



VISTA GRANDE NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Principal...



Dear Families,

Happy New Year to all of our Vista Grande Families! We hope that 2023 brings everyone good health and prosperity. As we start the New Year, this is a good time to review our academic and behavioral goals and renew our commitment to making Vista Grande the best school for all of our students.

The beginning of the calendar year is a great time to ensure that students are AVID ready for learning each and every day. An AVID ready student has their learning materials (agenda, binder, folder) organized and is on time to school every day. It is important that students also come to school every day as well. If a student is absent, there will be an opportunity to make up an absence at the end of the month.

Vista Grande continues to implement our Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) Program. Our PBIS program revolves around our school behavior expectations for students to be—Safe, Respectful and Responsible. All Vista Grande staff are part of this implementation and by working together; we can ensure that our campus is positive and safe for all students. Our school will have a PBIS refresher in January so that all students can be reminded of our expectations.

We hope that you have a great start to 2023!! Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ms. Castillo

AVID TIPS FOR PARENTS

College and Career Culture

Part of our AVID instruction involves discussing future plans for college and career. It is never too early to start planning ahead!! Families can support the AVID culture by researching colleges online or visiting one of our local universities. Ask your child about their career plans and discuss the steps they will need to take to get there. In addition, OMSD Promise Scholars can help parents can learn about college:

<https://promisescholars.org/>

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Happy New Year and Welcome Back Broncos! As we enter this new year, we are excited to meet new goals while working towards perfect attendance. In case you forgot, the school bell rings at 7:57 AM and the tardy bell rings at 8:00 AM. If your child may be struggling to come to school, feel free to reach out to our Outreach

Consultant, Karissa Guerra, or our School/Family Outreach Asst., Jeneen Cuevas, to help your student get here on time, daily. Thank you, parents, for all your help and we look forward to a great 2023! 😊

PBIS

As we start off the new year, we will give students friendly reminders of our PBIS expectations (Be SAFE, RESPONSIBLE, and RESPECTFUL). Please continue to encourage this behavior at home, the more practice, the better! We want all of our Broncos to feel like Vista Grande is their home and a safe place to be. We will continue to achieve this by encouraging/teaching positive behaviors to all students. 😊

Expanded Learning Opportunities Program

January Club Schedule:

Homework Club – Begins 1/19/23

Monday & Thursday 2:40-4:00

Grade 3 Coding Club – Begins 1/18/23 Wednesday 2:40-4:00

Grade 3 Art Club – Begins 1/26/23 Thursday 2:40-4:00

Grades 4/5 Art Club – Begins 1/18/23 Wednesday 2:40-4:00

Math Pentathlon Club – Begins 1/23/23 Monday 2:40-4:00


Kindergarten Gap

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12:45-2:40

Tuesday 12:45 – 1:25

Parent Calendar

January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	10 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 st -6 th @ 1:25	11	12	12 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	14
15	16 MLK Day Holiday NO School 	17 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 st -6 th @ 1:25	18	19 P.E. Make Up Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	20 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	21
22	23 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	24 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 st -6 th @ 1:25	25	26	27 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade 5 th Grade Promise Scholars Field Trip	28 Attendance Make Up Academy 8:00-12:15
29	30 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	31 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 st -6 th @ 1:25				

SEL

During the month of January, the SEL skill of Social Awareness will continue to be focused on during SEL instruction. Students that are socially aware are typically skilled in perspective taking, empathy, appreciating diversity, and have respect for others. The lessons this month are geared towards helping students learn how to take ownership of their actions, as well as be empathetic towards others. Some ways that you can reinforce this behavior at home are....

- **Taking Ownership:** When your child makes mistakes, remain calm. Let them know everyone makes mistakes, but we always learn from the situation. Once settled, discuss what they can do differently if they ever find themselves in a similar state. Help them think and consider how to make the current situation better.
- **Understanding Others:** Understand those who are different or struggling. Emphasize with your child the importance of really listening to others, especially those people who may seem unfamiliar whom they don't immediately understand. Encourage children to consider the feelings of others.