



Principal's Message

As we begin this 2019-20 School Year, we need to review our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports as well as share with you the rewards your students are working with their PAW-sitive Behavior.

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 teachers 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 who

demonstrate safety, kindness, and responsibility.

We invite you to learn more about our PBIS plan. Our PBIS Matrix is displayed in classrooms, as well as in the main hallway.



Message from the Health Clerk

As the new school year starts, so do a few new immunization laws. As of July 1, 2019 all students must have two varicella vaccines. (AKA chicken pox) Please check your student's immunization records and verify that they have received two injections. If they did not, they need to have the second one and we need verification as soon as possible.

Not having this on file will lead to exclusion of your student.

While on the subject of immunizations, all 6th graders need their Tdap verifications turned into the office by May 1, 2019. This will ensure that they will get their desired electives. If you have any questions or concerns please

call Mrs. Michelle in the office.



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Special points of interest:

- P/T Conferences—October 7th-11th
- Picture Re-take Day—October 14th
- 4th Grade Walk Through California—October 24th

3rd Grade News

Third graders have had a busy and productive introduction to the school year. In language arts we are reading and discussing literature with the theme of Growing and Learning.

We are practicing the procedures to engage in a variety of activities independently to allow for individualized small group instruction with the teachers.

The students are learning to write personal narratives with sequence words, descriptive details, and using their personal voice to show emotion along with utilizing their thinking maps to help them organize their thoughts and plan their writing.

In math we are expanding our mastery of numeration and place value before improving our skills with addition and subtraction.

In social studies we are finishing up a unit covering government and symbols that help us appreciate our 9-11 and Constitution Day celebrations.

Linda Vista third grade students certainly are successful scholars!

2nd Grade News

Second Grade is off to an amazing start! We began the year discussing both class and individual goals. After much discussion, each student set a first trimester goal. This goal could be academic or behavioral. We are looking forward to challenging ourselves and revisiting these goals to see our growth! We are focusing on our reading this year and are learning how to choose "Good Fit Books". This means that students are picking books with P-purpose (Why do I want to read this book?), I-Interest (Do I like this book?), C-comprehension (Do I understand this book?), and K-know (Do I know most of the words?). With this in mind, students are choosing books and will be taking quizzes on Reading Counts. The goal for Second Grade is 20 points this trimester. Our class has been working hard and I know we will have amazing results.

TK News

TK is heading to a great start. I'm so proud to see how quickly the children are learning about the new school setting and routines. The students are very eager to learn and have fun in class. We are building the school family idea that all of us in the class are like a big family. The children are learning everyday about making good choices and encouraging

their peers to do the same. Students were assigned to bring a photo of their family and they get to show and tell who are the people in their family. Everyone is so happy to see their family photos on our "TK School Family" bulletin board. WE are all in this together to grow!



6th Grade News

It was very nice meeting everyone at Back to School Night. Some new faces, and some familiar ones as well.

6th grade is off and running. We have been busy with VAPA, PE, and Buddies. We met our Buddies on August 8th and have been visiting them every other Wednesday since. It is a wonderful program that benefits both grades.

October 7th-11th is conference week. Please check you child's folder for your date and time.

4th Grade News

The students and teachers are off to a great start in 4th grade! We have been busy getting to know each other and learning about one another. The students are excited about their new responsibilities as an upper grader, and having their own agenda to write in, as well as having daily homework assignments. With these new responsibilities, students are carefully and purposefully being taught in the classroom the proper procedures and expectations in order to get them off to a great start. Organization of their materi-

als and communication with their parents and their teachers are key, and the students are learning just that. Developing good habits as an upper grader and student is very important, and we believe they are up for the challenge! So, here we go...upward and onward to a great school year.

1st Grade News

First graders have had a busy and exciting time in September. We have been practicing our class and school rules. Through picture books we are learning when and where to use our thought bubbles and talk bubbles, being kind to each other and much more. We have started learning about zones of regulation and how to use tools out of our toolbox to keep us in the green zone.

We have been to a few assemblies about the Constitution, Water Cycle and Fire Safety.

We are looking forward to October where we are going to explore all about bats and pumpkins, understand the history of Columbus Day and even learn about fire safety during Fire Prevention week.

5th Grade News

September flew by us as we are working to complete our first novel study, Earthquake Terror. Our students have loved this thrilling and suspenseful story, which has allowed us to analyze the changes that the characters made over time. We also dove into plot structure and theme, character conflicts, and lots of figurative language. We will apply what we have learned in our novel study to 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

Kindergarten News

It is always so much fun to introduce our wonderful school to a whole new crop of Kindergarten students. To help students feel safe and navigate safely through our school we read a story about Chester the raccoon. The children can identify with Chester as he also worries about leaving his family. After reading the story and discovering a clue at the end of the book, all kindergarten friends went on a hunt from the library to the computer lab to the front office and back to our class in search of the elusive Chester. This is such a fun way to introduce staff and



help our new students become familiar with the layout of our school. Chester is a highlight of our year and the children will reminisce about Chester all year long.

forward to creating some spooky, narrative writing stories in October.

We are busy mathematicians practicing adding and subtracting with decimals, which will lead us into multiplying 2-digit-by-2-digit numbers later in the month. WE encourage our students to continue to practice math facts and place value in not only the classroom, but also at home using Khan Academy and Prodigy! In science, our fifth graders have been comparing and contrasting plant and animal cells, and will enjoy a virtual field

trip to Calaveras Big Tree State Park. California Dept. of Parks and Recreation will be our Skype in the Classroom tour guide, navigating our students through the park as they learn about the GIANT sequoia trees! To wrap up the month, our fifth graders from Mrs. Peal's class did a fabulous job helping the school celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th during a school-wide assembly.

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.



Positive Behavior Interventions and Support
(PBIS)

		Setting					
		ALWAYS	CLASSROOM	PLAYGROUND	BATHROOM	LUNCH TABLES	DROP OFF AND PICK UP
Behavior Expectations	BE SAFE	<p>Follow adult directions the first time</p> <p>Use walking feet</p> <p>Keep hands and feet to yourself</p> <p>Straight and quiet lines</p>	<p>Sit properly</p> <p>Keep belongings in a safe place</p> <p>Use classroom materials appropriately</p>	<p>Use equipment properly</p> <p>Stay in designated areas</p>	<p>Wash hands</p> <p>Report problems to an adult</p> <p>Use facilities properly</p>	<p>Eat your own food</p> <p>Sit properly at assigned table</p>	<p>Stand with backs/backpacks against the fence or with an adult</p> <p>Get in car by the yellow poles on sidewalk</p> <p>Watch for traffic</p>
	BE KIND	<p>Respect others</p> <p>Use kind words</p>	<p>Listen when others are talking</p> <p>Help others</p>	<p>Include everyone who wants to play</p> <p>Be a good sport</p> <p>Take turns</p>	<p>Respect privacy</p> <p>Wait your turn Patiently</p> <p>Use quiet voices \\\</p>	<p>Use table manners</p> <p>Be polite</p>	<p>Use quiet and kind words</p> <p>Respect personal space and property</p>
	BE RESPONSIBLE	<p>Keep all toys at home</p> <p>Follow the dress code</p>	<p>Be prepared to learn</p> <p>Respect property</p>	<p>Play by the rules</p> <p>Stop and freeze at the bell and wait for the teacher's whistle</p> <p>Eat all snacks at the lunch tables</p>	<p>Place trash in trash can</p> <p>Don't loiter in the bathroom</p>	<p>Clean up after yourself</p> <p>No throwing food</p>	<p>Look for your ride</p> <p>Keep cell phones in backpacks</p> <p>Come out on time</p>



October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Art Masters Lecture VAPA	3 5th Gr OSS Skate Party VAPA	4 VAPA	5
6	7	8	9 VAPA	10 Reflections Due VAPA	11	12
-----Parent/Teacher Conferences Minimum Day Dismissal-----						
13	14 Picture Re-take Day	15 PTA Mtg 8:15AM	16 Big Buddies/Little Buddies 11:30 VAPA	17	18 VAPA	19
20	21	22 Reflections Reception 6:30 PM	23 VAPA	24 4th gr Walk Thru California	25 Pumpkin Night VAPA	26
27	28	29	30 Anti Bullying Assembly VAPA	31 Pajama Day K—Pumpkin Patch field trip		

Every Wednesday is early dismissal


Kinder-3rd grade—12:10PM

4th-6th grade—12:30PM

notes



November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 VAPA	2
3	4	5 NON STUDENT DAY	6 VAPA	7 Veteran's Day Assembly 1 PM	8 Vision & Hearing Screening VAPA	9
10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 Big Buddies/Little Buddies 11:30 VAPA	14 5th Gr Field of Valor Field Trip	15 End of Trimester Minimum Day	16
17	18	19 PTA Meeting 8:15AM	20 VAPA	21 Turkey Trot	22 Kinder—Thanksgiving Feast	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30

Thanksgiving Break

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