



## Principal's Message

*Linda Vista is a community of lifelong learners pursuing excellence with character and honor. We take care of ourselves, take care of our school, and take care of each other.* These words are at the forefront of our school wide behavior plan.

At Linda Vista, we approach behavior through PBIS. What is PBIS, you may ask? It is, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success. PBIS is a way for schools to encourage good behavior. With PBIS, schools teach kids about behavior, just as they would teach about other subjects like reading or math. The focus of PBIS is prevention through positive behavioral support, not punishment.

Positive behavioral support is a general term for classroom management strategies designed to help teach-

ers understand why challenging behavior occurs, address the motivation behind the behavior, and alter the learning environment to provide positive support and encouragement for the desired behavior.

At Linda Vista, we teach our students to Be Safe, Be Kind, and Be Responsible in all areas of the school. We specifically target desired behaviors on the playground, at the lunch tables, in the restroom, and at drop-off/pick-up. We review specific targeted behaviors each month, and provide positive rewards to those

Our PBIS Matrix is displayed in classrooms, as well as in the main hallway.

We are Leopards, we have PAWS



who demonstrate safety, kindness, and responsibility.

We invite you to learn more about our PBIS plan.

### TK/K SDC News

For language arts, our class is focusing on writing using sentence frames. For math, we are working on adding within 10 using manipulatives. We are still using Listen Larry to show whole

body listen and emphasizing the importance of following the group plan using We Thinkers.



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#### Special points of interest:

- Carnival 4/26/19
- 5th gr Outdoor Ed Fundraiser—The Loop 4/17/19

## 2nd Grade News

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We are wrapping up our science unit of Balance and Motion by creating foam roller coasters.

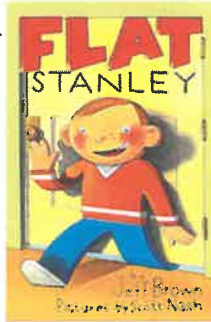
This project pulls together all of the concepts the children have learned: measuring linear distances, designing systems that are stable, and predicting motion based on patterns. Our unit culminated by having a Disney mechanical engineer (2nd grader Elizabeth Kelly's mom) show her roller coaster projects. She beautifully tied together our science unit to real world applications. When we



asked who wanted to be an engineer there was a sea of hands waving!

We also completed our Flat Stanley Adventures and through this story our classes

spread over 146 acts of kindness reaching from Linda Vista all the way to England! How cool is that! The kids are so excited about this



they are continuing to perform acts of kindness every day.

## 1-3 SDC News

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We had an amazing turn out for Open House in our class. We turned our room into "Squeakieville" from the stories of Ricky Ricotta and His Mighty Robot. We have touched on the different planets the villains come from. We have done a thorough book review of one book in the series. We have created individual Mighty Robots and have one class Mighty Robot that is watching over our class for a while. It was a great night and we have had a wonderful time creating some awesome work to share with our parents.

We are looking forward to the spring break. We are excited for the last trimester and all the fun filled activities that it packs into it.



We will be working on some fun math concepts and continue to work on our reading and writing skills. We enjoy the Art Masters Program and want to thank the PTA for providing that for us. The students love cre-

ating works of art from the artists we are learning about.

Have a wonderful Spring!

## News from the Health Clerk

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Itch, itch, scratch, scratch...no it's not the dry weather it's **lice** season!!! You may wish to monitor your child for head lice a little more frequently in the coming weeks, as there have been some recent cases among children at school. Screen all household members' hair line for nits (lice eggs) and for live lice. Use really good lighting and pay close attention to area behind ears and at nape of neck. Pictures are available at the web site <http://identify.us.com>. Look for tear shaped, yellowish eggs firmly glued to

the hair shaft. See diagram from the CDC website [www.dpd.cdc.gov](http://www.dpd.cdc.gov). Nits are tiny, smaller than the head of a straight pin.

Flu season is still among us, please instill hand washing, covering your sneezes and proper nose blowing to prevent spreading this nasty bug to fellow students and family members.



## 3rd Grade News

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Mrs. Dodd's third grade students recently completed a writing activity involving finding a leprechaun and being granted three wishes. While encouraged to go wild with the first wish for themselves, these are some of the responses to the second wish, which was to be made for someone else: I wish my baseball teammate could hit his first home run, I wish a homeless man could get a home and free food, I wish my grandma could get a nicer apartment, I wish my parents could live forever, I wish my friend could find her Guinea pig because she is so sad he is lost, I wish the orphanage I visited had more money because they take care of so many children, I wish my mom didn't have to work so hard at two jobs, I wish my friend could get a puppy because she loves animals, and I wish my friend could

get a full scholarship to Princeton so she will learn to be a famous author.

Their third wish was for the world: I wish for no more wars in the world, I wish everyone would stop fighting, I wish there was no racism, I wish we could stop global warming, I wish every homeless family would get a home, I wish every child with no parents could get adopted, I wish there were no more school shootings, I wish for no more natural disasters so people don't get hurt, I wish the world would stop polluting and making animals go extinct, and I want everyone in the whole wide world to be

happy.

Having students with these big hearts and generous spirits is what makes Linda Vista such a special place!



## 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 Thursday, June 13th. The Lost and Found cart will be purged at the end of each trimester

## Safety

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 AM.**

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 ay. 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.





# 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 Carnival Meeting 6:30 PM	12 VAPA	13
14	15 Primary Music	16 VAPA PTA Meeting 6:00 PM	17 PE 5th gr OSS Fundraiser The Loop	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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# Memorial Day



## May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Art Masters Lecture	2 P.E.	3 VAPA	4
5	6 AM Classrooms K-4 Music	7 VAPA AM Classrooms Kinder Assessments	8 A.M. Classrooms	9 A.M. Classrooms Kinder Assessments	10 VAPA	11
12	13 K-4 Music	14 VAPA	15	16 5th gr Science on the Go	17 VAPA	18
19	20 K-Science on the Go	21 VAPA PTA Meeting 8:30 AM	22	23 3rd gr Modjeska House Field Trip Last day of PE	24 VAPA Concerts	25
26	27 	28 VAPA Musical Dress Rehearsal	29 Mobile Dairy Classroom	30	31 Minimum Day VAPA	

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