



## Principal's Message

We at Linda Vista believe in the Power of PAWS. What is that power? It is the Potential, Achievement, Wisdom, and Skills of each and every student. In this "land of leopards", students have proven they are learning and achieving, not only by the work they do in class, but on the State assessments given each school year. During the 2017/18 school year according to the California School Dashboard, Linda Vista students performed in the GREEN for both Language Arts and Math. The GREEN indicator means they performed above standard. Great News for the Leopards.

Linda Vista also learned that absenteeism is an area in which we can improve. Though there are many reasons for being absent, Leopards are encouraged to use their wisdom when determining the need to stay home from school. We encourage all students to attend school daily, only staying home if they are truly ill.

If you would like to know more information about Linda Vista's performance on the California School Dashboard, please go to <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/>.

Soon we will be again participating in the California State Assessments, commonly referred to as SBAC. We know that the Power of PAWS will help us demonstrate our achievement in 2018/19 and show it on next year's dashboard.

We Are Leopards, We Have PAWS!



### 6th Grade News

Happy March! This month is very busy. We start off with a visit from Santiago Middle School on March 5th. On March 14th, we have Human Growth. Please make sure you have received a letter in

the mail in regards to this presentation. On March 25th, we leave for Outdoor Science School camp and return on March 29th.



Please check your child's Thursday folder for information regarding camp. See you at Open House on March 19th.

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#### Special points of interest:

- Daylight Savings March 10th
- 6th gr Outdoor Science School 3/25-3/29

## 4th Grade News

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It has been upward and onward for our 4th grade students. They have been busy learning about figurative language, author's point of view, poetry, and biographies in language arts. Students have delved into history by learning about Martin Luther King, Jr., Abraham Lincoln, and the beginnings of the Women's Suffrage Movement and then writing about what they have learned.

In math it has been a lot of multiplication. All that practice in 3rd grade is sure paying off for our students. They have been busy learning different strategies on how to multiply 2 digit by 2 digit numbers, and figuring

out which strategy works best for them. We are now moving into long division where multiplication is a key component.

In social studies 4th graders have been busy learning about the California history. Students worked in groups to learn about the California Indians and then were individually assigned a mission to complete a creative project on. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing about what they learned!



In science students are learning about rocks and minerals via hands on experiments and learning how to take Cornell Notes. The kids thoroughly enjoyed their Science on the Go assembly on rocks and minerals that was provided by your PTA donations. Thank you! Students will be moving on to learning about erosion next through the same process.

## 5th Grade News

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We hope you all enjoyed our Walk Through the Revolution! The kids had a blast and did a great job with their costumes and memorizing their lines. We appreciate the PTA for sponsoring this fantastic program. What a great way to learn about our American history!

Currently, each class is enjoying a novel study, Maniac Magee and Woods Runner. We are looking at skills previously practiced in Unit 1, 2, and 3 of Wonders. These include author's purpose, multiple perspectives, and character trait development. For all 5th grade students, we will

be adding to our reading stamina by increasing the Reading Counts point goal to 70 points for trimester 3.

We spend a "fraction of our day" learning about fractions! We will also continue to review order of operations and decimal place value.

Between now and Spring Break, all 5th graders will participate in the State of



California physical fitness assessments. It will conclude with a timed mile run. After Spring Break, we will return to science to study the human body systems followed by atoms and matter to prepare for the 5th grade state science SBAC test.

We are excited to be wrapping up a great trimester and will see you all at our Open House on March 19th!

## 4-6 SDC News

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February was a month of learning about Native American crafts, Edible Science Experiments, and Valentine's Day! Math class finds students learning about coins, multi-digit multiplication, and dividing with decimals. It has been a challenging month academically!!

Some students were able to learn about Chemical Reactions by watching bread being made in a bread oven and then enjoying a piece, hot out of the pan and slathered with butter!

All the A-7 students enjoyed decorating and filling their Valentine's Day boxes. They thought it was kind of fun giving away (and eating) candy at school!

March looks like it will be another exciting month of learning!



## Health Information from Our School Nurse

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Following suggestions to good nutrition and healthier lifestyle!

A good breakfast is important for the start of a child's day. It provides energy and prevents headaches and stomachaches. Children are more ready to study and to learn when they are not hungry. If you are pressed for time or if your child does not like to eat in the morning, try a non-traditional breakfast such as cereal bars, yogurt, glass of 100% juice or milk, bagel, hard-boiled egg, sandwiches with a protein source such as peanut butter, tuna fish or cheese, cottage cheese and fruit, or last night's leftovers (pasta or pizza).

Eat meals as a family. Work around busy schedules. Encourage conversation, sharing, and laughter at meal time.

Keep healthy foods your child likes within easy reach at home. Keep "junk" food out of the house.

Do not bribe or reward with food. Offer hugs, stickers, and small toys instead.

Limit eating at fast food restaurants to no more than once a week. Fast food tends to be high in salt, fat, and extra calories. Avoid supersizing!

Don't eat while watching TV.

Encourage your child to play hard for 30-60 minutes a day. Go to the park, take family walks or bike rides, jump rope, dance, skate, or play Frisbee with your child.

Limit TV and video games to one hour each day. Remove the TV from your

child's room.

Eat 5 servings of a fruit or vegetable a day. One fruit or 1/2 cup of vegetable equals 1 helping.

Cut down on sodas, sports drinks, and juice drinks. No more than 1 can or small cup a day. Drink water when thirsty.

Set a good example by not constantly dieting or showing too much concern about your weight.

Remember that there are no "ideal" heights and weights for children. Children come in all shapes and sizes and grow at different rates. Your goal is for the whole family to make healthier choices and to increase physical activity. Let them know that you love them whatever their size.

## Lost & Found

Please remember to always check 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 Tuesday, March 12th. The Lost and Found cart will be purged at the end of each trimester.

## Safety

Student Safety is of upmost 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.

## Free Public Education

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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.





## Upcoming Events:

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- ◆ March 7th— Bookfair Family Night
- ◆ March 10th—Daylight Savings Time
- ◆ March 12th—End of 2nd Trimester—Minimum Day
- ◆ March 12th — Talent Show Dress Rehearsal @ Santiago Middle School 1:15PM
- ◆ March 15th—Talent Show @ Santiago Middle School
- ◆ March 19th—Open House 6:00-7:30 PM
- ◆ March 22nd—6th grade Awards Assembly 2:00 PM
- ◆ March 25th-29th—6th grade at Outdoor Science School
- ◆ March 27th— K-5 Awards Assemblies





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 <b>Bookfair Family Night 6-8PM</b>	8 <b>Reading Counts Ends</b> VAPA	9
10 	11	12 <b>End of Trimester Minimum Day</b> Talent Show Dress Rehearsal	13	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</b> VAPA Art Masters Classrooms	20 <b>Art Masters Classrooms</b>	21 <b>Art Masters Classrooms</b>	22 <b>6th gr Awards VAPA</b> Art Masters Classrooms	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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# April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	3	4	5 	6
7	8	9 VAPA	10 6th gr Promotion Pictures	11 See's Candies Orders Due	12 VAPA	13
14	15 Primary Music	16 VAPA PTA Meeting 6:00 PM	17 PE	18	19 VAPA Kinder Centennial Farm	20
21 Happy Easter! 	22	23 VAPA	24	25 5th gr Science on the Go	26 Carnival 2:30-8PM VAPA	27
28	29 K-4 Music	30 VAPA				

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