the school before Vista's winter break, approximately December 12.
- Simpson/Music: For music this month K-4 has been taking their music pre-assessment for the school year and focusing on the basis of all music, beat. 5th-7th grade is working on the history of musical theater and right now they are in the late renaissance period. 8th grade is deep in the creation of a class musical composition project where students are collaborating, creating, composing, and producing a full stage musical.



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• Matute/Spanish: This month in Spanish our kindergarten students will be working on acquiring and using new vocabulary related with clothes and accessories through songs, games, and storybooks. They are now able to identify more than 50 new words in Spanish! 1st and 2nd graders will learn to interpret the meaning of words and phrases they hear or read. This will help them gain more self-confidence using Spanish as a medium of communication. In addition to learning new vocabulary about free time activities and to conjugate some verbs in present tense, our 3rd grade students will work on making logical inferences from a text. What a great achievement! 4th grade has started to learn how to write clearly and cohesively in Spanish. They are also learning how to use tools to support writing in a second language. 5th grade will learn new vocabulary and grammar to describe themselves. They will also work on citing textual evidence when to support conclusions drawn from a text. 6th grade will work on talking about fears and comparing them to those of their classmates. To do so, they will need to learn a new linguistic structure! Our students will also work on retelling a story from a different perspective. This is a very difficult step since they also need to make important grammar changes! 7th grade will compare the different tenses they can use in Spanish. They will also learn how to use their vocabulary knowledge to interpret narrative and informational texts in Spanish. Finally, 8th grade will be working on identifying the linguistic elements that form a sentence in Spanish. They will work on understanding and interpreting an authentic story when it is told in past tense and to express themselves clearly about facts that happened in the past. In addition to all of this, we will pay special attention to two important cultural events that are happening this/next month: the Spanish Heritage Month and Día de Muertos.



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Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications

For the 2022-2023 school year. Families are encouraged to submit a school meal application for free or reduced-price meal benefits.

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.





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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.



Bus Passes

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