



VISTA GRANDE NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Principal...

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year!! We hope you and your families had a wonderful summer!!

Parent Communication is essential to a successful year and the Parent Newsletter is one method that parents can stay informed about school news. In addition, the Principal and teachers will communicate with parents primarily through online platforms. The Principal, Office and ELOP will communicate through Parent Square and teachers will communicate through Class Dojo. Please make sure that you are **checking your email and Class Dojo every day**. Please also take the time to explore the OMSD district website at www.omsd.net and the Vista Grande School website at <https://www.omsd.net/VistaGrande> for the most up to date information. Parents can create a Parent Square and a Dojo account either by using a phone or a computer. In addition, we post announcements on our school marquee and are available by phone or by email.

In order to inform parents about the expectations for the school year, Vista Grande will have **Back to School Night for 1st-6th Grade Parents on Wednesday, August 14 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** All 1st-6th grade teachers will be sharing information about their class schedule, and class behavior and academic expectations. **The first session will be from 6:00 to 6:25 p.m.** and the **second session will from 6:30 to 6:55 p.m.** (Both sessions have the same exact content.) Students will have a regular schedule on August 14, but will have a **minimum day on Friday, August 16**. Your child's teacher will send out additional information regarding their specific Back to School Night sessions.

With your support and collaboration, I am certain that this will be a great year!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Castillo

AVID ORGANIZATION TIPS

A central component of AVID is the use of organizational tools. Here are some tips for students as we start the school year:

- Set goals
- Organize your study area, desk, AVID Binder, etc.
- Do one assignment at a time and complete the entire assignment before submitting.

Parents can help students by establishing a routine for homework right away.

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)

Vista Grande's expectations:

WE ARE SAFE, WE ARE RESPECTFUL, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE, WE ARE KIND

During the week of Aug. 19-Aug. 23, students will learn how to be safe, respectful and responsible inside and outside of the classroom.

When students are safe, respectful and responsible, they can earn points to shop for prizes in the Western

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular attendance is vital for student success. When students attend regularly, starting as early as preschool and kindergarten, they have an opportunity to achieve academically and thrive.

Let's Strive for Less Than Five Absences This Year

Research shows that when students are chronically absent – missing 10% or more of the school year or 18 days over an entire year – they are less likely to read proficiently by third grade, achieve in middle school and graduate from high school.

Instructional Times:

Transitional Kindergarten

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., & Fri., 8:00-12:45 p.m.

Kindergarten

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., & Fri., 8:00-12:45 p.m.

1st-6th Grade



Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri., 8:00-2:40 p.m.

Tuesday, 8:00-1:25 p.m.

Parent Calendar



August 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 	8 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	9	10
11	12 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	13 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 st -6 th @ 1:25	14 Back to School Night 6:00-7:00 p.m. 1 st Session 6:00-6:25 2 nd Session 6:30-6:55 	15 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	16 Minimum Day TK/K @ 12:45 1 st -6 th @ 12:45	17
18	19 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	20 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 st -6 th @ 1:25	21	22 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	23 Kindness Spirit Day Peace, Love, & Kindness-Dress in 70s attire	24
25	26 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	27 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 st -6 th @ 1:25	28	29 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	30	

Vista Grande Elementary has an online Spirit Wear Store!!

The store will sell youth and adult apparel including hoodies and t-shirts. All purchases must be made online at:

https://design-koalats.com/vista_grande/shop/home

The online store will OPEN on August 1, 2024 and close on Aug. 30, 2024. Orders will not be accepted after Aug. 30, 2024. NO exceptions. All items will be delivered to Vista Grande. Thank you for your support!!!

Dear Parents,

Our school is participating in an important district initiative. It is called Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS).

What is Positive Behavior Interventions and Support?

PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It is a systems approach to enhancing the capacity of schools to educate all children by developing research-based, school-wide, and classroom behavior support systems. The process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. Rather than a prescribed program, PBIS provides systems for schools to design, implement, and evaluate effective school wide, classroom, non-classroom, and student specific plans. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for all students and all staff in all settings. PBIS is not a program or a curriculum. It is a team-based process for systemic problem solving, planning, and evaluation. It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment where teachers can teach and all students can learn.

What is PBIS at our school?

We have adopted a unified set of classroom rules. Similar to the CMS Code of Student Conduct, these rules define our expectations for behavior in our school. You will see these rules posted throughout the school and your child will be learning them during his or her first days at school. Our unified classroom rules, found in every classroom and non-classroom setting in the school, are as follows:

Rule #1: We Are Safe

Rule #2: We Are Responsible.

Rule #3: We Are Respectful.

Rule #4: We are Kind.

We will be teaching these expectations the week of August 19 - August 23, 2024. Some of the activities that will take place include:

- An interactive student assembly during lunch time.
- Each day we will focus on a different expectation and will reward students PBIS points to use towards our student store.
 - Tuesday: We are Respectful
 - Wednesday: We are Responsible
 - Thursday: We are Safe
 - Friday: We are Kind
- An expectation by location rotation led by our Proctor Team and Administrators.

As part of our PBIS process, teachers and other staff members use evidence-based practices to increase student learning and decrease classroom disruptions. To keep students on the rules in a positive manner, we do the following when teaching academics and behavior:

- ⇒ Constantly teach and refer to our school-wide expectations.
- ⇒ Provide students with more praise than correction.
- ⇒ Talk to students with respect using a positive voice tone.
- ⇒ Actively engage everyone in the class during instruction.
- ⇒ Use pre-correcting, prompting, and redirecting as we teach.
- ⇒ Look for the positive first and provide positive, immediate, frequent, and explicit feedback.

If you have questions about Positive Behavior Support, please feel free to contact our Outreach Consultant, Ms. Karissa. We look forward to a wonderful year of teaching your child.

Thank you!!