



# Leopard Prints

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February, a month associated with many things: Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day, and Black History Month. At Linda Vista, we strive to tie all of these National Events together with a focus on kindness.

As we settle into this shortest month of the year, let us not be short on kindness. Kindness, a term we often use, but rarely think about. Defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate; showing goodwill, affection, warmth, gentleness, tenderness, concern and care for one another. Kindness is something we share.

We want our kids to show kindness and love for one another on Valentine's Day. We want kindness to be spread, each day of this month and all months.

Our kindness can go so far, it can bridge a gap between friends, it can bring warmth to the heart of a stranger, and it can heal a society that is struggling.

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., **"The time is always right to do what is right."** Let's let kindness be what is right at Linda Vista.

## MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Attention 6th grade parents, your student MAY NOT completely register for middle school until you have submitted proof of up to date immunizations to the office. Effective July 1, 2019, all incoming 7th graders need two rounds of varicella. Please verify that they have both rounds of varicella and a Tdap. Your student will be disappointed if they are not able to register for the elective they want due to last minute submission of these immunizations.

Cold and flu season is hitting Linda Vista hard. Remember, students must be fever free, vomit free, and diarrhea for 24 hours before they may come back to school. Please adhere to the this guideline and help us from spreading this nasty bug. In addition, remind your children of the importance of hand washing and not sharing food. As this is another way to help stop spreading germs.

Lastly, I want to thank all families that submitted their open enrollment in a timely manner.



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## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten is learning about weather. What a perfect month January was with sun, clouds, wind, and even rain! We went outside to make scientific observations about the weather looking for clues that told us what the weather was like on that day and what we might expect the following day. Best of all, we collected almost 2 inches of rain in our rain gauge in just one day. Predicting what the weather might be like on our birthday led to a discussion of seasons, which is our next science topic. Science is fun in kindergarten!



## TK-KINDERGARTEN SDC

Hello Everyone! In class, students continue to work on letter recognition and letter sounds.



Our students are doing great on completing patterns and recognizing numbers to 10. For social emotional learning, our students are focusing on We Thinkers but specifically following the group plan. We are also focusing on whole body listening to support students demonstrate positive behavior in the classroom.

## 3RD GRADE NEWS

Third graders are enjoying a busy and productive second trimester. With our language arts unit theme of One of a Kind, our stories and discussions focus on defining qualities that each of us unique, using leadership skills, and making discoveries. Narrative writing activities include writing dialogue and using descriptive language in a variety of sentence patterns. While our math lessons include recognizing and comparing fractions, we continue demonstrating mastery of multiplication facts on weekly tests, which will culminate in an exciting multiplication sundae party. Our science exploration of animals will begin with a look at the various biomes that support life. We look forward dissecting owl pellets in a Science on the Go project where we will learn about bird adaptations. Next month we will complete our second research project where we will report on individual animal characteristics, habitats, and living patterns. We are proud of our effort and academic achievements!



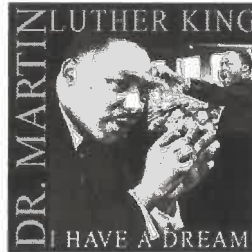
## 2ND GRADE

Second grade is having a ball learning about balance and motion. Our science unit explores why objects balance, rotate and move from place to place. This hands on learning encompasses learning the metric system, balancing using counterweights, exploring vibration and learning the power of magnets. Science is fun!



## 1ST GRADE NEWS

In January, First Graders have been very busy. We started the month off by talking about New Year's Resolutions. The kids were very excited to think of something they wanted to try help better themselves. Next, we learned about the great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The kids were amazed to learn about all that he has done for us and our country. Finally, we are ending the month of January by learning all about Penguins. Students are learning about penguin's habitats, eating habits, interesting facts, and how they are able to survive in such a harsh environment. We are looking forward to our busy month of February.



## LOWER SDC NEWS

We have enjoyed a fresh start back in the New Year. We are continuing to work on our writing skills as we do our winter journal writings. We enjoyed learning about the difference we can make in the world around us by being "kind". We learned about this more clearly as we read and learned about Martin Luther King Jr. He made a change happen without the use of violence. We are looking forward to celebrating our 100th Day in class and celebrating Valentine's Day with our friend at school. Enjoy a wonderful February.



### Free Public Education

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## LOST AND FOUND

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

The lost and found cart will be purged at the end of each trimester and prior to breaks.

Any items that are unclaimed will be donated to charity on Tuesday, March 12th.

## HELP NEEDED

We are in need of some parents willing to volunteer for noon supervision. Whether you're available one day or four days, we would appreciate the help. If you are interested, or for more information, please stop by the office and we will be able to answer any questions.

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## 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.



## SAFETY FIRST



Student Safety is of utmost concern to us at Linda Vista.

To promote safety please remember these tips...

- \* Bring your child to school within the hours there is playground supervision. Our playground officially opens at 7:45.
- \* Designate a pick up spot for your child. This will keep them safe and help with our traffic challenges
- \* During hot weather, have your child bring an extra water bottle to school. We all need to stay hydrated.
- \* Closed-toe shoes are a must. Good athletic type shoes are even better on PE days.
- \* Make sure the office has a good phone number to reach you during the day. You never know why you may need to be reached.



# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	1 VAPA	2
3	4 6th gr Panoramic Picture K-4 Music	5 VAPA	6	7 SSC Meeting 2:45 PM 5:30PM GATE Overview—D.O. Carnival Planning Mtg 6:30PM	8 VAPA	9
10	11 100th Day of School	12 VAPA	13	14	15 NO SCHOOL 	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS' DAY 	19 VAPA PTA Meeting 8:30 AM	20 Spring Pictures	21	22 VAPA	23
24	25 K-4 Music	26 VAPA	27	28 3rd gr Science on the Go		

**Enrichment Classes:**

**Mondays—Chess—2:35-3:35—Learning Center**

**Tuesdays—Coding—2:35-3:35—Computer Lab**



**Wednesdays—Hip Hop—12:35-1:35—Learning Center**

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Everyone's Irish  
On March 17th.

# March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>Dr. Seuss Day</b> VAPA	2
3 <b>Book Fair Week</b>	4 <b>1st gr Science on the Go</b> K-4 Music	5 <b>5th gr Walk Thru the Revolution</b> VAPA	6 <b>Art Masters Lecture</b>	7	8 <b>Reading Counts Ends</b> VAPA	9
10 	11	12 <b>End of Trimester Minimum Day</b>	13 <b>Talent Show Dress Rehearsal</b>	14 <b>6th gr Human Growth</b>	15 VAPA <b>Talent Show 5-9:30PM @ Santiago MS</b>	16
17 	18 <b>6th gr Science on the Go</b>	19 <b>Open House 6PM VAPA Art Masters Classrooms</b>	20 <b>Art Masters Classrooms</b>	21 <b>Art Masters Classrooms</b>	22 <b>6th gr Awards VAPA Art Masters Classrooms</b>	23
24	25 K-4 Music <b>6th gr Outdoor Ed Leave</b>	26 VAPA	27 <b>Awards Assembly K-5</b>	28	29 VAPA <b>6th gr Outdoor Ed Return</b>	30

**Enrichment Classes**

**Mondays**—Chess—Last day 03/25/18  
**Wednesdays**—Coding—Last Day 03/19/18  
**Thursdays**—Hip Hop—Last Day 03/20/18

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