

# Monte Memo

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## January 2026

**January 13th**  
Welcome Back to School

**January 14th**  
Regular schedule

**January 19th**  
NO SCHOOL  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day

**January 20th**  
New student registration  
begins for 2026/2027  
school year

**January 21st**  
EARLY OUT SCHEDULE

**January 26th-30th**  
Great Kindness Challenge

**January 28th**  
EARLY OUT SCHEDULE

Coming in February

Presidents Day - No School  
2/13-2/16

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Mountain Lion Families,

I hope you had a restful and joyful winter break! We are excited to welcome our students, families, and staff back to school for the spring semester. Together, we look forward to continuing our learning journey and celebrating all the amazing growth and accomplishments in the months ahead.

The end of the first semester is a great time to reflect on your student's progress and set goals for the new semester.

Here are a few important reminders:

- Report cards for last semester are available on your Aeries Parent Portal.
- Review your student's progress and talk with them about what they would like to focus on this spring.
- Check attendance. Is your student attending school daily and on time? Missing even a few days or arriving late often can create barriers to academic success.
- Reach out if needed. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your student's teacher. Partnering together is the best way to support success!

Let's make 2026 an amazing year of learning and growth!

Kindly,

Mrs. Picchiottino

### IMPORTANT LINKS

[School Website](#)

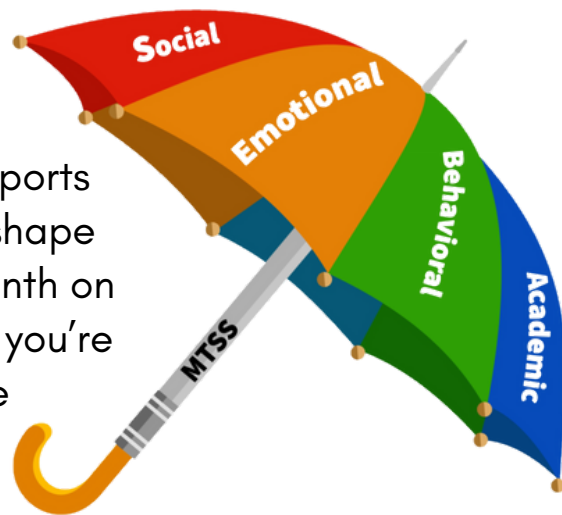
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**2026-27 New Student Enrollment**  
**New Student Enrollment for the upcoming**  
**2026-27 school year begins on Tuesday, January 20th.**

We Need Your Parent Voice!

Join our Mult-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS) Monthly Meetings and help shape student success. We meet once a month on Thursdays from 3:10 PM to 4:10 PM. If you're interested, please complete the [sign-up link today!](#)



**WELCOME** BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back students!

Let's make this the best year ever

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Kind.

Be Safe: By walking on and around campus.

Be Respectful: By listening and following expectations.

Be Responsible: By being an Attendance HERO ... Here, Every day, Ready, & On Time.

Be Kind: By demonstrating kind and helpful words and actions.

Let's make this year the best one yet by following these important guidelines.

Welcome back, and let's have a fantastic time together!

# JANUARY 2026



**MON TUE WED THU FRI**

\*All dates and times are subject to change\*  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
 Welcome Back Mountain Lions!

 **WINTER Break**

5

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 **WINTER Break**

12

**NO SCHOOL**  
**PD Day**  


13

Meet & Eat 7:15a

Back to **School**

14

Meet & Eat 7:15a

**REGULAR DAY**

Spanish  
 2:45p-3:30p

15

Meet & Eat 7:15a

16

Meet & Eat 7:15a  
 Friday Flag

19

**NO SCHOOL**  
  
**MARLIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

20

Meet & Eat 7:15a

Volleyball  
 TK-2nd 2:45-5p

21

Meet & Eat 7:15a

**EARLY OUT**

Spanish  
 1:50p-2:35p

22

Meet & Eat 7:15a

Volleyball  
 3rd-5th  
 2:45p-5p

23

Meet & Eat 7:15a  
 Friday Flag

26

Meet & Eat 7:15a  
 Spanish  
 2:45p-3:30p  
 Handball  
 2:45p-3:45p

27

Meet & Eat 7:15a  
 Volleyball  
 TK-2nd 2:45-5p

28

Meet & Eat 7:15a  
**EARLY OUT**  
 Spanish  
 1:50-2:35p

29

Meet & Eat 7:15a  
 Volleyball  
 3rd-5th  
 2:45p-5p

30

Meet & Eat 7:15a  
 Friday Flag  
**KARAOKE CUBS**  
 2:45p-3:45p

 **GREAT KINDNESS CHALLENGE WEEK**

# JANUARY

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU  
1- FREE BREAKFAST PER STUDENT PER DAY.

Breakfast Includes

Assorted Fresh Fruit

Yogurt

Fruit Juice

1% White Milk or Non-Fat Chocolate Milk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Offered Daily Cereal Breakfast Bar		HAPPY NEW YEAR	1 Holiday	2 Holiday
5 Holiday	6 Holiday	7 Holiday	8 Holiday	9 Holiday
12 Non-Student Day	13 Cinnamon Snack'n Waffle	14 French Toast Sticks	15 Bagel w/cream cheese	16 Scrambled Eggs & Potatoes O'brien
19 Holiday	20 Cinnamon Roll	21 Breakfast Sausage Pizza	22 Mini Confetti Pancakes	23 Cheesy Eggs Bites & Triangle Potatoes
26 Chocolate Muffin	27 Cinnamon Snack'n Waffle	28 French Toast Sticks	29 Bagel w/cream cheese	30 Scrambled Eggs & Potatoes O'brien

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# JANUARY

ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU  
1- FREE LUNCH PER STUDENT PER DAY.

Salad Bar Entrée

Includes choice of Protein & Grain

\*Hard Boiled Eggs w/crackers

\*Hummus Cup w/pita chips

\*String Cheese w/crackers

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Offered Daily *PB&J *Turkey & Cheese Sub Sandwich *Turkey Sub Sandwich	Lunch Includes Unlimited Daily Salad Bar String Cheese Goldfish Crackers 100% Fruit Juice & 1% White Milk or Non-Fat Chocolate Milk		1 Winter Break No School	2 Holiday
5 Holiday	6 Holiday	7 Holiday	8 Holiday	9 Holiday
12 Non-Student Day	13 Mini Hot Dogs *Rosati Ice	14 Chicken Nuggets	15 Beefy Rotini & Texas Toast	16 Chicken Burger *Cookie Day
19 Holiday	20 Cheeseburger Sliders w/ Potato Smiles	21 French Toast Sticks w/chicken sausage patty	22 Orange Chicken w/brown rice	23 Galaxy Pepperoni Pizza
26 Mac & Cheese	27 Corn Dog	28 Chicken Nuggets	29 Meatballs w/ marinara & Texas Toast	30 Hamburger *Cookie Day

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# Less Stress Is Best!

## Positive Thinking & Gratitude

This week, our focus is on the power of positive thinking and gratitude, two important habits that help children build resilience and emotional well-being. When children learn to look for the good in themselves, others, and their daily experiences, they begin to develop a growth mindset and a sense of hope that carries them through challenges.

**"A Grateful Heart Grows Happiness"**



## Quote of The Week

"Breathe. Let go. And remind yourself that this very moment is the only one you know you have for sure."

- Oprah Winfrey

## Parent Tips

- Start or end the day by naming one thing you're thankful for.
- Teach your child to reframe challenges: "This is hard, but I can handle it."
- Focus on what went right each day instead of what went wrong.

**Family Activity:** Create a "Gratitude Jar" add notes each day and read them together at the end of the week.



# CAREER WEEK

Inspire Students at Monte Vista - Share Your Career Journey!

Monte Vista is excited to host a Career Exploration Event, and we're looking for passionate professionals like you to share your experiences with our students!

**MARCH 23RD-27TH**

If you're interested in volunteering as a presenter, please fill out this form:  
[Click here to complete Interest Form](#)

Questions?

Feel free to reach out to Mrs. Green:

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