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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We all want “our” students to do well academically. As teachers and parents, we strive to find the best ways to help them succeed. One of the best ways to support student achievement is to get them to school.

According to a Research Brief from Attendance Works and Child & Family Policy Center, “A key ingredient for ensuring success in school is helping children get into the habit of attending school every day. While going to school regularly will not by itself ensure that children learn, missing extended periods of school certainly puts a child at risk.”

“All children, regardless of socio-economic background, do worse academically in 1st grade if they are chronically absent in kindergarten.” Chronically absent is defined as missing 10 percent or more of school including excused and unexcused absences. Last year at Linda Vista over 30 students missed more than 18 days of school and were considered chronically absent.

Not just those 30 students were affected though. Each day a student is absent means a loss in funding for schools. Every absence means a lost revenue of just under \$65. With our 683 absences so far this year, that’s \$44,395.

Though we know that illness happens and kids need to stay home, we encourage you to send your child to school as much as possible. Our goal at Linda Vista is to provide your child with the tools they need for academic success. We want them to increase their **Potential**, develop their **Aspirations**, multiply their **Wisdom**, and enhance their **Skills**.

We are Leopards, We have PAWS!

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

This is that time of the year.....Open Enrollment that is. For all those families that are currently at Linda Vista on Open Enrollment, that time of year is approaching quickly. Mark your calendars for January 14, 2019. Open Enrollment applications will be available on the Orange Unified website and need to be completed no later than January 29, 2019. This will ensure our returning families are guaranteed enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year at Linda Vista. This process doesn’t take long and you will not be receiving a confirmation. Confirmations will be sent directly to Linda Vista. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office at (714) 997-6201.



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6TH GRADE NEWS

December is going to be a very busy month for 6th grade. We begin the month with the *Walk Through Ancient Civilization* program. The students have been working very hard on their skits and memorizing their character and/or expert cards.

To wrap up Chapter 2 in Social Studies, we will be visiting the California Science Center where we will be enriching our learning about Egyptian times at the King Tut exhibit.



We will also be trying to get off the naughty list

by escaping through the breakout boxes, which PTA generously donated.

We end our December with a holiday sing and party. We would like to wish all of our families a wonderful Christmas season and a Happy New Year.

5TH GRADE NEWS

We enjoyed learning about and celebrating our Veterans with our assembly and the Field of Valor presentation. Mrs. Peal would like to thank the 5th grade class and the Linda Vista staff for the remembrance of her Army Veteran husband, Paul. We would also like to thank the 5th grade Pumpkin Night Committee and the student council for donating leftover Halloween candy to Mrs. Peal's son in law, Robert, who is currently serving infantry duty in Afghanistan.

We finished long division and are moving on to multiplying with decimals. Our students have begun learning about space and objects in our solar system. We are looking forward to our field trip to the Tessman Planetarium.

In social studies, we enjoyed the group presentations of Indian regions and will use our knowledge of space, and student created astrolabes to learn about explorers in the New Year.

We have seen great progress from first trimester Lexile reading levels and have increased our Reading Counts goal to 60 points for all fifth graders for 2nd trimester.

We will all of our families a safe and happy Christmas break.



4TH GRADE NEWS

The first trimester is in the books and the students are doing a fantastic job of acquiring the necessary 4th grade skills. Their first report card will be coming home soon. We encourage parents and students to login to their Aeries account through the "single sign on" weekly to check grades and ensure all assignments have been turned in. This is a good habit to start early in their education.

We just can't seem to get enough of multiplication these days as our math lessons have been centered around this skill. Students have been exposed to different ways of multiplying two digit by one digit numbers, and must be able to solve problems by using the different strategies taught. Looking ahead, students will be exposed to different ways of multiplying 2-digit by 2-digit numbers. Students have also been working in class on xtramath.org and prodigy.com to strengthen their math skills. They are also able to access these websites at home and it is encouraged since it give them extra practice in mathematics.

In social studies we will be finishing up our unit on California Indians and moving towards the early explorers of California. Students will learn about some of the early explorers of California, how they traveled, which routes they took, who was the first to claim land in California for their country, and how the mission system began.

In science, students completed the life science standards set forth by California. Through many investigations including terrestrial environments, isopods and beetles, and aquatic environments, students increased their knowledge of what a thriving ecosystem requires.

The 4th grade teachers would like to wish our Linda Vista families and students a Happy Holiday season!

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.

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 Friday, December 14th.

SAFETY

Just a reminder, when in the parking lot please make sure to be extra aware of your sur-



roundings. 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.



January 2019






| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---|--|----------------------------------|---|--|----------|
| | | 1  | 2 *** WINTER BREAK *** | 3 | 4  | 5 |
| 6 | 7 School Resumes AM Lecture | 8 VAPA 1st gr—Pretend City Field Trip AM Class Lessons | 9 AM Class Lessons | 10 AM Class Lessons | 11 AM Class Lessons VAPA | 12 |
| 13 | 14 K-4 Music Open Enrollment Begins | 15 4th Science on the Go VAPA | 16 | 17 4th & 5th Meet the Musicians 10 AM | 18 VAPA | 19 |
| 20 | 21  | 22 VAPA PTA Mtg—6PM | 23 | 24 | 25 VAPA 2nd gr—Peter & the Wolf Field Trip | 26 |
| 27 | 28 K-4 Music Open Enrollment Closes | 29 VAPA | 30 | 31 | | |

Enrichment Classes:

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December 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 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 5th gr Planetarium | 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 | 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 Christmas Season!