



Leopard Prints

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

November will bring many things to the lives of Linda Vista Families. In the life of this school and the Orange Unified School District, it brings the end of the first trimester of the 2018-19 school year. As this end of the trimester quickly approaches, we all begin to think about completing work and projects, and improving our grades if necessary.

At Linda Vista, we like to celebrate the growth and successes of our students. We measure growth by knowing where we have started and how far we have gotten. Report Cards, which come home in December, show parents just how much their child has grown during the trimester.

As a whole, Linda Vista grew in State Testing scores last year. Even baby steps, or in this case, percentage points can be seen as growth. Therefore, we celebrate Linda Vista’s performance on the SBAC.

This year we will have a few changes in how we celebrate students. Each month, students with perfect attendance will receive a Perfect Attendance Award. Classrooms with the highest percentage of perfect attendance for the month will be honored as well. Remember, being tardy takes students out of the perfect attendance category.

Our Awards Assemblies are changing this year. The assemblies, which are held after the end of the trimester, will celebrate four students per classroom. These students will be celebrated for their academic or behavioral growth. Our upper grade students will have the opportunity to make Honor Roll by earning straight A’s in their classrooms. Their Honor Roll certificates will come home in their Report Card Envelopes so that families can celebrate together.

Each of our Leopards will show how they are growing in a special way. Join us as we take the time to honor and celebrate the growth of these amazing students. Just ask your kids about PAWS. They will tell you they have Potential, Aspirations, Wisdom, and Spirit.

We are Leopards, We have PAWS!

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Fall is upon us and holiday are approaching. This makes the perfect time to make doctor appointments for all 6th graders who still need their Tdap booster. The state of California does not recognize waivers any longer and the Tdap booster is required for middle school enrollment. Once you have documentation of the booster, please bring in proof to the office so we can update your student information. Once this is completed, it will make registering for 7th grade almost glitch free.



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KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Is there a better way to spend Halloween than at the Pumpkin Patch? It's safe to say that our kindergarteners enjoyed every minute of their first field trip. The bus ride was a first for many, and Irvine Park's pumpkin patch was a big hit. Highlights of the day were the train ride, running through the maze, getting spooked in the haunted house, and picking out a special pumpkin to take home. We even had a few minutes left to visit the playground. What a perfect way to end our pumpkin science unit!



2ND GRADE NEWS

Second grade wrapped up their life science unit on butterflies by releasing the adult butterflies in the kinder "Garden". Throughout this unit the students became experts in academic language, the parts of insects and its life cycle. They also learned the important social skill of collaboration, having to share a caterpillar. The best lesson that came out of this unit was learning to respect nature in all of its wonderful and amazing forms.



3RD GRADE NEWS

October seemed to fly by in 3rd grade! We have been busy in Language Arts exploring various stories from the expository, folktale, and historical fiction genres. We have also begun our small group rotations, in which we rotate between meeting with the teacher, doing independent work, and accessing our Language Arts curriculum through the iPads several times a week.

An exciting topic for 3rd graders is multiplication. We have begun learning the concepts of multiplying, and will soon get into division.

We watched our seeds go through the life cycle of a plant until it was a seed again. We were amazed at the process!

In social studies, we have been learning about Native Americans. We went on our first field trip to the Shipley Nature Center to learn about the Gabrielino tribe who are native to Los Angeles. We went through stations such as trading, music, and hunting and used items like the Gabrielino tribe did. We are starting our first research report on a tribe of US Native Americans. We will write 6 pages using internet and book research notes. By the end of our report, we will be an expert on our tribe!

Lots of fun and exciting things happening in 3rd grade!



TK/Kindergarten

In class, we are focusing on social-emotional learning which includes understanding emotions, keeping certain thoughts in our thought bubble, and staying in the group plan. Language arts, we are concentrating on letter recognition, sight words and reading comprehension. Students are working on number sense and patterns during math centers.



1ST GRADE NEWS

First graders have been very busy in September and October. We learned about making healthy choices everyday. Learning about the Food Pyramid and looking into all the different foods that we should be eating to help us stay healthy and give our bodies energy.

Currently, students have been learning all about bats...What bats can do, what they are, and what makes them so special. Students have been working hard on bat writings, labeling a bat, comparing flying fox bats and vampire bats, as well as creating a bat lapbook.



In math, students have learned about using a ten frame when counting, addition facts to 12, and using 10 to help add and subtract.

PRIMARY SDC NEWS

Happy Fall!

We, in the Primary SDC, are discussing the many things we have to be thankful for. We enjoyed Halloween and the fun writing assignments that pertained to that holiday. We will enjoy working on new lessons to learn about Thanksgiving. We are studying Native Americans and trying to understand their different ways of life. We are working on our English and Math subject areas. Fall is a fun time of year and will go very fast.

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Free Public Education

Section 5 of Article IX of the State of California Constitution guarantees students a "free public education." The State Supreme Court concluded in the 1984 case of *Hartzell v. Connell*, "that all educational activities carried on by public school districts, extracurricular as well as curricula, must be without cost to the students who participate in such activities." This same ruling found that "mandatory fees for participating in such extracurricular activities as drama, music, and athletic competition were illegal under the State Constitution." Furthermore, they also rejected the argument that "fees could be charged so long as the district waived fees for students who were financially unable to pay." Recent proposed legislation includes reimbursement with interest for any illegally-collected fees as well as a district sanction. *Donations are accepted at a classroom, school site, and district level.

LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to always check the Lost and Found cart that is located next to the double doors by the office.

Any items that are unclaimed will be donated to charity on Friday, November 16th. The lost and found cart will be purged at the end of each trimester.

SAFETY

Just a reminder, when in the parking lot please make sure to be extra aware of your surroundings. We realize that people are in a hurry, however, we need to make sure that everyone is safe.




When dropping off or picking up your student, please make sure to be in the drop off lane next to the curb. Do not ask your student to enter or exit your vehicle from the drive thru lane. We have had far too many close calls.

Also, please make sure that if you are parking in the Handicapped stalls you have a placard, as we have many people that need to use these stalls.



November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 P.E.	2 VAPA P.E.	3
4	5 K-4 Music	6 NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day	7 P.E.	8 Veterans Day Assembly 8:30am P.E.	9 Vision & Hearing Screening VAPA P.E.	10
11	12 VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE NO SCHOOL	13 PTA Mtg 8:30AM P.E. VAPA 5th Field of Valor Clay Adventure Ends	14 P.E.	15 Turkey Trot P.E.	16 End of 1st Tri Minimum Day VAPA	17
18	19	20	21	22 	23	24
*****Thanksgiving Break*****						
25	26 K-4 Music	27 VAPA P.E.	28 OCCPTA Reflections Reception 4:30pm-9:30pm	29 P.E.	30 P.E.	

Enrichment Classes

- Mondays**— Video Game Design & Bricks 4 Kidz—2:35-3:35 pm
- Tuesdays**—Great Clay Adventure—2:35-3:35 pm
- Wednesdays**—Basketball & Flag Football —12:30-1:30 pm
- Thursdays**—Marine Biology—2:35-3:35 pm

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December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					VAPA	1
2	3	4 PTA Mtg 8:30am P.E. VAPA	5 Awards Assemblies Last Day—Flag Football	6 P.E. SSC & ELAC Mtg 6th gr OSS Mtg	7 VAPA	8
9	10 6th gr Walk Thru the Ancient World LD—Tech Kidz	11 6th gr King Tut Field Trip P.E. VAPA	12 Holiday Winter- Dance	13 P.E. Cookie Exchange	14 Holiday Sing Along 8:30AM VAPA	15
16	17 	18 ****CHRISTMAS BREAK****	19	20	21 	22
23	24 	25  ****CHRISTMAS BREAK****	26	27	28 	29
30	31 					

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The Linda Vista Teachers and Staff would like to wish everyone a
Happy, Safe, and Fun Holiday Season!