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What's Happening Parents' Edition

March 5, 2021

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 9th: New Vista Open Enrollment Information Virtual Meeting

Thursday, March 11th: Coffee with the Principal 8:45 - 9:45 am

Friday, March 12th: 3rd Quarter Exhibition Day/Support Time 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Teacher Work Time 12:00 - 4:00 pm **NO SCHOOL** for students

Monday, March 15th: 4th Quarter begins

Tuesday, March 16th: 9th & 10th Grade College Planning Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Monday, March 22nd - Friday, March 26th - Spring Break NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, March 30th - Phase 4 Return to School begins

A Note from Kirk

Dear New Vista Families-

Spring is in the air, and we're looking forward to our Spring Break in two short weeks. I hope you're all planning on some time to relax and rejuvenate with loved ones.

When we come back to school after the break, we'll be welcoming students back to four days a week of in-person learning! If you're interested in changing your online or in person learning choice, [please fill out this form](#). If you've already filled it out, you do not need to do it again. You only need to fill it out if you wish to change from in person to online or vice versa. Otherwise, all students who are currently attending two days in person will be enrolled in four days in person.

As we look ahead to the return to in person learning, I want to let you know that our science teachers, Andy Stephens and Stephen Shepherd will be returning to in person teaching after spring break as well. We're excited to welcome them back! Beth DeHerrera is planning on welcoming a new baby and will be taking maternity leave this month. She will have an in-person long term sub while she is out.

Student safety and wellness is still our top priority. We will require that all students wear a mask at all times, except when eating breakfast or lunch. Additionally, we will still be checking students in each morning. 9th and 10th graders will enter through the main entrance. 11th and 12th graders will enter through the south

entrance near the music room. Parents must fill out the COVID screening form each morning. ***Please have the form completed by 8:15 each morning.***

Next week is our last week of the third quarter. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our traditional exhibition day. Instead, we are encouraging teachers and students to upload videos of their final projects to a shared folder. Students will be able to watch videos of their peer's projects and leave feedback during advisory. Friday there will be no in person classes. The morning is set aside for revision time. Teachers will be available to meet with students online from 8:45-12:00. The rest of the day will be teacher work time.

In addition to sunny days, this spring will also bring us into our state testing season. Please see below for more information regarding our mandated state testing.

It's hard to believe that it's been a year, almost to the day, since our school was impacted by the pandemic. It's been a year filled with challenges, and stress in and out of the building. I'm proud of the positivity, empathy, and support that our community has demonstrated through it all. Thank you again for all your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Kirk

Estimadas familias de New Vista:

La primavera está cerca y estamos deseando que lleguen nuestras vacaciones de primavera en dos semanas. Espero que todos estén planeando algún tiempo para relajarse y descansar con sus seres queridos.

Cuando regresemos a la escuela después de las vacaciones, les daremos la bienvenida a los estudiantes cuatro días a la semana de aprendizaje en persona! Si está interesado en cambiar su opción de aprendizaje en línea o en persona, complete este formulario. Si ya lo ha llenado, no es necesario que lo vuelva a hacer. Solo necesita completarlo si desea cambiar de en persona a en línea o viceversa. De lo contrario, todos los estudiantes que actualmente asisten dos días en persona se inscribirán en cuatro días en persona.

Mientras miramos hacia el regreso al aprendizaje en persona, quiero informarles que nuestros maestros de ciencias, Andy Stephens y Stephen Shepherd, también regresarán a la enseñanza en persona después de las vacaciones de primavera. ¡Estamos emocionados de darles la bienvenida de nuevo! Beth DeHerrera está planeando dar la bienvenida a su bebé y tomará la licencia por maternidad este mes. Tendrá un sustituto a largo plazo en persona mientras esté fuera.

La seguridad y el bienestar de los estudiantes sigue siendo nuestra principal prioridad. Requerimos que todos los estudiantes usen una mascarilla en todo momento, excepto cuando estén comiendo. Además, seguiremos checando en la entrada a los estudiantes cada mañana. Los estudiantes de noveno y décimo grado entrarán por la entrada principal. Los estudiantes de los grados 11 y 12 entrarán por la entrada sur cerca del salón de música. Los padres deben completar el formulario de evaluación de COVID cada mañana. Por favor complete el formulario antes de las 8:15 cada mañana.

La próxima semana es nuestra última semana del tercer trimestre. Desafortunadamente, no podremos tener nuestro tradicional día de exhibición. En cambio, estamos alentando a los maestros y estudiantes a que hagan videos de sus proyectos finales y los coloquen en una carpeta compartida. Los estudiantes podrán ver videos de los proyectos de sus compañeros y dejar comentarios durante la asesoría. El viernes no habrá clases presenciales. La mañana está reservada para el tiempo de revisión. Los maestros estarán disponibles para reunirse con los estudiantes en línea de 8: 45-12: 00. El resto del día será tiempo de trabajo del maestro.

Además de los días soleados, esta primavera también nos traerá a nuestra temporada de pruebas estatales. Consulte a continuación para obtener más información sobre nuestras pruebas estatales obligatorias.

Es difícil creer que ha pasado un año desde que nuestra escuela se vio afectada por la pandemia. Ha sido un año lleno de desafíos y estrés dentro y fuera del edificio. Estoy orgulloso de la positividad, la empatía y el apoyo que nuestra comunidad ha demostrado a través de todo esto. Gracias nuevamente por todo su apoyo y comprensión.

Atentamente,

Kirk

Counseling Corner

Please read [Counselor's Corner](#). We work so hard to keep you updated on community events, resources, post high school planning information, award opportunities, jobs, summer plans, and much more.

College Planning Night for 9th and 10th Grade Families Tuesday March 16th at 6pm

Please join Aimee and Diane in a presentation outlining the steps you can be taking now to better support your college admission process. Learn what colleges look for from applicants and how the steps you take in 9th and 10th grade can enhance your college application as well as de-stress your admissions process later. Please RSVP [HERE](#). Students and parents are encouraged to attend! This will be a virtual event. Contact Aimee or Diane with questions.

COVID Virtual Workshop

I wanted to pass along this free parent facing event that is being offered by Scott Cypers and his colleagues at the Johnson Stress and Depression Center. Last year during the initial lockdown, they offered a series of free parent facing events to support parents with tips, tricks and guidance for helping kids facing anxiety during the pandemic that was fantastic and this event is the one year anniversary continuation of this work.

Flyer

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ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIORS- If any of your students are planning to take a gap year through an organization or program, please check out [this amazing opportunity](#) to win up to \$10,000 in scholarships. By applying for this scholarship, they will also be put in the running for a \$1000 scholarship from New Vista that we must give away this year. Deadline to apply: Apr 15, 2021 Reach out to Diane (diane.jensen@bvsd.org) if you have any questions.

State Testing Information

Dear New Vista Families,

The state tests this school year are as follows:

- Science: Grades 11
- PSAT College Preparatory Exam: Grades 9 and 10
- SAT College Entrance Exam: Grade 11

I would like to take a moment to encourage everyone to have their children take the test and to thank you for your support last year. Our school's participation rate increased from 24.3% to 56.3% for the 11th grade science test. Our rates have remained steady over the past two years for PSAT and SAT-85%. This year we'd like to see ALL students take PSAT and SAT.

With your support, your student can help show how well our school and the school district, as a whole, is performing.

By participating in the state assessments:

- Our educators will have access to valuable data about the performance of our students and apples-to-apples comparisons to students across the state
- Data collected helps Boulder Valley School District determine if curriculum and instruction practices are working, helping to direct resources and professional development

- The scores determine the designation the state gives our school. Currently we are considered a performance school with low testing participation and we'd like to keep **improving our testing rates and keep our performance designation** moving forward, in part because receiving a lower designation may impact our school's reputation and lead to additional review of our plans
- The better we do on our tests, the better our grades on sites like CDE's SchoolView, Niche, School Grades, etc. These grades are, in part, what prospective parents use to compare us with other schools in the area -- and a pride point for our school community

Consistent with last year’s administration, our entire focus will be on supporting students as they take the test. As a result, families are asked (though not required) to arrange an excused absence from school on testing days and appropriate alternative activities of their own if their child will not be participating. Below is a specific list of the tests and which grades will be taking the tests.

Again, I would like to encourage all of our students to participate in testing this year. If you have questions, I welcome the opportunity to chat with you about this important effort no later than Friday, March 12th, which is the district deadline for submitting written requests to opt a student out of testing.

Sincerely,



Kirk Quitter
Principal

NEW VISTA 20-21 TESTING SCHEDULE

M- April 12	T - April 13	W- April 14	Th- April 15	F- April 16
Regular Launch Day	Asynchronous Classes	Asynchronous Classes	Regular Day	No School
	9th PSAT, 8-1pm 11th SAT, 8-12 7:30-2 pm (w/essay)	10th PSAT 8-1pm 11th CMAS Science 8-12:30pm 11th SAT, 8-12pm (Day 2 only for a few notified students)		
	Lunch: 12:30-1:30pm	Lunch: 12:30-1:30pm		
	Teacher Asynchronous Support Time	Teacher Asynchronous Support Time		

The following week...

M- April 19	T - April 20	W- April 21	Th- April 22	F- April 23
No School	<i>11th CMAS Science Make ups 8-12:30</i>			

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

- Make-ups for SAT 11th are on April 27th
- Make-ups for PSAT 9-10th are on April 27th

Asunto: Información sobre las pruebas estatales de 2021

Estimadas familias de New Vista,

Las pruebas estatales de este año escolar son las siguientes:

- Ciencias: 11° grado
- Examen preparatorio universitario PSAT: grados 9 y 10
- Examen de ingreso a la universidad SAT: grado 11

Me gustaría tomarme un momento para decirles a todos ustedes que animen a sus hijos a que tomen el examen y agradecerles su apoyo el año pasado. La tasa de participación de nuestra escuela aumentó del 24,3% al 56,3% para la prueba de ciencias del 11° grado. Nuestras tasas se han mantenido estables durante los últimos dos años para PSAT y SAT-85%. El año que nos gustaría ver a TODOS los estudiantes tomar PSAT y SAT.

Con su apoyo, su estudiante puede ayudar a mostrar qué tan bien se está desempeñando nuestra escuela y el distrito escolar en general.

Al participar en las evaluaciones estatales:

- Nuestros educadores tendrán acceso a datos valiosos sobre el desempeño de nuestros estudiantes y comparaciones iguales con estudiantes de todo el estado.
- Los datos recopilados ayudan al Distrito Escolar del Valle de Boulder a determinar si el plan de estudios y las prácticas de instrucción están funcionando, lo que ayuda a dirigir los recursos y el desarrollo profesional
- Los puntajes determinan la designación que el estado le da a nuestra escuela. Actualmente se nos considera una escuela de desempeño con baja participación en las pruebas y nos gustaría seguir mejorando nuestras tasas de evaluación y mantener nuestra designación de desempeño avanzando, en parte porque recibir una designación más baja puede afectar la reputación de nuestra escuela y dar lugar a una revisión adicional de nuestros planes.

- Cuanto mejor lo hagamos en nuestros exámenes, mejores serán nuestras calificaciones en sitios como SchoolView, Niche, School Grades, etc. del CDE. Estas calificaciones son, en parte, lo que los futuros padres usan para compararnos con otras escuelas en el área, y un orgullo punto para nuestra comunidad escolar

De acuerdo con la administración del año pasado, todo nuestro enfoque estará en apoyar a los estudiantes mientras toman el examen. Como resultado, se les pide a las familias (aunque no es obligatorio) que organicen una ausencia justificada de la escuela los días de exámenes y actividades alternativas apropiadas por su cuenta si su hijo no participará. A continuación se muestra una lista específica de las pruebas y las calificaciones que tomarán las pruebas.

Nuevamente, me gustaría animar a todos nuestros estudiantes a participar en las pruebas de este año. Si tiene preguntas, agradezco la oportunidad de conversar con usted sobre este importante esfuerzo a más tardar el viernes 12 de marzo, que es la fecha límite del distrito para enviar solicitudes por escrito para que un estudiante no participe en las pruebas.

Atentamente,

Kirk Quitter
Principal

PROGRAMACIÓN DE PRUEBAS NEW VISTA 20-21

L- 12 de abril	M - 13 de abril	M- 14 de abril	J- 15 de abril	V- 16 de abril
Día de planificación regular	Clases asincrónicas	Clases asincrónicas	Día regular	No hay clases
	9no PSAT, 8-1pm 11vo SAT, 8-12 7:30-2 pm (con ensayo)	10mo PSAT 8-1pm 11vo CMAS Ciencias 8-12:30pm 11vo SAT, 8-12pm (Dia 2 solo para pocos estudiantes notificados)		
	Almuerzo: 12: 30-1: 30pm	Almuerzo: 12: 30-1: 30pm		
	Tiempo de apoyo asincrónico del maestro	Tiempo de apoyo asincrónico del maestro		

La siguiente semana...

L- Abril 19	M - Abril 20	M- Abril 21	J- Abril 22	V- Abril 23
No hay clases	<i>11vo CMAS Recuperacion ciencias 8-12:30</i>			

OTRAS FECHAS IMPORTANTES:

- La recuperación para el SAT 11 es el 27 de abril.
- La recuperación para el examen PSAT 9-10 es el 27 de abril



Coffee with the Principal

Coffee with the Principal will be Thursday, March 11th, 8:45 am - 9:45 am. Here is the [link](#).

We look forward to seeing you.

Celebration

Congratulations to Brae Hubbard and Ellie Adelfang for a successful Students of the Year Campaign!

Dear Mr. Quitter & Ms. Visbal,

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that two New Vista High School students participated as candidates in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) 2021 *Students of the Year campaign*. Brae Hubbard and Ellie Adelfang are incredible young women who shine with such passion and maturity that you don't always see in high school students.

Students of the Year is a seven-week philanthropic leadership development program during which students foster professional skills such as entrepreneurship, marketing, and project management to raise funds for LLS, a global leader in the fight against cancer. The title Student(s) of the Year is awarded to the candidate or co-candidates in each community who raises the most funds during the competition. Top local fundraisers become eligible to win the national title. The funds raised benefit LLS, whose mission is to find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

All 22 of the student candidates were able to raise a combined grand total of \$669,219 - A 39% increase from last year's total, and during a global pandemic nonetheless! **This team of three from Lakewood was able to raise \$10,891** towards the mission of LLS! We are so proud of Brae and Ellie, and their dedication to LLS and their community. We are thrilled that these amazing students signed on to run Students of the Year campaign! Please feel free to share this news about these students with your staff and the student body. They should all be celebrated for this amazing leadership endeavor and their courage in signing on for this campaign in such a tumultuous year.

Best wishes,

Kelli

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