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Monthly news from
Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

November 2022

Principal's Note

Vista Parent(s) & Guardian(s),

Our annual Fall Carnival was a wonderful event! We had food trucks, vendors, games, and obstacle courses for all ages to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who came out to have fun and support our school. A special thank you to our PTO and Dad's Club for all of your efforts in putting on this event.

This month I had the pleasure of traveling to Washington D.C. with Mr. Dolecki and Dr. Sprout to receive our National Blue Ribbon Award on behalf of our community. It was such an honor! I look forward to celebrating together with our community as a display of everyone's hard work and dedication. In addition, the Arizona Department of Education recently released the school letter grades and Vista received an A. I hope you were able to attend our recent achievement assemblies where I explained the process used to determine school letter grades. If you weren't able to attend, please join me at our next Site Council meeting on December 7, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to hear more. 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, Softball Game @ EFGA, 4:30 pm
- November 1st, Basketball Game @ Fairfax, 4:30 pm
- November 2nd, Basketball Game @ Fairfax, 4:30 pm
- November 3rd, Softball Game @ Vista, 4:30 pm
- November 2nd, PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm
- November 8th, Lifetouch Picture Retake
- November 9th, Half Day Release @ 12:00 pm
- November 11th, Veterans Day No School
- November 17th, Skyzone Night, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- November 23rd - November 25th, Thanksgiving Break, No School
- November 30th, Half Day Release @ 12:00 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@laveeeneld.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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What's Happening in Specials?

Spanish

Kindergarten will learn new vocabulary through songs and games. 1st and 2nd grade will also work on acquiring new vocabulary (family relations, clothes, community). 2nd grade will also learn how to use basic Spanish adjectives. This is not an easy task since Spanish adjectives must agree in gender and number with nouns. Third grade will be working on verb conjugations for the first time. 4th grade will work on the verb "to be." In Spanish, there are two versions of the verb "to be" (Ser & Estar). 5th graders will learn new vocabulary and grammar structures to talk about events they enjoy participating in while they will learn about new Hispanic holidays and celebrations. 6th grade will focus on understanding information by recognizing practiced or memorized words, phrases, and sentences in spoken texts. We will also work on identifying different accents in Spanish. 7th grade will learn how to present information on both very familiar and everyday topics after having read about them. We will work on different strategies to identify the general topic when we cannot understand all the words in the text. Finally, 8th grade will be working on verb conjugations and comparing present and past tense.

P.E

In November, 5th-8th grade PE will be in our baseball unit. We will be playing games and learning the different rules and strategies that go into playing baseball. In Kinder-4th grade we will be starting our soccer unit where we will be learning different skills while hopefully getting into some games.



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This month in music we are in full swing of choir rehearsals for the winter concerts for all grade levels. Save the dates for Monday December 12th 2nd and 3rd grade winter program. Wednesday December 14th 4th and 5th grade winter program. Friday December 16th for 6th-8th grade choir and ukulele concert. K-1 will have their winter program Wednesday January 18th. All concerts will be held in the gym and start at 5:00. More information will be sent home to parents with details later this month.

Band

Band is gearing up for our Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Please remind your student to wear a white top and black bottoms. Festive ties/hats are permissible for this concert due to the holiday season.

Art

November k-8 is participating in the Art To Remember Fundraiser. Student codes will be given to students by November 9th. All orders are due by November 18.



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Student Council Fall Fundraiser

Order Form Due Date

All order forms are due Thursday, November 10th
by 8 AM. The online store is available until
November 14th @ 8 AM.

Orders will be ready for pick up
from Vista on December 19th from 2-5 PM

Please direct any
questions to
ecanales@laveeneld.org



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Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications

For the 2021-2022 school year, all students will receive healthy school meals at no cost, regardless of income. Families are still encouraged to submit a school meal application for free or reduced-price meal benefits because this information may be used for other programs, such as Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT), Federal and State funding for your school, reduced registration fees for academic tests, free or discounted fees for athletic programs, discounted rates for internet service, and many more.

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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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.