



Principal's Message

Each year the 3rd thru 6th grade students of Linda Vista, along with students throughout the State of California, participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). "The primary purpose of the CAASPP System is to assist teachers, administrators, students, and parents by promoting high-quality teaching and learning through the use of a variety of assessment approaches and item types." Official information regarding CAASPP can be found at:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/TA/tg/ai/cefcaaspp.asp>

These assessments, taken on computers, consist of two sections: a computer adaptive test and a performance task in both ELA and mathematics. The Performance Tasks are extended activities that measure a student's ability to integrate what they know across multiple standards, which is a key component of college and

career readiness.

As our students begin the assessment adventure this year, please remember a few things. Students do so much better when they eat a good breakfast, get to school on time, have had a good night's sleep, and are encouraged to have a positive attitude.



To ensure a distraction free testing environment, as well as adhering to DCE Testing Guidelines, no Smart Phones or Watches are allowed in the classroom during testing. Please consider having your child leave these devices at home or in their backpack.

Though our state testing is just one way to track your student's progress, we still want them to be successful.

Thank you in advance for helping us create an environment that is supportive of their efforts.

Testing Schedule

May 6-10 3rd-6th 8:15-10

May 13-17 3rd-6th 8:15-10

May 20-24 3rd-6th 8:15-10

4-6 Grade Special Ed

The students have been learning new skills through video series recently! Math Antics was a fun way to learn about Fractions. Liberty Kids has been an exciting and engaging way to learn about the American Revolution for Social

Studies. Now we're on the learning about creatures of the sea by viewing some of the National Geographic documentaries.

Some of the project the students have been doing to en-

hance their learning is making fraction ice cream sundaes, creating timelines of the American Revolution and researching an interesting sea creature. Even though the school year is winding down, learning continues to be ramped up!

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Special points of interest:

- Memorial Day—May 27, 2019
- Last Day of P.E.—May 23, 2019

5th Grade News

We have been very busy in science, discovering how plants and animals transport food and nutrients for survival as well as focusing on the circulatory, respiratory, and digestive systems. Our fifth graders had a great time observing the sheep heart dissection and creating a model of the respiratory system using straws and plastic bags. We will finish science with studying about atoms, molecules, and matter.

In math, we will continue to work towards mastering multiplication and division of fractions and will head into exploring the volume of solid shapes.

We are wrapping up our unit in language arts and focusing on the Big Idea, How do we decide what is important? Students are excited to be switching gears and starting a few new novel studies to finish up the school year.

We have also been gearing up for our upcoming state testing (SBAC) by reviewing and practicing necessary skills and concepts in math, language arts, and science.

Our 5th graders are ready to show what they know!

A big THANK YOU to our PTA for

supporting our Science on the Go presentations. We will wrap up our year with the signing of the Declaration of Independence and creating our countries Constitution.



6th Grade News

We can't believe it is already the third trimester. In the coming weeks, we will be busy prepping for SBAC testing, completing all of the end of the year assessments, and getting the students ready for 7th grade.

Attendance is very important. During this time, we will also be planning for Knott's, sixth grade lunch and promotion.

Promotion practice will begin on June 7th, so please make sure your child is at school.

Please check your email and Thursday

folder regarding information about our online t-shirt orders.

Promotion is on Wednesday, June 12th at 8:30 AM. It will be outside, so seating is unlimited.

Have a Great Summer!



News from the Health Clerk

As our school calendar is counting down and things are getting busy, I would like to take a moment for those of you who have medicine in the health office to jot down medicine pick up day **June, 13 2019**. ALL medicines need to be picked up as of that day.

Parents must come into the office and sign the medicine out. Over the counter and prescribed medicines may not be given to students to take home. If you forget to pick these up, I will have to

destroy them as they may not be left here over summer vacation.

A new medication request form for the 2019/2020 school year will be sent home closer to the end of the school year. Please have these filled out by your health care provider prior to the first day of school (August 21st) to ensure your student will have medications available for him/her.

Feel free to contact the office with questions or concerns.



4th Grade News

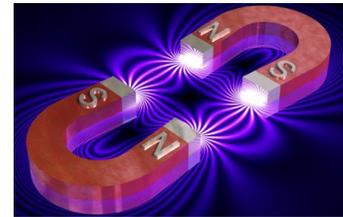
“Spring has Sprung” in 4th grade, and many exciting things are happening. To begin with, we are very thankful for our wonderful PTA for providing excellent programs. Hats off to you for enriching our children’s lives!

4th grade is such an exciting and interesting year in regard to social studies and science. In social studies, we are currently learning about the early explorers and trailblazers who were the first to create pathways into California territory from the east. Students are learning about how people migrated into California in their wagon trains how Mexico lost control of California, and the California Gold rush!



Our current focus in science is magnetism and electricity. Students will experience magnetism and electricity as related events and will learn that they are relevant in everyday life. Some of the activities that will be explored include...

- Interaction of Permanent magnets with a variety of common materials
- Discovering that magnets have two poles
- Repel and attract
- Understand, design, and build simple, closed, parallel, and series circuits



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 reached.



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.



Upcoming Events:

May 6-10	3rd—6th grade testing
May 7	Incoming Kinder Assessments
May 9	Incoming Kinder Assessments
May 9	6th gr Parent Meeting
May 13-17	3rd-6th grade testing
May 13	K-4th grade music
May 14	4th grade Irvine Park Field Trip
May 16	5th grade Science on the Go
May 20-14	Make-ups and 5th grade Science
May 20	Kinder Science on the Go
May 23	3rd grade Helena Modjeska House Field Trip
May 24	VAPA Spring Concert—5th gr @ 10:20 AM 6th gr @ 11:15 AM
May 27	Memorial Day
May 29	Mobile Dairy Classroom Field Trip
May 30	Volunteer Tea
May 31	Minimum Day

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONICS:

If the student has an emergency, he/she should notify the teacher or main office for assistance. Cell phones must be turned **OFF AT ALL TIMES** unless specifically directed by a teacher. They are not to be used at any time during school hours. Smart watches must **ONLY** be used as a watch during school hours (i.e. – no texting, calling, internet, recording, etc.) Cell phones/ smart watches will be confiscated if in use during school hours. They will only be returned to parents. iPods, portable game systems, and other electronic devices are not allowed at school. Please keep these items at home. The school is **NOT** responsible for any electronic device that is damaged, lost, or stolen at school. No Smart devices will be allowed in the classroom during SBAC Testing.