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Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

December 2024

## Principal's Note

I cannot believe we are almost halfway through the 2024-2025 school year! We have had a wonderful first half of the year and are looking forward to many exciting events this month. Please see the “What’s Happening in Specials” section in our newsletter. If you know any families looking to enroll their children in Vista, our open enrollment process begins February 3, 2025. Returning students will receive their recommitment letters during parent teacher conferences held in January. Thank you for all that you do for our students and community. Have a safe and restful winter break!





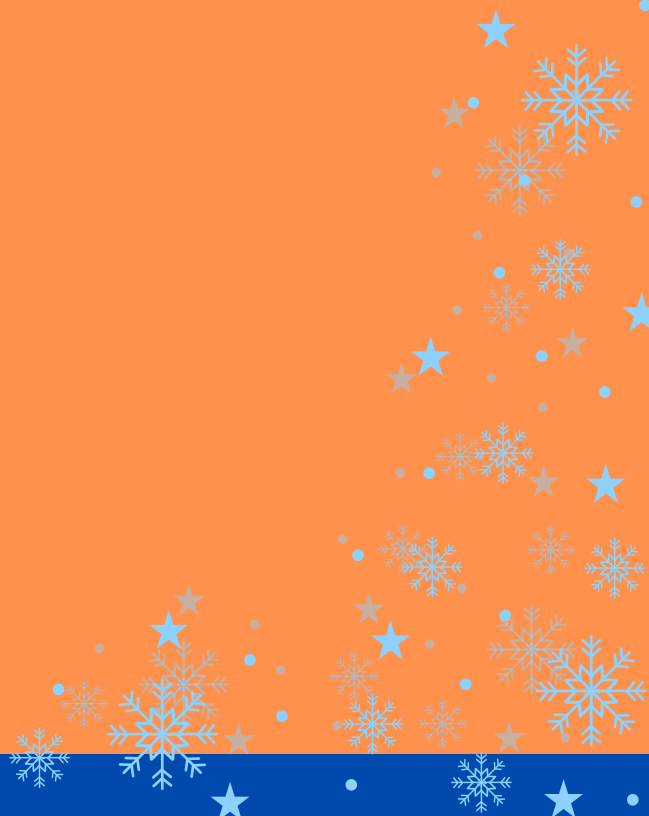
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## Upcoming Events

- December 2nd - December 6th  
Aimsweb Plus KG - 3rd
- Monday, December 2nd  
MESA, 3:30 p.m.  
Visual Arts Club 5th - 8th, 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 3rd  
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.  
Vista Gifted Parent Night, 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 4th  
Early Release Day @ 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 5th  
Chess Club, 3:30 p.m.  
Dance Club 3rd - 5th, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 6th  
Student of the Month Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.
- Monday, December 9th  
NWEA Math KG - 8th  
MESA, 3:30 p.m.  
Visual Arts Club 5th - 8th, 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 10th  
NWEA Science 4th - 8th  
Dance Club KG- 2nd  
Robotics, 3:30 p.m.  
Family Art Night, 5:00 p.m.





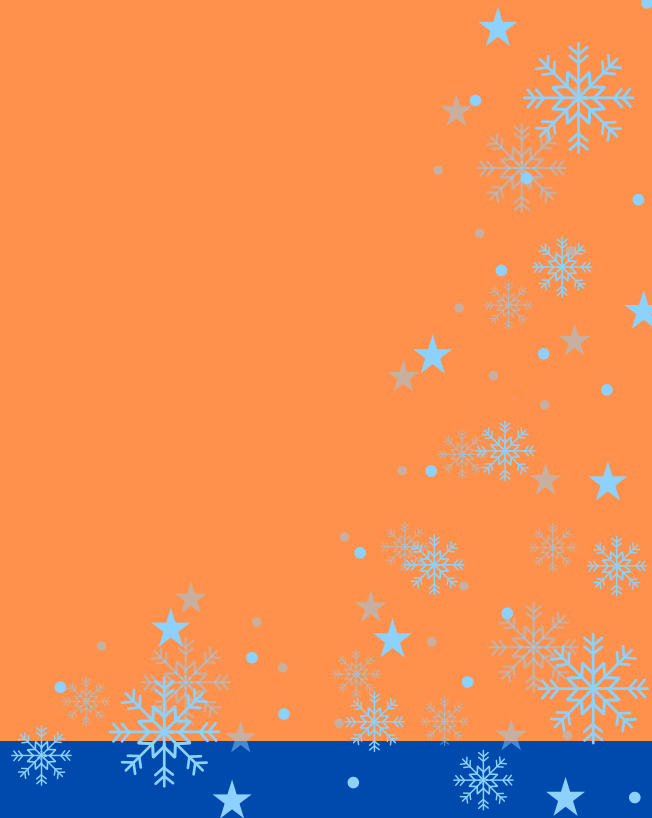
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- Wednesday, December 11th  
Early Release Day @ 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 12th  
NWEA Reading KG - 8th  
Dance Club, 3:30 p.m.  
Volleyball & Soccer Game @ Trailside, 4:30 p.m.  
Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 13th  
NWEA Language 3rd 8th  
STUCO \$1 Dress Down
- Monday, December 16th  
Visual Arts Club 5th - 8th, 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 17th  
Dance Club KG -2nd, 3:30 p.m.  
Friendship Club, 3:30 p.m.  
Visual Arts Club 2nd - 4th, 3:30 p.m.  
Robotics, 5:00 p.m.  
Winter Band Concert, 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 18th  
Early Release Day @ 1:30 p.m.  
Winter Concert 2nd - 4th, 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 19th  
Free Dress Down/Cozy Day Theme
- December 20, 2024 - January 3, 2025  
Winter Break, No School





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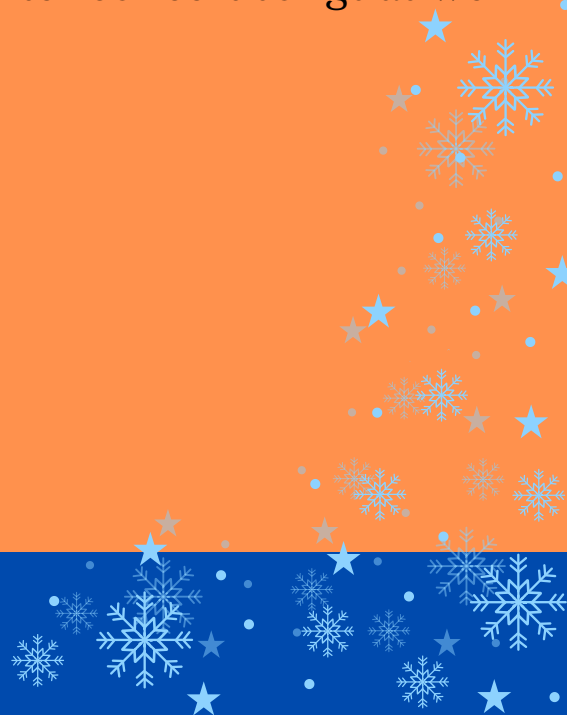
## What's Happening in Specials?

### **Band**

Band- The band concert is coming up on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 5:00 pm. Reminder- the band uniform is a white top and black bottoms. This counts as the band "final" for the semester. Families and friends are welcome to attend. Admission is free.

### **Music**

5th -8th grade are preparing to perform for the district winter festival on December 6th at 7:15. Please come and show your support of our choir her at Vista. KG - 4th are continuing to work on their winter concert songs as well as continuing in our quaver curriculum.





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## What's Happening in Specials?

### P.E

We would like to congratulate our Fall Sports teams on outstanding seasons. Our softball team made it all the way to the semifinals and lost a heartbreaker in extra innings to Paseo Pointe. Our boys basketball team took an undefeated record into the championship game against Desert Meadows and lost a close one. We are proud of all of the coaches and student athletes and what they accomplished this fall. Winter sports games are starting up this week. The two sports played are Co-ed Soccer and Co-ed Volleyball.

In grades 5-8 PE we have recently done Hockey, Soccer, and Volleyball. Our K-4 groups have worked on soccer skills, underhand tossing using beanbags and hula hoops, and we will be getting into Parachute activities this week! We are looking forward to finishing out December strong in PE before we go on break!!!





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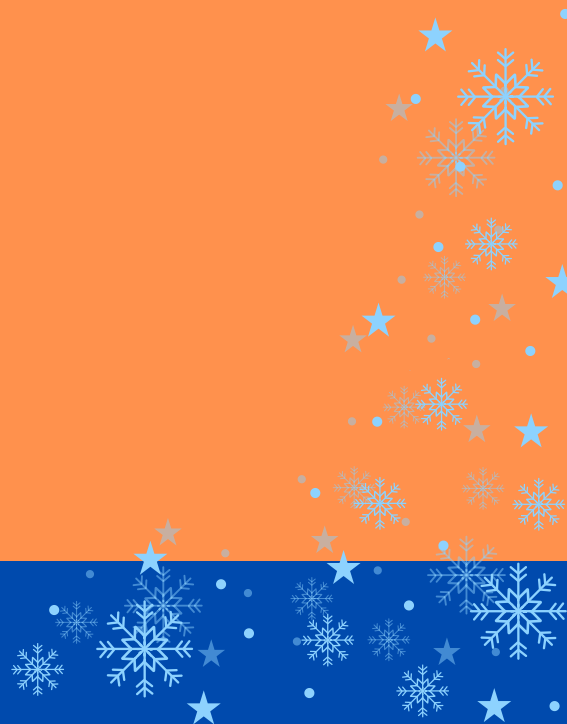
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## What's Happening in Specials?

### Art

Thank you so much for supporting Art this past month! Whether you ordered from Art to Remember or stopped by the face painting stand at the fall carnival, the support is greatly appreciated! I am so excited to put our fundraising towards supplies for the art classroom!

On December 10th the Visual Arts Club will be hosting our second Family Art Night in the school gym from 5:00 p.m. -6:30 p.m. We will offer face painting for \$5, in addition to multiple different free art making activities. This event is open to all Vista students and their families. We hope you can join us!







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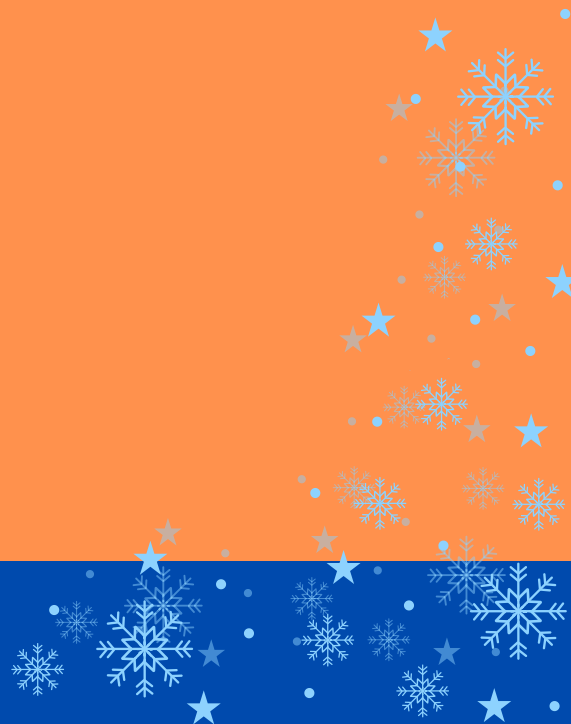
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### Spanish

In December, Kindergarten students will learn the numbers from 1-20 at the same time they will review colors and likes and dislikes (food). 1st grade will acquire vocabulary related to the weather. 2nd grade will learn about grammatical gender in Spanish (all nouns are either masculine or feminine). While 3rd grade will continue working on “verb ser”, 4th grade will learn how to describe themselves using complete sentences both oral and in written form. 5th grade will be working on Unit 3, El Canal de Panamá. 6th grade will finish Unit 8, La comida Latina, and they will start working on Unit 9, El Cucuy. Finally, 7th/8th grades will finish Unit 13, La descripción personal, and they will review the most important grammatical structures and language usage concepts analyzed during this quarter.





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## Winter Break

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## Open Enrollment 2025-2026

We will begin accepting 2025- 2026 school year open enrollment forms for prospective students on February 3, 2025. Forms must be completed online. All applicants will first be placed on a prospective student list and assigned an assessment screening time upon submitting their open enrollment form. You will receive an email providing you a list of documents you need to submit to testing and your scheduled testing time. We do not provide assessment scores to the parents, as they are for school use only. A student will not be considered for acceptance if required documents have not been received.

**Acceptance at Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy is based on the following:**

- **Assessment test scores**
- **Laveen School District residents**
- **Prospective students with siblings currently attending Vista del Sur**
- **Out of district residents**
- **Date/Time open enrollment form was submitted**

All openings are on a first come first serve basis and we fill enrollment openings from our waiting list. This means that if you are placed on the waiting list we will contact you immediately if space becomes available. Unfortunately, we are not able to tell you what number your child is on the waiting list because lists are constantly changing based on the criteria above. Openings are based on available space within each grade level, your child may not be testing to fill an available seat but rather to be placed on the waiting list.





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## Dress Code

It's getting cold, especially in the mornings. Please remember acceptable attire is as follows:  
Solid white, navy, or light blue shirt with collar, such as a polo or dress shirt/blouse.

Solid black navy blue or tan khaki slacks, shorts, skirts, or jumpers. No jeans (of any color).

All shorts, skirts, and jumpers must be an acceptable length.

Any undershirts/undergarments must be white.

When coats are necessary only navy, white, gray, or black sweatshirts are allowed in class and must be worn over a uniform shirt. When outside, students may wear any type of coat.

Please refer to the student handbook for more details.



### Bus Passes

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



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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.