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Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

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Principal's Note

We are kicking off the Kindness Challenge! It will run through the month of February and include activities at school, at home, and throughout the community. In addition, teachers will be engaging students in kindness lessons each week.

Vista del Sur will start accepting NEW students open enrollment applications for the 2024-25 school year on February 5th. Visit our enrollment page for more details and to apply.

Preschool registration for Vista del Sur preschool for the fall of 2024-25 school year, begins on March 19th for 5 and 4-year old. All registrations must be done at the Kids Club office, located at Desert Meadows (6855 W Meadows Loop East).



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Upcoming Events

- February 1st
MESA Engineering , 3:30
Chess Club, 3:30
- February 2nd
Student of the month breakfast
Honor Roll & Principal's List Assembly
(see invitation)
- February 5th
Art Club, 3:30
Fine Arts Club, 3:30
MESA Engineering, 3:30
- February 6th
Lifetouch 8th grade promotion pictures
Art Club, 3:30
Girls on the run, 3:30
- February 7th
Half day release at 12:00
- February 8th
Chess Club, 3:30
MESA Engineering, 3:30
Girls on the run, 3:30
- February 9th
Student Council \$1 dress down
- February 12th
Art Club, 3:30
Fine Arts Club, 3:30
MESA Engineering, 3:30
- February 13th
Art Club, 3:30
Girls on the run, 3:30
- February 15th
Chess Club, 3:30
MESA Engineering, 3:30
Girls on the run, 3:30
- February 19th
President's Day - No School
- February 20th
Art Club, 3:30
Girls on the run, 3:30
- February 21st
Half Day Release @ 12:00 pm
Site Council meeting, 5:30
PTO meeting, 6:00
- February 22nd
MESA Engineering, 3:30
Chess Club, 3:30
Girls on the run, 3:30
NJHS Induction Ceremony, 5:00
- February 23rd
STUCO \$1 Dress Down
Fun Run
- February 26th
Art Club, 3:30
Fine Arts Club, 3:30
MESA Engineering, 3:30
- February 27th
Art Club, 3:30
Girls on the run, 3:30
- February 28th
Girls on the run, 3:30
Chess Club, 3:30
MESA Engineering, 3:30
Girls basketball game at Vista, 4:30



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What's Happening in Specials?

Spanish

This month 5th-8th grade will continue working on the units they have started at the end of January. 4th grade will work on present progressive and 3rd grade will work on physical descriptions. 2nd grade will learn vocabulary related to cities and towns. They will also learn how to ask and give directions. 1st grade will explore essential vocabulary to talk about parts of their body and Kindergarten will learn words and phrases referring to pets.

Music

This month 5th-8th grade is continuing to work on their spring show Aladdin. Kinder is learning about the instrument families. 1st grade is learning about music notation using quarter rests, quarter notes, and eighth notes. 2nd and 3rd grade are working on music history and 4th grade is continuing their learning on recorders and other classroom instruments.



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Band- Band students are busy participating in various honor band festivals. We had 11 students participate in the Greater Phoenix Honor Band (Kylie, Lana, Krispin, Gunner, Violet, Ben, Rohan, Ryan, Zane, Sarayu, and Ezri) January 12-13 at Camelback HS in Phoenix. We also have students participating in Southern AZ Honor Band Festival February 17 at Flowing Wells HS (Tucson).

Art

Vista Del Sur is participating in a fundraiser with Art to Remember. This program benefits our art department and you will have the opportunity to purchase keepsake items customized with your child's artwork. The products make great gifts for friends and family members! As we are in the beginning stages of this process, please be patient as order forms are not scheduled to be sent home until the end of March.

PE

It has been a great start to 2024! As always, it is great to welcome new students into PE for a new quarter in the 5th-8th grade electives. We will continue to focus on sport skills and game play in those classes. In our Kindergarten-4th grade classes we started off by reviewing our basic routines, procedures, and expectations for PE and we look forward to continuously building our skill base with those younger grades.



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24/25 Open Enrollment

Our 2024-2025 school year open enrollment will begin February 5th, 2024. A Link for our open enrollment form will be posted on our school website. Open enrollment forms will be submitted online.

Mission Kindergarten 2024

Enrolling a kindergartner next school year? Join us for an exploration of our kindergarten program on February 5th from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

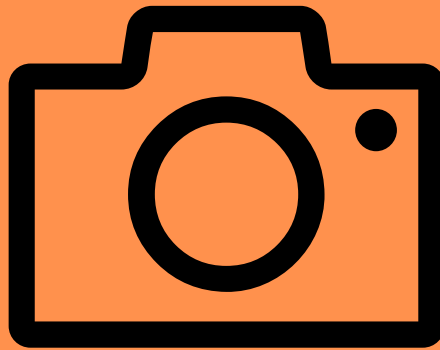


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8th Grade Lifetouch Pictures Dress to Impress



Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Picture Day ID: EVTW27DG6

Order before picture day on mylifetouch.com



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Volunteer Hours

Total Families: 606

Number of Families that have completed their hours: 145
(24%)

Number of families that have completed some hours: 141
(23%)

Families with no hours: 320 (53%)

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. These are just a few ideas to help you get involved at Vista.



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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.