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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As every family at Linda Vista knows, your child's safety is of utmost importance to us. Our staff supervises your child while on campus, works in the parking lot at dismissal, and reinforces positive behaviors within the classroom.

The month of October provides us all with several opportunities, to work together, to keep our kids safe. National Walk to School Day is October 10. Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school. We encourage those of you who walk to school or even walk in from our back gate to remember "Safety First" as you come to school, that day and every day.

Encouraging positive behavior from all students is another way we keep our students safe. We do what we can from school, however encouraging, positive behaviors is a team effort. Teachers, parents, school staff, and of course our kids, need to work together. Sometimes the influences on our kids are unintentional. Video games, such as Fortnite, are too mature for our youngest students. Often kids are just imitating what they have seen in these games, which can be seen in inappropriate behavior. Just food for thought.

It takes us all to keep kids safe no matter where they are. Thank you for supporting us as we continue to work to keep our students safe.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kelley

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Happy Autumn! As the leaves fall along with the temperatures, please remember to have your students dress appropriately. Make sure all sweaters and sweatshirts are labeled with the student's name. This will ensure that if lost they are returned to you.

The cold and flu season is beginning at Linda Vista. When your child is feeling under the weather please keep them home. Remember, they need to be fever free and vomiting free for 24 hours. The importance of hand washing will help prevent the spread of germs: practicing at home will carry over to a daily habit at school as well. If your child is ill or out for any reason, please call the absence line at (714) 628-5480.



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4TH GRADE NEWS

There is never a dull moment in 4th grade. The students have been busy in language arts learning and being exposed to several types of genre. They have read a fairy tale, nonfiction, a folktale, and narrative fiction already this year, with many more types of genres to come. In writing, we started with the basics with proper capitalization and avoiding run-on sentences, and are moving forward with instruction on how to elaborate in their writing to make it more interesting.

During the month of September in math, students learned that multiplication facts are a "must know" in order to make future lessons easier for them. Throughout the year, we will be re-visiting different multiplication strategies and lessons that center around multiplication. However, in October, we take a little break and students will be learning more about place value and how to read and write numbers with up to six digits, addition and subtraction of whole numbers, and

then we get back into multiplication with multiplying by one and two digit numbers.

In social studies this month, students will be learning about the Indian tribes that thrived in California. They will become "experts" on a certain tribe, by reading and researching information with others in their "expert group". They will then share the information they gathered with the class. This will require them to work well in a group, interact, collaborate, and effectively share what they learned to the group.



In science, students will be learning about life science and how organisms need matter to live and grow. Students will be designing terrariums that act as a thriving ecosystem. This is very hands on an requires students to work well with their science partners.

UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a great start to the 2018/19 school year! The fifth and sixth graders enjoyed the "Water" assembly. Our class tied this into our science class and completed a science experiment. The entire class conducted a salt water density experiment. The students tested various objects to see if they floated better in saltwater or freshwater. Data was collected in their Science Lab notebooks and reached the conclusion, Saltwater has a greater density allowing more objects to float.

Wednesdays are writing days. The students begin with a prompt and a thinking map, once completed they begin writing using Google Docs. They have completed their personal narrative using an event in their life. There were many different writings.

Fourth graders enjoyed the music program and are looking forward to the "Walk through California" on Thursday, October 4th. Fifth graders are exploring their artistic abilities in VAPA. They were thrilled to perform in the "Constitution Day" program. The sixth graders are "Big Buddies" on alternating Wednesdays with our Kindergarteners. We are looking forward to more wonderful learning experiences this year in our classroom.

5TH GRADE NEWS

September flew by us as we completed our first novel study, Earthquake Terror. Our students loved this thrilling and suspenseful story, which allowed us to analyze the changes in the characters. We also discussed story structure and theme; it was a great start to our school year! We will apply what we have learned in our novel study into our first unit in language arts as we work towards discovering the big idea: *What does it take to accomplish a goal?* We are looking forward to creating some spooky, narrative writing stories in October. We are very busy practicing adding and subtracting with decimals, and are beginning to multiply 2-digit-by-2 digit numbers. Continue to practice those math facts!



In science, we are learning about where all of the water is on Earth, and discovering that we need to be conserving our fresh water whenever we can. We enjoyed having Discovery Science Center come and teach us all about polluted water, desalination, and how clouds form with their interactive presentation. Thank you PTA!

6TH GRADE NEWS

In September, we started buddies. Each 6th grader is paired up with a kindergartener. Every other Wednesday, we meet to do fun and educational activities. We also had the opportunity for the Discovery Science Center to come and teach the students about water and ways to conserve. Switching for social studies and science has been successful. We enjoyed getting to know all of the sixth graders. As we approach October, we look forward to spending time with our buddies, Red Ribbon Week, and many other fun an exciting activities. See you at parent teacher conferences.



THANK YOU

Linda Vista would like to say Thank You for the donations to Team Linda Vista. The Susan G. Komen walk was a success and we had so much fun.



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 extra-curricular 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.



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.




October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Art Masters 5th gr Parent Mtg	2 Art Masters VAPA PE	3 PE	4 4th gr Walk Thru California Skate Party PE	5 VAPA PE	6
7	8	9 VAPA P.E.	10 P.E.	11 P.E. Reflections Due	12 VAPA PE	13
*****Parent/Teacher Conferences Minimum Day Dismissal*****						
14	15 K-4 Music	16 PTA Mtg 6 PM VAPA P.E.	17 P.E.	18 Make-up Pictures P.E.	19 VAPA PE	20
21	22	23 VAPA, P.E. Reflections Re- ception 6:30-8PM	24 3rd gr Shipley Nature Ctr P.E.	25 P.E.	26 VAPA Pumpkin Night 6PM	27
*****RED RIBBON WEEK*****						
28	29 K-4 Music	30 VAPA P.E.	31  Kinder Field Trip Pumpkin Patch 8:30-11am			
Enrichment Classes						
notes	Mondays— Brick 4 Kids & Video Game Design—2:35-3:35pm					
	Tuesdays—Great Clay Adventure—2:35-3:35pm					
	Wednesdays—Basketball & Flag Football—12:40-1:40pm					
	Thursdays—Marine Biology—2:35-3:35 pm					



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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 VIP Day	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.	

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