



# VISTA GRANDE NEWSLETTER

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## A Message from the Principal...

Dear Families,

March is a busy month! We hope you take a moment to read the newsletter and take note of all of our upcoming minimum days and Spring Break at the end of the month.

March also brings our second Parent-Teacher Conference Week, which starts on Monday, March 20 and ends on Friday, March 24. This is an important time for parents to meet with teachers to review student progress during the second trimester and to set new learning goals for the last trimester of the school year. Teachers will send out conference appointment information on March 7. **Please be aware that during conference week, ALL students in TK-6<sup>th</sup> grades will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m.** We ask that you arrange to pick up your children on time during conference week.

After the completion of our conference week, our staff and students will enjoy Spring Break vacation from March 27 to March 31. We hope you have a great month!!

Sincerely,

*Ms. Castillo*

### OAKS AVID RECRUITMENT for CURRENT 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

If your student plans on applying to the OAKS AVID program, please make sure that a parent attend one of the mandatory parent meetings.

In addition, students must do the following by April 28th:

- Complete an AVID application
- Receive a teacher recommendation
- Parent attend an AVID parent meeting
- Student schedules an AVID interview
- Student completes the AVID interview

**For additional information, please go to:**

<https://sites.google.com/omsd.net/2023-avid-recruitment-omsd/home>

### Last Chance Attendance Make Up Academy Dates for the School Year:

1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students can make up an absence by attending Saturday school.

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

For more information, please contact  
Ms. Jeneen Cuevas or Mrs. Wendy Ovalle

### PBIS

Vista Grande's Western Warehouse is an on campus PBIS student store where students shop for prizes!!

Students have an opportunity to earn PBIS points when they are Respectful, Responsible and Safe. Students can then use their points to go shopping at our Western Warehouse for prizes.

### Expanded Learning Opportunities Program

March Club Schedule: 2:40-4:00

**Homework Club** – Mondays & Thursdays **(Last Day 3/16)**

**Grade 3 Coding Club** – Wednesdays **(Last Day 3/15)**

**Grade 3 Art Club** – Thursdays **(Last Day 3/2)**

**Grades 4/5 Art Club** – Wednesdays **(Last Day 3/15)**

**Math Pentathlon Club** – Mondays

**Grades 2/3 Soccer Club** – Wednesdays **(Last Day 3/15)**

**Grade 1 Math Club** – Wednesday & Thursdays **(Last Day 3/16)**

**Kindergarten Gap**

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

Tuesday 12:45 – 1:25 **No GAP on 3/10, 3/20, 3/21, 3/22, 3/23, 3/24**

# Parent Calendar

## March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester	4 Attendance Make Up Academy 8:00-12:15
5	6 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:25	8	9	10 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade  Minimum Day Early Dismissal: TK-6 <sup>th</sup> grade 8:00-12:45	11 Attendance Make Up Academy 8:00-12:15
12 Time Change 	13 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	14 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:25	15 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip to Beauty and the Beast Production at Vernon Middle School	16 Spring Picture Day 	17 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	18 Attendance Make Up Academy 8:00-12:15  Primary Soccer @ DeAnza
19	20 P.E. 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>  Early Dismissal: TK-6 <sup>th</sup> grade 8:00-12:45  Parent/Teacher Conference Week	21  Early Dismissal: TK-6 <sup>th</sup> grade 8:00-12:45	22  Early Dismissal: TK-6 <sup>th</sup> grade 8:00-12:45	23  Early Dismissal: TK-6 <sup>th</sup> grade 8:00-12:45	24 P.E. 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>  TK-6 <sup>th</sup> grade 8:00-12:45	25
26	27 Spring Break 	28	29	30	31	

### Vaccination Reminder for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Just a reminder that all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to have the TDAP and Varicella vaccination in order to attend middle school.

Oaks Middle School is already requesting records of vaccinations.  
Please bring in proof of the vaccinations to the school nurse as soon as possible.

### SPRING PICTURE DAY—MARCH 16

Students will have an opportunity to take Spring Pictures.

This is an **optional** picture day for students and there will be no class pictures taken. Flyers will be sent home with students.



## SEL

During the month of March, the SEL skill will continue to focus on “Relationship Skills.” Students that are strong in this area typically show strengths in the following skills: Communication, social engagement, relationship building, teamwork, and leadership.

The lessons this month are geared towards helping students learn how to work as part of a team and be a leader. Some ways that parents can cultivate teamwork and develop leadership skills in children is by...

- **Lead by example.** Act as a role model and hold yourself to high standards, such as being fair and honest and following through with commitments.
- **Communicate and actively listen.** Use two-way communication without interrupting, and make your points calmly and clearly.
- **Negotiate.** Include everyone in making decisions, when possible, but be able to make the final decision when necessary.
- **Value feelings.** Understand and manage your own emotions and recognize and value the emotions of other people.
- **Motivate and inspire others.** Engage people in ways that boost their enthusiasm and confidence about completing a task or achieving a goal.
- **Be positive and flexible.** Maintain a positive attitude by staying upbeat and optimistic. Be able to adjust and adapt when things do not go as planned.
- **Accept mistakes.** See mistakes as an opportunity for growth and learning.