



# TIGER PRIDE POST

Monthly news from  
Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

**May 2024**

## Principal's Note

Vista Families,

May wraps up our 2023-2024 school year. It's amazing to think of all we have accomplished. Our Fall Festival was a huge success, our book fairs and annual fun run were a hit again. What an amazing year!

Over the summer, make sure your Tigers continue their academic growth by reading, writing, and practicing their math skills. You may choose to use different online resources via the internet, visit your local library, or plan excursions to museums during the 'hot' summer months to ensure your child is maintaining their skills for the next school year.

But, before we say goodbye for the summer, we have some exciting events coming up. You will want to keep your eyes open for more information. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Jessica Epacs

Principal



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## Upcoming Events

- May 6th - May 10th  
Teacher Appreciation Week
- Wednesday, May 1st  
Principal's Day  
District Science Fair @ District, 5:00
- Thursday, May 2nd  
Fine Arts Club, 3:30  
MESA Engineering, 3:30
- Friday, May 3rd  
Student of the Month Breakfast, 7:30  
Student Council \$1 Dress Down  
Cheer Celebration, 5:00
- Monday, May 6th  
NWEA Map Growth Reading, KG-8th
- Tuesday, May 7th  
NWEA MAP Growth Math, KG-8th
- Wednesday, May 8th  
Half Day Release @ 12:00  
NWEA MAP Growth Science, 4th-8th
- Thursday, May 9th  
NWEA MAP Growth Language, 3rd-8th  
E-Sports, 3:30
- May 13th - May 17th  
Aims Web Plus, KG-3rd
- May 13th - May 17th  
8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
- Thursday, May 16th
- Friday, May 17th  
Student Council \$1 Dress Down
- Monday, May 20th  
8th Grade Golfland Sunsplash Field Trip
- Tuesday, May 21st  
8th Grade Promotion, 9:00
- Wednesday, May 22nd  
Last Day of School  
Half Day Release @ 12:00  
Kinder Celebration, 8:15  
Preschool Graduation, 10:30



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### **Spanish**

Kindergartens will work on learning family-related vocabulary. 1st grade will compare definite and indefinite articles. 2nd grade will learn how to express emotions. 3rd grade will discover the world of Spanish verbs and 4th grade will work on writing more complex sentences. 5th grade will finish Unit 3 where they will be learning about Panama and the Panama Canal. 6th grade will finish their unit about Latin food and they will start a new unit where they will explore and discuss cultural legends. Finally, 7th and 8th grade will start a unit about the universe.



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### **Music**

In the next month of music 5th-8th grade students will be finishing their unit on music production and moving onto the history of musical theater. 4th grade is continuing to learn about music history and will begin their final composition project of the school year. 3rd grade is continuing to learn how to play the recorders and mastering songs using notes BAG and learning their new note High C. 2nd grade will be learning about the science of sound, form, and begin their first composition project in music this year. 1st grade is learning about form in music and will be reviewing the instrument families. Kinder is rehearsing for their kinder celebration concert which takes place on the last day of school, more details will be shared with families as we get closer to the date.



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Art Club hosted our first Family Art Night and it was a success! Thank you to everyone who came; Art Club and I cannot wait til next year! If you ordered from Art to Remember, the orders have been shipped and will be distributed to homeroom teachers as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting the Vista art department!

As my first year teaching comes to a close, I just want to say how grateful I am to get to work with your kids here at Vista. I cannot wait to see what else we can do together in the future!



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### **P.E.**

What an awesome 2023-2024 school year it has been. Our goal here at Vista for our PE classes is to offer different challenges in a physically active environment that allow your students to explore their abilities and challenge themselves with things that may be new or difficult to them. Learning how to have fun and be active is a key component of living a healthy lifestyle. It has been fun to see all of our students navigate PE this year and we are looking forward to building on that next school year. Thank you for all of your support and enjoy your summer break.



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### **Band**

Band- The band concert is April 29, 2024 at 5:00 pm. This is our final evening performance for the year. Come out and hear how great our students are doing in band! Following our band concert, we will still be playing through our method books and sight reading new sheet music. 8th graders- please reach out to the band director where you are planning to attend next year. Fairfax, Chavez, and Bioscience all have opportunities for you to be able to continue to play your band instrument. (Bioscience, you can do marching band at your home high school. Contact either Mr. Zuniga at Fairfax, or Mrs. Wolfe for information about Chavez).



### Bus Passes

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



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## Volunteer Hours

Total Families: 598

Number of Families that have completed their hours: 325  
(54%)

Number of families that have completed some hours: 117  
(20%)

Families with no hours: 156 (26%)

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.





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## **A note from the District Nurse...**

The end of the school year is fast approaching. This is the perfect time to begin thinking about finishing this school year well and getting ready for the new school year. If you have a child who takes medication at school, please remember that you need to stop by the school health office and pick up your child's medication on or before the last day of school.

Any medication that is not picked up by May 22nd will be discarded. Also remember that students are not allowed to transport medication. Thank you.

## **Immunizations**

Notices were sent home with students that will require immunizations before the first day of school.

Any student not current on their immunizations will not be able to attend school on the first day.

If you have any questions about your child's immunization status, contact our health office at 602-237-3046 Ext. 3306